

Stevensville Public School

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September Newsletter 2008



“Working to Learn - Learning to Work”

Welcome Back...

Welcome back to an exciting year at Stevensville! We hope you found your summer Fun-Filled and relaxing. We have every expectation that this year will be another excellent opportunity for student learning and achievement. We are looking forward to continuing to work with you and your families in "Achieving Success Together" Please join us at our Open House on September 11th so that we may strengthen our home and school connections.

Sincerely, Paul O'Melia and the Stevensville Staff

Student Safety

Parents or guardians waiting to pick up students are welcome to wait in our front lobby or make arrangements to meet outside. 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. Thank you for your cooperation.

BELL TIMES

9:00	Entry	12:35	Period 4
9:10	Period 1	1:25	Period 5
10:00	Period 2	2:15	Recess
10:50	Recess	2:30	Period 6
11:05	Period 3	3:20	Dismissal
11:55	Lunch		

District School Board of Niagara

Superintendent - Mr Cam Hathaway
(905) 641-1550 ext 4140

Trustee - Gregg Dame

Transportation - Ms Laura Dainard
(905) 346-0296

Hot Lunch Program...

The "Healthy Food for Healthy Schools Act" passed last year amends the Education Act and how it pertains to food served in schools. The regulation has limited the amount of special days where we can serve food higher in trans fat to 10 in total. Currently, we are looking at how this impacts our Hot Lunch Program and what we offer. For the time being we will not be implementing our program. We will provide updates as they are available.

STAFF

The following is the outstanding and dedicated staff of Stevensville School

JK/SK - Mrs. K. Krutschke

JK/SK - Mrs. C. Vanderklei

Gr 1 - Mrs. S. Hennessey

Gr 2 - Mrs. B. Jones

Gr 2/3 - Mr. K. Kells

Gr 3 - Mr. D. Simons

Gr 4 - Mrs. G. Dunn

Gr 4/5 - Mrs. A. Romita - Mr. R. Roach

Gr 5/6 - Ms. D. Davies

Gr 7 - Mrs. K. Racey

Gr 8 - Mr. S. Train

Spec. Ed. - Mr. J. Saylor and Mrs. B. Naundorf

Spec. Needs - Mrs. M. Lee,

Ms. A. Marko, Miss. A. Eves, Mrs. C. McNeill,

Mrs. H. Gilmour, Mrs. B. Gudza

French - Madame M. Sider

Library - Mrs. A. Romita

Learning Resource - Mrs. D. Vandenberg

Youth Counsellor - Jan Mars

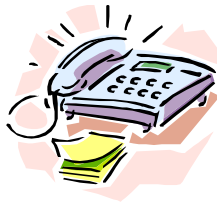
Caretaker - Mrs. Rossi Raymond

Lunch Supervisors - Mrs. S. Weaver, Mrs. C. Woods

Secretary - Mrs. S. Overholt

Principal - Mr. P. O'Melia

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. We thank all of you who consistently do this because it helps us to quickly ensure the safe arrival and whereabouts of all of our 300 students.

Bus Transportation Procedures

All bus students must arrive and depart on their assigned bus. Any requests for anything other than this, must be done through the DSNB Transportation Department at 905-346-0296 The school office is not able to make any decisions with regards to transportation of students.



Student Organizers

Student organizers will be available for students in Grades 4 -8 to help keep track of assignments, projects and school activities. **We ask that students contribute \$2.00 towards the cost** since they are no longer an allowed Bingo subsidy. School fund raising will pay the remaining balance for these useful tools.

Open House

Please mark Thursday Sept. 11th from 5-7pm on your calendar to tour the school, enjoy a hot dog and say hello to your child's teacher. Please visit our Book Fair during our Open House. Stevensville athletic wear will also be available to order. More information will follow.



Book Fair

Our librarian, Mrs. Romita, will be running our Scholastic Book Fair beginning with a preview day on Tuesday September 9th for the students. You may purchase books from September 10th and the final day to purchase will be the 12th.



Photo Day

Mark Monday September 22nd on your calendar for school photos. Please avoid appointments on this day as we would like all students present for their class photos. We are also offering a Family Photo session on this day. More info to follow.

Parent Council Meeting...

Please come out to our first council meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Library. Everyone is welcome!

P.A Days and Early Release

Days

The DSBN P.A. Days for 2008-2009 are on October 10th, November 7th, December 5th (Parent Interview Day), and May 15th. Schools will not be open.

The Early Release Days are on September 15th and February 25th. Schools will dismiss at lunch time and there will be no p.m. Kindergarten classes on these days.

Staff will be involved in curriculum and assessment planning on these days and afternoons.

Terry Fox Run

Friday September 26th has been named National School Day for the Terry Fox Run. Students will be learning about our national hero and participating in a fun run that day. Please consider donating a loonie or toonie to this event.



Library

Mrs Romita will be our Teacher Librarian every other afternoon. Mr. Roach will be teaching the Grade 4/5's on these afternoons.

Medication at School

Please be aware that it is the policy of the District School Board of Niagara that no medication may be stored in children's backpacks or lockers. 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.

Walking Permission

At times your child's teacher will be taking neighborhood walks for educational purposes or to complete their Daily Physical Activity. If you do not give your child permission to participate in these please inform the teacher in writing as soon as possible.

Choices and Change - Design and Tech

Our Grade 7 and 8 students will be traveling by bus to Fort Erie Secondary School for this program once every 10 days. Grade 7 and 8 classes will travel on Day 8 mornings.

YMCA Daycare Program

Again we have the YMCA Daycare program for after school care. Kyleen will be staffing the program which provides care from 3:20 pm - 6:00pm. Contact the main YMCA at 905-871-9622 and ask for child care programs.

Stevensville Store

Our school store will be open everyday starting September 8th, from 11:55 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Chocolate milk, Chewy Bars, Cheese and Cracker snacks, and Rice Crispies are 50¢. Sunchips, and Hot Rods are 75¢. Nacho & Cheese \$2.50.

Lunch Supervision

We encourage those who can, to go home to eat. For those students who are bussed and those who cannot make arrangements we will have two lunch supervisors for the 20 minute classroom time.

Any bused student leaving the school property at lunch must have a note from home and will need to sign out at the office. Many parents provide one note for the year and it remains on file at the office.



Computer Lab

Please read the attached Netiquette form that must be completed and returned to the school for students to be given access to school computers.

Please note the computer lab cannot be made available to students after school according to the new DSBN policies regarding direct adult supervision for all students using school computers.



Cell Phones, Cameras and MP3 players

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.

HELP WANTED

The Town of Fort Erie's Bingo has been essential as we provide our 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. If you could spare the time, please contact Mrs Overholt at the office. We already have a small group of very committed families who help out and by adding just a few more it will make a huge difference. Please consider this volunteering opportunity.

Unauthorized use of garbage skip....

We have had a re-occurring problem with the community using our garbage skip. We would appreciate your support in notifying us of any unauthorized use as the school is charged each time this occurs.



Thanks for your continued support.

DSBN FAMILIES NEEDED TO PROVIDE HOMESTAYS For International Students

The District School Board of Niagara will be welcoming approximately 80 elementary aged (gr 4-8) students from South Korea for the months of **January and February**, Their presence in our schools helps our students and staff learn about different cultures and learn to become more aware of global issues. Last year's program was a huge success.

The families of these international students are placing a strong emphasis on finding Niagara homes that will provide a safe and nurturing environment for their children and that also have children of a similar age that are attending DSBN schools.

An appropriate level of remuneration will be given to you as a homestay family to compensate you for the expenses of hosting an international student. Single and double placements (i.e., one or two students per home) are being sought immediately.

For more information, please contact
Marco Polo Korea at danny@marcopolokorea.com
or call 905-641-2288

or visit www.marcopolokorea.com

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Emergency Action Plans for Students with Anaphylaxis...

Please inform the office if you have not already, if your child is at any risk to anaphylactic reaction to any allergens.

September 3, 2008

Dear Parents:

We are writing to 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 is also 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. "Its onset is so swift that from time of exposure to death can be as short as 15 minutes."

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 any 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.

Sincerely,

P. O'Melia

