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Welcome back!

The Stevensville staff would like to welcome back those students who we last saw in June. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to students and their families who are new to our community. We hope that you and *your* family had a fun-filled and relaxing wonderful summer. We have every expectation that this year will be filled with excellent opportunities for student learning and achievement. We are looking forward to continuing to working with students and families in "Achieving Success Together".

A big thank you goes out to our caretakers, the staff and DSBN Facility services for getting the school in great shape for the opening of the school!

We welcome to Stevensville a number of new staff members. Ms. Quesnel is our new secretary. Ms. De Waard will be teaching Grade 3/4 and Ms. Davis will be teaching Grade 4/5 (0.25) and working with classes throughout the school. Ms. Hamm and Ms. Ruegg have joined our staff as educational assistants and will be working with students in Mrs. Lee's class. Ms. Morrish will be working with Mrs. Vanderklei in our Kindergarten program. We welcome back Ms. Bullock (SSP) and Mrs. Sensabaugh (Kindergarten) who are returning from maternity leave. It is nice to have you all with us! A complete staff directory is included in this newsletter.

So that we may keep you informed

about the many activities and events at Stevensville Public, we will be sending a newsletter home each month electronically (for those who provide an email address and sign our CASL permission form to receive electronic communication). We will have additional hard copies at the office and the school newsletter can also be found on our [website](#). Please note that, after this month, we will no longer be sending paper copies home to every family.

We will also be using Twitter (@PsStevensville) and Homeroom to keep parents informed. Please make sure to return the form including your email address if you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity to stay informed.



We are in the process of planning an Open House (September 22) for families to meet the dedicated and enthusiastic Stevensville staff. Information about this opportunity will be sent to parents/guardians as it becomes available.

If you ever have questions or concerns regarding your child, please do not hesitate to call the school. We look forward to a great year as we work with you to support your children!

Student Medical Concerns/Anaphylaxis

We request your help in providing a safe environment for several students who attend our school. These students suffer from ANAPHYLAXIS. Anaphylaxis is the most severe of the allergic diseases. A child with this condition is not only allergic to peanuts, but he/she may also be allergic to any form of nuts - peanut butter, things made with peanut oil (e.g. chocolate), residue on any materials that have been touched by hands that have not been properly washed of

peanut oil or nut products. We are asking all parents to help us **REDUCE THE RISKS FOR OUR ANAPHYLACTIC STUDENTS!**

- ⇒ You can help by: speaking with your son or daughter about the allergy
- ⇒ not sending peanut or nut products to school with your children
- ⇒ reminding your children of the need to wash their hands before coming to school if they have had any peanut or nut products, particularly peanut butter.

We are confident that by working together, we can help to create a safe learning environment for all of our students.

If you have any questions about this request or about anaphylaxis, please call the school. On behalf of those students who suffer from this condition, their parents, and the entire staff at Stevensville Public, we thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and anticipated support.



Student Medication at School

Please contact the office if your child requires medication to be administered during the school

day. There is a simple but essential form that must be completed. If your child has any aller-

gies we will be sending out a form that needs to be completed – thank you for helping us.

Student Accident Insurance

You will find information about Student Accident Insurance in the package that will be sent home during the first week.

Student Accident Insurance provided by Reliable Life Insurance Company has several types of coverage. You are encouraged to carefully consider this option. You may insure your child

for a one year, 24-hour-a-day term very inexpensively. This insurance provides good coverage for damaged teeth and is recommended for this purpose.





Bus Transportation Procedures

All bus students must arrive and depart on their assigned bus. This means that under no circumstances will any student be allowed to ride a bus other than his/her regular bus. We apologize for any inconvenience that this might pose but for liability and student safety reasons, the transfer of busses is strictly prohibited. Any requests for anything other than this, must be done through the DSBN Transportation Department at 905-346-0296. The school office is not able to make any decisions with regards to transportation of students.

Student Information Package

Student Package Student Packages will be sent home during the first week. Please re-

view the contents and return the Student Verification, Physical Education Program, and Digi-

tal Citizenship Forms as soon as possible. Thank you!



Note from the Office re: Student Safety



- ⇒ *Locked Doors* - Visitors will be buzzed in at the front doors during school hours. The front doors will be unlocked at 3:10 p.m. to allow parents to wait in the front foyer. We do ask that you do not go into other parts of the school without checking at the office first. Hallways become congested and classes can be distracted from their end of day routine if we have extra people in the halls. If you do want to visit the class, check a child's locker, etc... please wait until after the 3:20 dismissal to enter those areas.
- ⇒ Students dropped off prior to the 9:00 Bell need to go directly to the appropriate playground and not enter the school. Please note supervision starts at 8:45 a.m. Students are to use the front door only if arriving after the bell. Students are to access the appropriate playground and enter from there.
- ⇒ *Calling in your child's absence...* If your child will be late or absent.. Please call the school at (905) 382- 3122 and leave a message informing us of your child's absence. This process helps greatly to quickly ensure the safe arrival and whereabouts of all of our 320 students.

Cell Phones, Cameras, Ipods/Ipads

Students are not permitted to use any of these items during the school day. Students may have the items secured in their knapsack for after school use, however the school is not responsible for loss or theft.

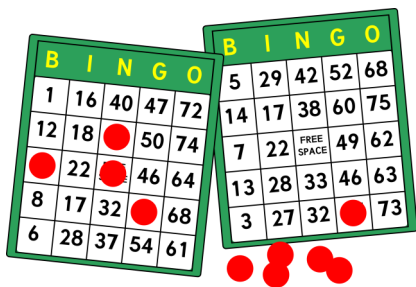
Milk Program

The Milk Program is available again at Stevensville at the second nutritional break (1:00 p.m.) Parents/guardians will be able to purchase a milk card for \$15.00 which allows your child to buy 20 cartons of milk. The program is designed so that you don't need to worry about packing milk for lunch or trying to find a constant supply of

change. The card will be held in the milk room and the student will come there, give his/her name, and the card will be deducted one milk. You will be notified, by a reminder notice that your child brings home, when you are nearing the "end" of the card. Cards can be purchased in the office, in person, or by sending a note to the office with

the money and a note indicating your child's name, and his/her class.

Please note that once School Cash Online (see below) is organized for this school year, you will be able to purchase milk cards there.



Bingo - Help Wanted!

The Town of Fort Erie's Bingo has been helpful as it enables the school to subsidize students with bussing, field trips

etc. We are looking for parent volunteers to spare one evening, every other month to work with us at the Bingo.

Please contact Mr. Giancarlo at the office, if you would be available to help.

School Cash Online

You will soon be able to approve permission forms and pay for school items, such as fieldtrips and milk cards, online!

If you haven't already registered, you can do so by visiting our school website and clicking on "School

Cash Online". There, you'll find more information about the system, links to registration 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 realize that many

families have already registered and we look forward to offering you the convenience and organization that this program has to offer very soon.!



Lunch Routines/Lunch Programs



Students who stay for lunch during the second nutrition break will eat for 20 minutes in their classrooms and then spend the rest of the time socializing with their friends or enjoying lunch time sports and activities. Students will require a note from home in order to leave school property. For our records, it is imperative we have *written* permission from parents/guardians, rather than verbal/phone permission. If students go home regularly for lunch this could be confirmed in a note to your child's teacher. This can cover the year and therefore you will not need to write a note each day. Students who go home for lunch on our second break will need to sign out and sign back in to the office every day for attendance purposes. It is the expectation that students who go out for lunch will return on time for classes in order not to miss key instructional time.

Stevensville School will be offering lunches for sale beginning in October. Stay tuned for more information!

Parent Council

At Stevensville we value the input of our parents and guardians! The Parent Council for the 2016-2017 school year will be holding its first meeting in October. If you are a parent or guardi-

an wanting to get involved or just simply want to learn about the Parent Council, please come to our first meeting on Wednesday, October 12 in the school library at 6:00 p.m.

All parents are welcome! We are looking forward to a successful year, but cannot do it without you!



Agendas, Code of Conduct, Gym Shoes, and Locks



This year, teachers will communicate with students and parents using agendas and the Desire 2 Learn online blended learning platform. Agendas also help students keep track of assignments, projects and school activities. You will be notified if your child's class is using the agenda. Students are asked to contribute \$4 to help offset this cost of these valuable tools. Please note that a portion of the cost of this agenda is covered by the school.

We encourage all students who have a home room have combination locks for their lockers.



As all of our students take part in a PE program, students need proper athletic footwear for use in the gym. It is recommended that students keep a pair of running shoes at school for gym class. It would be helpful if these shoes were reserved for indoor use only.

Emergency Preparedness Drills

The staff and students of Stevensville will be participating in Emergency Preparedness Drills, including lockdowns, periodically throughout the year to ensure your child's safety. Goals of these drills include:

- reacting in a predictable way to unpredictable situations
- having all students and staff in a safe and secure area
- keeping hallways clear
- moving quickly and quietly
- developing specific plans based upon the needs of our school and students

Each classroom teacher will spend time talking with students about the procedures to be followed in the event of a lockdown situation. Classroom teachers will practice lockdown situations as a class, and then we will be having some school wide drills which will simulate various situations that could be encountered.



Custody Agreements/Court Orders

When couples separate or divorce, parents generally share custody of the children. Sometimes, however, other arrangements are made and set out in a court

order. The school cannot enforce these alternate arrangements unless we have a copy of the court order on file in your child's confidential Ontario School Record.

If you have a court order of we should be aware, please speak to the principal and share the most current copy with the school office.

I Matter.

At the DSBN, we strive to show all students how they matter: as individuals, as learners and as community members. Our students learn about the ideals of good citizenship and how they can become active participants in building a stronger community, locally and globally. We invite you to discover more about **I Matter** from the website below.

I Matter
At DSBN

DSBN Strategic Plan 2015-2020
dsbn.org/imatter #IMatterAtDSBN



Volunteers

Here at Stevensville there are many opportunities for parents/guardians to volunteer with our students and to support the many activities and events that occur during the school year.

Some opportunities include helping with the outdoor classroom, coordinating fundraising activities, and enhancing our library program. We see this as a wonderful way to build our school, family and community connections. We welcome all who are interested and available, to please contact the office for a Volunteer Information Form or find the [form](#) on our website and drop it at the main office.

Math Resources

Students have a few outstanding resources at their fingertips to support them in their learning of Mathematics.



Students in Grades K through 8, have access to **DreamBox Learning®'s Math Program**. This is an online, Intelligent Adaptive Learning™ program that helps all students improve proficiency, conceptual understanding, and automaticity related to the K-8 curriculum. The student driven learning environment differentiates content, pace, and sequence for the highest levels of student achievement so every student can learn to think critically, understand deeply and have confidence in and life-long love for math. We strongly recommend that all of our students in Grades K through 8 access

Dreambox for about 60 minutes weekly and that sessions are at least 20 minutes in length.

Your child 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>

To access DreamBox on iPad, go to <http://www.dreambox.com/ipad>, or search for "DreamBox Math" in the App Store. Use this School Code: **42cv/stevensvilleps**

Homework Help is a free online math help resource for students in Grades 7 -10. Homework Help provides live one-on-one tutoring from Ontario teachers. Students can log in between 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. ET from Sunday to Thursday to access tutoring. They can also join their grade's tutor room to see what questions other students are asking and then watch teachers walk through problems on the group whiteboard. Note: Since only the tutor sees usernames, students re-

main anonymous!

Your child can access the resources that Homework Help has to offer from any computer, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week using this link:

<https://homeworkhelp.ilc.org/index.php>

| Ontario Ministry of Education | | Elementary Provincial Report Card | |
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| Student | | Date | |
| Name | Teacher | OEN | Class Name |
| Address | Phone | Trics Lvl | Trics Year Lvl |
| Home | Work | Trics Lvl | Trics Year Lvl |
| Grade in September | <input type="checkbox"/> E - Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> G - Good <input type="checkbox"/> S - Satisfactory <input type="checkbox"/> N - Needs Improvement | | |
| Learning Skills and Work Habits • Fully responsible and committed within the learning environment • Completes and submits class work, homework, and assignments according to established deadlines • Takes responsibility for and manages own behavior | | Communication Skills • Effectively presents, discusses, and reviews projects to complete tasks and meet goals • Develops and follows a plan and process for completing work and tasks • Establishes priorities and manages time to complete tasks and submit assignments • Identifies, gathers, analyzes, and uses information, technology, and resources to solve problems | |
| Mathematics • Responds positively to the ideas, opinions, values, and traditions of | | Personal and Social • Responds positively to the ideas, opinions, values, and traditions of | |

To log in and register, you'll need your Ontario Education Number (OEN), found at the top of your report card:

Homework Help is funded by the Ontario government and administered by TVO's Independent Learning Centre.

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Please mark your calendar...

- September 16—Early Release
- September 21—Grade 7 & 8 Vaccination Clinic
- September 22—Open House (5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.)
- September 30—Picture Day

Bell Times

- 9:00 a.m. Entry
- 9:00 a.m. Period 1
- 9:50 a.m. Period 2
- 10:40 a.m. Nutritional/Fitness Break
- 11:20 a.m. Period 3
- 12:10 p.m. Period 4
- 1:00 p.m. Nutritional/Fitness Break
- 1:40 p.m. Period 5
- 2:30 p.m. Period 6
- 3:20 p.m. Dismissal

Staff

- K. Krutschke
 - R. Sensabaugh
 - C. Vanderklei
 - M. Morrish
 - A. VanderWerf
 - S. Hennessy
 - R. Menard
 - K. Kells
 - S. de Waard
 - A. Hein
 - M. Davis
 - B. Roach
 - M. Milton
 - H. Ferretti
 - D. Simons
 - S. Train
 - R. Roach
 - M. Lee
 - J. Saylor
 - S. Bullock
 - L. Fretz
 - N. Hamm
 - K. Ruegg
 - A. Thompson
 - D. Vandenberg
 - M. Sider
 - L. Schuyler
 - T. Priestman
 - S. Turner
 - J. O'Donnell
 - S. Weaver
 - K. Stuart
 - S. Quesnel
 - S. Giancarlo
 - K. Racey
- Kindergarten
 - Early Childhood Educator
 - Kindergarten
 - Early Childhood Educator
 - Grade 1
 - Grade 1/2
 - Grade 2
 - Grade 3
 - Grade 3/4
 - Grade 4/5
 - Grade 4/5/Prep
 - Grade 5
 - Grade 6
 - Grade 7
 - Grade 7/8
 - Grade 8
 - Teacher Librarian/Prep
 - Fundamental Skills
 - Structured Strategies
 - Educational Assistant
 - Educational Assistant
 - Educational Assistant
 - Educational Assistant
 - Learning Resource Teacher
 - French as a Second Language
 - Instructional Coach
 - Caretaker
 - Evening Cleaner
 - Lunch Supervisor
 - Lunch Supervisor
 - Youth Counsellor
 - Secretary
 - Principal
 - Vice Principal

Elementary School Calendar 2016/17



| September | | | | | | | October | | | | | | | November | | | | | | | December | | | | | | | January | | | | | | |
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Professional Development Day Holiday Early Release Day

IMPORTANT DATES

- September 5, 2016 Labour Day
- September 6, 2016 First Day of School
- September 16, 2016 Early Release Day
- October 7, 2016 PD Day
- October 10, 2016 Thanksgiving Day
- November 18, 2016 PD Day
- December 26, 2016 - January 6, 2017 Winter Break
- January 9, 2017 First Day of Class After Holiday
- January 20, 2017 PD Day
- February 17, 2017 PD Day
- February 20, 2017 Family Day
- March 13-17, 2017 March Break
- April 14, 2017 Good Friday
- April 17, 2017 Easter Monday
- May 19, 2017 PD Day
- May 22, 2017 Victoria Day
- June 9, 2017 PD Day
- June 29, 2017 Last Day of School for Students
- June 30, 2017 PD Day

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Early Release Day

It will be an **Early Release Day** across the entire District School Board of Niagara on **Friday, September 16th**. All students will be dismissed at **12:20 p.m.** which is after morning classes. There will be no afternoon classes for students as all teachers will be planning and this is a day for re-organization in schools in which re-organization is necessary. Also, please note that there is

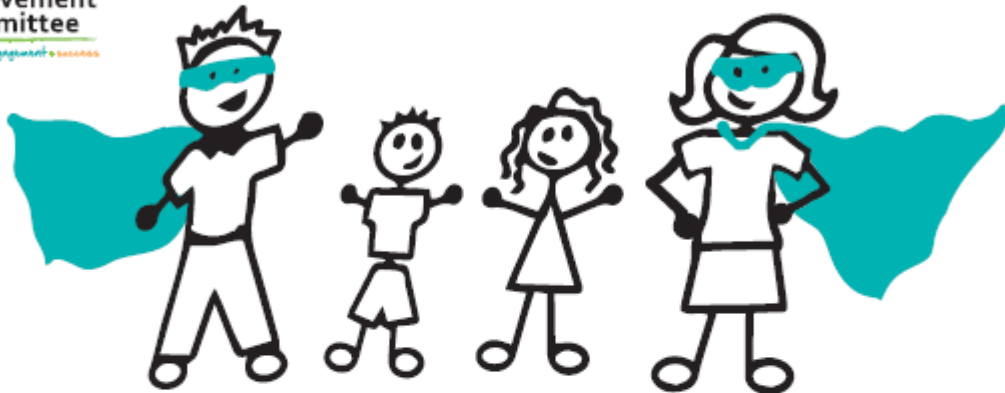
a Professional Development Day on **Friday, October 7th**. Please mark these days on your calendar so that arrangements can be made for child care. The [2016-2017 Elementary School Year Calendar](#) can be found on the DSNB web site. There you can find dates of holidays and Professional Development Days.

We're on the web!

Visit us at stevensville.dsnb.org



**HEY SUPER PARENTS!
IT'S TIME TO SAVE THE DAY!**



PARENT POWER!

DSBN PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE CONFERENCE 2016

SAVE NOVEMBER 2, 2016 ON YOUR CALENDAR!



Mark your calendar for the 2016 DSBN Parent Involvement Conference, at Eden High School in St. Catharines. Join us for an evening of free workshops for parents of DSBN students of all ages. For more information about the event visit www.dsbni.org/pic