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Working together...

When schools and families work together to support learning, children do better at school. With this in mind, November is an excellent time to consider how we are working together to support your child’s learning. All students will receive their Progress Report Card on Thursday, November 10. Please take some time to review, with your child, their strengths and the next steps that have been identified by his/her teacher(s). On Thursday, November 17 you will have the opportunity to visit your child’s class for a conference. If you have any concerns or questions or would like to confer with your child’s teacher at another time, we encourage you to contact the teacher directly.

In November, we will begin our DreamBox challenge. Your child can help his/her class win the monthly challenge by completing the recommended 5 to 7 lessons per week (Kindergarten through Grade 8). We

encourage students and parents to embrace the struggle that student encounter when working through Dream-Box as the growth and learning come from the mistakes. Please see the *Math Minute(s)* section of this newsletter to find out more about the challenge and to find out more about how to access DreamBox at home!

November is also a time for remembrance. On Friday, November 11, we invite you and interested community members to join us for a Remembrance Day assembly starting at 10:45 a.m. Please join us in remembering the sacrifices that so many Canadians have made.

Between newsletters, please check the Stevensville web site for important information!



School Cash Online—Now Look for Trips!

If you haven’t already registered for School Cash Online, you can do so by visiting our school website and clicking on “School Cash Online”.

There, you will find more information about the system, links to registra-

tion and support. You can use School Cash Online with confidence; it is a safe and secure portal and it takes just five minutes to register!

We are now incorporating classroom activities (such as Scientists in

School) and trip permission forms (no charge) in School Cash Online.

Please let the office know if you experience difficulties!



We Scare Hunger

Members of our Me to We club collected non-perishable food items during the week leading up to Halloween. All of the food collected

will be donated to The Salvation Army. Last year, 1 in 12 Canadians who visited a food bank were turned away because of lack of

food. Thank you to all who donated. Your contributions will help to make a positive difference to the lives of others!



Poinsettias

Student Council will once again be having a Poinsettia Fundraiser. They will be sending information home with your child on Thursday, November 10 .

Orders will need to be returned by Thursday, November 17.

These beautiful poinsettias are from The Mill Greenhouse (same as in previous years) and they will be a lovely way to bring the spirit of the holiday season to your home or to the homes of your loved ones!

Thank you for your continued support!

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Please remember that shoeboxes need to be returned to the school the week of November 14th. Thursday, November 17th is the final date for returning your shoebox.

Operation Christmas Child is a project which delivers gift-filled shoeboxes to millions of poor, sick and suffering children worldwide. If for some reason, your family did not receive the letter sent home in

October and you and your child would like to participate in this project this year, simply send a note to school letting us know that you would like to receive an information pamphlet and one or more shoebox(es) to fill.



Parent Council

Please join us at our next meeting which will be on Wednesday, November 23 in the school library at 6:00 p.m.

All parents and guardians are welcome! We will be discussing, among other things, the learning

agenda, "I Matter" at Stevensville, and fundraising opportunities.



Volleyball

Our Intermediate girls and boys volleyball teams have been busy refining their skills and engaging in league play while our Junior teams are just getting started.

We will publish names of Junior team members in December.

Intermediate Girls:

Karah B
Kristin C
Molly D
Sydney F
Marlayna G
Eileen S
Danielle V
Olivia V
Hana W

(Practice squad: Chloe B, Mya T, Maci W)

Intermediate Boys:

Kaleb A
Isaac D
Coe H
Rob K
Ethan M
Erik P
Steven P
Micah S
Adam W

The Importance of reading - From our Teacher-Librarian, Mr. R. Roach

Do you remember some of the first books you ever read? Do you remember falling in love with some? For me, it was Dr. Seuss' "Green Eggs and Ham". It had everything a child could hope for in a book: imaginative illustrations, chiming rhymes, rapid-fire rhythms, welcome repetitions, and a sweet story teaching us to at least be willing to try something new. It was music to my ears and to this day I always enjoy reading it out loud.

I encourage parents/caregivers to read books aloud to your children on a regular basis. They need to hear how each word is pro-

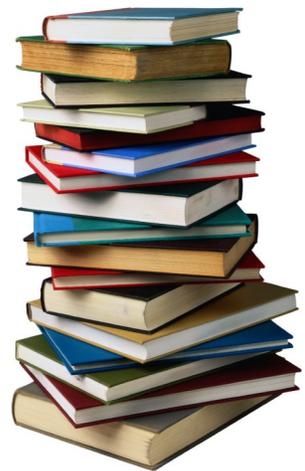
nounced, how to find the rhythm in a sentence or line of verse, or how to add just the right amount of inflection to the voice when asking questions or exclaiming. Most of all, they need you to help them build and establish a lifelong relationship with both words and books. Believe me, it will be time well spent, and the rewards will last a lifetime.

Have your children read to you. Show your appreciation when they read a complete sentence, or when they pause appropriately at commas or at the end of each sentence. Your encouragement will help them gain confidence.

Remember, books don't define us. It's the other way around. Books become alive when they read. They live and breathe in us, become a part of our lives, and help us explore new concepts and gain new perspectives on life. A good book will ignite something in children, helping them to think and see things in ways they could never have imagined.

Are you willing to read a new book? Do you think you will like it?

"Try it, try it, and you may! Try it, and you may, I say!"



Grade 8 Open Houses

Starting high school is a huge step in a student's life!

While it's definitely an exciting time, it also brings with it many questions, such as "What's life in high school really like? What programs and options are available to help me achieve my goals?"

A great way to have your questions answered is to attend an open house. Grade 8 students and their families are invited to attend High School Open Houses from November 28 to December 1.

Monday, November 28

- ⇒ E.L. Crossley Secondary
- ⇒ St. Catharines Collegiate Secondary

Tuesday, November 29

- ⇒ Governor Simcoe Secondary
- ⇒ Greater Fort Erie Secondary (will take place at the Fort Erie Leisureplex)
- ⇒ Grimsby Secondary
- ⇒ Port Colborne High
- ⇒ Stamford Collegiate Secondary
- ⇒ Thorold Secondary

Wednesday, November 30

- ⇒ Beamsville District Secondary
- ⇒ Eastdale Secondary
- ⇒ Laura Secord Secondary
- ⇒ Westlane Secondary

Thursday, December 1

- ⇒ AN Myer Secondary
- ⇒ Eden High School
- ⇒ Sir Winston Churchill Secondary
- ⇒ South Lincoln High
- ⇒ Welland Centennial Secondary

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

NOV. 28th - DEC. 1st 2016

I GOT THIS! 😎

#IMatterAtDSBN

A Celebration of Peace Poster Contest Winner!



Each year, young people aged 11, 12, and 13 are encouraged to express their visions of peace through art in the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. This year, the theme was "A Celebration of Peace". Twenty-

eight students from Stevensville School submitted original posters for the contest. Last week, the members of the Stevensville Lions Club voted, and for the second year in a row Stevensville's Jessyca H's poster came in

first! Jessyca's poster will now move on to the regional level. We wish her luck and will keep you informed on how her poster fares. Congratulations to Jessyca and all our talented artists who submitted posters!

Picture Retakes

While proofs from the first round of pictures went home in mid October, re-takes are scheduled for November 10. Please let your child's teacher know if you would like your child to have his/her picture retaken on November 10.





Kindergarten Gift Card Fundraiser

We will once again be running a gift card fundraiser to benefit our Kindergarten program. More information

will be sent home in a flyer next week and orders will need to be returned by the end of the month. Stay tuned!

Stevensville Music Club

Music Club members performed "The Monster Mash" during a special assembly for Halloween. Some students sang while others played pianos, guitars, xylophones, glockenspiels, drums,

and other percussion instruments. The Music Club has already moved on to new songs in preparation for another concert in the near future. Mr. R. Roach is proud and thrilled to see the library come alive with music

each day during breaks as members take advantage of the availability of so many instruments. Students learn the value of being responsible, working with others, and persistence. Bravo!



Staffing

November 11 will be our secretary, Mrs. Q's, last day with us. After that, she will be the secretary at Oakwood in Port Colborne. We wish her well in her new role and best wishes in the future. We will communicate information about who will be filling her shoes, when we have that information.

YOU & YOUR CHILD ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, February 2, 2017 - 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



During your visit you will:

- See a Kindergarten classroom
- Meet the Kindergarten Team
- Register for school
- Get a fun goodie bag with learning resources



JUST WATCH ME!
KINDERGARTEN AT THE DSBN

Children who will be turning 4 before December 31, 2017 are eligible to start Kindergarten in September 2017.





Absences

Please remember to report your child's absence (or late) to our office prior to the start of the school day!

Phone messages and emails (ste@dsbn.org) are equally welcome!

Inclement Weather

There may be times during the school year where inclement weather or other situations could cause transportation cancellations or school closures.

At times when student transportation has been cancelled and schools remain open, the decision of whether or not to have children in school on that day rests with the parent or guardian.

Should you decide not to send your child to school in the event that transportation is cancelled but schools remain open, or if your child is ill or late, please ensure that you call your child's school to inform them of your child's absence.

A key resource in any emergency is the DSBN Emergen-

cy Information form that you filled out at the beginning of the school year. Please let the school know of any changes in contact information or procedures you wish to be followed throughout the school year.

For secondary schools it may become necessary to cancel late buses. Notice will be provided via school announcements and on the websites and subscription features by 11:30 a.m.

Information about transportation cancellations and school closures will be available as soon as it is available through the following channels:

Phone:

Niagara Student Transportation Services 905-346-0290 Voice Auto Attendant

Websites:

<http://www.dsbn.org/inclementweather/>

www.nsts.ca

Subscription Features:

DSBN Facebook or Twitter

NSTS Transportation Delay or Cancellation Alerts

Television Stations:

COGECO, Cable 10, CHCH Television, City TV

Radio Stations:

KLite102.9FM, EZRock-105.7, FM,Y-108-107.9 FM, Wave 94.7 FM, CKTB 610 AM, CHML 900 AM, CHSC 1220 AM Hits 97.7 FM





When to Keep Your Child Home From School

With winter coming and cold and flu season upon us please review the following guidelines when deciding whether you should send your child to school. Please keep your child home from school if he/she exhibits any of the following symptoms:

- ◇ Fever
- ◇ Nausea or vomiting
- ◇ Diarrhea
- ◇ Persistent and/or frequent coughing or sneezing
- ◇ Sore throat
- ◇ Thick yellowish discharge from nose
- ◇ Rash or infection of the skin

Furthermore, emphasizing regular hand washing and “cover one’s cough” are great ways to prevent the spread of illness.

Progress Reports

On November 10th, your child will bring home his/her Elementary Progress Report. The format was created after years of consultation with parents, teachers, principals, and students in the province. Although it looks much like the Report Card, the Progress Report has a very different intent. The purpose is to share early and specific feedback on your child’s development of work habits and learning skills as well as his/her progress towards achieving the curriculum standards by the end of the school year.

Reporting on the Progress Report is about looking forward and setting a course for the learning journey ahead. Based on the evidence that teachers see, as well as what teachers know about learning at this grade level, the report communicates the path your child is on towards achieving the grade level expectations by the end of the year. The Progress Report does not include letter grades or percentages marks for academic subjects; it instead identifies whether

your child is progressing *very well*, *well* or *with difficulty*. For subjects in which your child is Progressing with Difficulty, the teacher will discuss specific next step plans needed for success. We look forward to partnering with you and your child for a year of great learning and growth.



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Stevensville PS has purchased DreamBox Learning's Math Program, an online, Intelligent Adaptive Learning(tm) program that helps all students achieve better, faster math proficiency.

Your student can access DreamBox Learning from any computer, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week using this link:

<https://play.dreambox.com/login/42cv/stevensvilleps>

DreamBox is an online program - there's no software to download! All you need is a high-speed Internet connection and Adobe Flash. Adobe Flash is free and is included with many Internet browsers.

To access DreamBox on iPad, go to <http://www.dreambox.com/ipad>, or search for "DreamBox Math" in the App Store. Download DreamBox Math Green and DreamBox Math Blue to ensure your student has access to the full catalog of DreamBox Learning Math lessons. When prompted in the app, use this School Code:

42cv/stevensvilleps

Review your student's academic progress with a DreamBox Parent Account. Please follow these steps to create your free Parent Account:

1. Go to <https://play.dreambox.com/login/42cv/stevensvilleps>
2. Have your student login to their profile just as they would at school.
3. Click *Setup Parent Access* at the bottom of the page.
4. Follow instructions to create a new login and password.
5. Read *Terms of Use* and *Privacy Policy*.
6. Click "Submit".

Log into your home account after set up:

1. Go to <http://play.dreambox.com>
2. Enter your email address and password.
3. To see student progress, click the "Family Dashboard" button.

If you have any questions, please contact DreamBox Client Care by calling them at 877-451-7845 (weekdays 5 a.m. to 5 p.m., Pacific Time), or email support@dreambox.com.

Sincerely,
Stevensville PS