

STEVENSVILLE

NEWSLETTER

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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 working with you and your families in "Achieving Success Together". Please join us at our Open House on September 15th so that we may strengthen our home and school connections.

We welcome to Stevensville several new staff members: Mrs. T. Benson, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Ferretti(Miss Fry) and our new Vice Principal Mrs. Morocco.

We also welcome many new students to our school community, we know you will enjoy joining Stevensville. Have a great year!
Sincerely, Paul O'Melia and the Stevensville Staff

Student Package...

Will be sent home soon.

Please review the contents of your child's Student Package. Please return the Student Verification and Emergency Fan Out Forms by Friday September 16th.

Student Safety

- Just a quick reminder that 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.
- Students dropped off prior to the 9:00 Bell need to go directly to the appropriate playground and not enter the school.
- Students are to use the front door only if arriving after the bell. Students are to access the appropriate playground and enter from there.
- Due to safety issues, our microwaves have had to be removed from our classes. Unfortunately reheating at school will not be an option.

BELL TIMES

Entry
Period 1
Period 2
Nutritional/Fitness Break
Period 3
Period 4
Nutritional/Fitness Break
Period 5
Period 6
3:20 p.m. Dismissal

Hot Lunch Program...

We are changing our hot lunch days to Friday's this year. Look for Pizza order forms to go home soon for September/October.

Hot lunch parent volunteers...

Please call the school if you are interested and available to help us with our Hot lunch program. We would need help from approximately 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. The ladies that helped last year did a great job and hopefully they will come out again and recruit more help. Thanks again

STAFF

The following is the outstanding and dedicated staff of Stevensville School
JK/SK - Mrs. K. Krutschke/Robynn Sensabaugh
JK/SK - Mrs. C. Vanderklei/ Lydia Trcovic
Gr 1 - Mrs. S. Hennessey
Gr 1/2 - Mrs. Vanderwerf
Gr. 2 - Mrs. G. Dunn
Gr 2/3 - Mr. K. Kells
Gr 3 - Mr. D. Simons
Gr. 4 - Mr. R. Roach
Gr. 4/5 - Mrs. R. Priebe
Gr 5 -Mr. B. Roach
Gr 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
Ed. Assistants - Ms. A. Marko, Mrs. C. McNeill, Mrs. J. Benson, Mrs. M. Wright, Miss S. Kelley and Mrs. H. Richardson.
French -Madame M. Sider
Library -Mrs. K. Racey
Learning Resource - Mrs. D. Vandenberg
Intermediate/Prep - Mrs. H. Ferretti
Primary Prep - Mrs. T. Benson
Youth Counsellor - Colette Woolley
Caretaker - Mrs. Kim Klassen
Cleaners - Jeanette Beroud and Terri Warner
Lunch Supervisors - Mrs. S. Weaver, Mrs. J. Hudson and Mrs. C. Woods
Secretary - Mrs. S. Overholt
Vice Principal - Mrs. A. Morocco
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 335 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 DSBN 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. 15th 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. Racey, will be running our Scholastic Book Fair beginning with a preview day on Tuesday, September 13th for the students. You may also purchase books on Tuesday and the final day to purchase will be the 15th.

Photo Day/Family Photo Day

Mark Thursday September 29th 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.

Terry Fox Run

Friday, September 30th has been named National School Day for the Terry Fox Run. Students will be learning about our national hero and participating in a "cooperative marathon. Please consider donating a toonie to this event. Look for more information to come home soon

Important Dates
2011/12

September 6: 1st Day of School
September 23: Early Release Day
October 5: World Teachers' Day
October 7: PA Day
October 10: Thanksgiving Day
November 11: Remembrance Day
December 26 - January 6: Winter Holiday Break
January 20: PA Day
February 2: Kindergarten Open House 4-6
February 20: Family Day
March 9-16: March Break
April 6: Good Friday
April 9: Easter Monday
May 18: PA Day
May 21: Victoria Day
June 8: PA Day
June 28: Last Day of School

www.dsbn.org

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.

Library

Mrs Racey will be our Teacher Librarian every other afternoon. Mrs. H. Ferretti will be teaching the Grade 7's on these afternoons.

Magazine Drive...

We are doing our Magazine fundraiser again this year and the Kick off is Thursday, September 22nd and it will end on Thursday, October 6th. We did really well last year and are hoping to do even better this year. Thanks again for your support.

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 with the 7's attending Term 1 and 8's in Term 2.

Stevensville Store

Our school store will be open starting Monday, September 12th everyday from 1:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. Every item available for purchase from the store is trans-fat free. Juice Boxes, muffins, fresh fruit, hot rods, granola bars and fruit snacks are all 50 cents and chips are \$1.00. All proceeds help benefit students in our Special Needs Program. Your support is appreciated!

Netiquette Form...

If your child uses an agenda please sign the Netiquette Form inside the agenda in the back. A form will be sent home for classes not using an agenda.

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.

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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.

Milk Program...

Milk Program is available again at Stevensville at the second nutritional break at 1:00 p.m. Parents will be able to purchase a milk card for \$15.00 which allows you 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 their 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, your child's name, and class.

Do you have a child between the ages of 4 and 6?

If so, please take a moment to ensure that your child's immunizations are up-to-date and that he/she has received a:

- Booster dose of diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus and polio (DPTP/Quadracel) between the ages of 4 and 6; and,
- Second dose of the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine.

If your child has not yet received these vaccines, he/she can be immunized free of charge at:

1. One of our regular immunization clinics. Please call 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425 for more information and/or to schedule an appointment. OR
2. Special 'catch-up' immunization clinics are also held across the Niagara region in late August, specifically for children and teens (4 to 18 years of age) that need to get caught up on their immunizations prior to school starting. Visit www.niagararegion.ca for a copy of this schedule.

You can also call your child's doctor to make an immunization appointment or visit a local walk-in clinic. Once your child has received his/her immunization(s), please report this information to Niagara Region Public Health using ONE of the following:

INTERNET: WWW.NIAGARAREGION.CA

TELEPHONE (Immunization Report Line): 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7459

FAX(a copy of your child's Immunization Record): 905-688-8225

If you are a parent/guardian not wishing to immunize your child, you will need to provide Niagara Region Public Health with a legal exemption document (i.e., a statement of medical exemption, or a statement of conscience of religious belief affidavit).

School-Based Immunization Clinics

Did you know that every year in Canada, 1,400 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer and more than 400 will die from it?

Almost all cervical cancers are caused by a Human Papillomavirus (HPV) infection. The HPV vaccine is an important medical advancement that makes cervical cancer a preventable disease.

Once again this year, the HPV vaccine called Gardasil® will be offered free to **all female Grade 8 students** through Niagara Region Public Health's school-based immunization clinics. In addition, the Hepatitis B vaccine and the Meningococcal vaccine called Menactra® will be offered free to **all Grade 7 students**.

Parent/student information packages will be coming home with your child in September. Clinic dates and times will be announced through your child's school.

For more information, speak to your school nurse or call the Vaccine Preventable Disease Program at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425.

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 9, 2011

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