

DECEMBER 2018



November was a busy month! We had several presentations to engage your students in learning. There was Centennial Arts, Gr. 8 Day at the SS., Math Jam, Author Cindy Stewart, MADD Canada, Bus Safety, Brock's Fencing team and a walk to Centennial for a Bach Musical. Thank you to everyone who supported our day at Cole's Book Store in the Seaway Mall. They donated \$300 worth of new books for our school library!

Once again, School Council has created some gift card trees and wreaths that we will raffle off at our two concerts. Tickets are for sale cash online or at the door 3 for \$5.00. We did not ask families for donations this year, but used some of our last year's profits to purchase the gift cards. Kindergarten's is on December 19th and our Gr. 1-8 Concert at Centennial is on December 20th. Tickets are available on line and at the door for \$2 each. Profits are used to offset the cost of putting on the concert and bussing costs to the rehearsal. The draw will take place there at the end of the show. We will send home pre-event purchased tickets on Monday with your children.

Mrs. Bernard is once again organizing "The 12 Days of Christmas Giving" which will begin the first week of December. Thank you ahead of time for your kind donations that help families in our city.

WINTER REMINDERS :

Please ensure your children are properly dressed for outside weather. We go out most days for 20 minutes throughout the winter. Please label items to help us return lost, dropped items to their owner. If you suspect the school may be closed due to inclement weather please check the radio stations and the DSBN website, twitter or facebook accounts for updates.

Please avoid calling the school to ask for early dismissals. We are finding that the classes are being interrupted too often during period 6 (2:30 -3:25). Students are dismissed at 3:25 pm. If you need your child prior to that time, please let your child's teacher know through communication in the agenda or their google classroom/D2L. We will not be calling into the classrooms between 2:30 and 3:15. Thank you for your support of our learning time.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Mrs. S. Niznik,

Principal

WINTER BREAK



The students will be dismissed at the regular time on Friday, December 21st to begin the Winter Break. Students return to class on Monday, January 7th, 2019. Please have a safe and happy holiday.



GRADE 8 GRAD PICTURES

The grade 8 grad video is underway and we need your help!!!!

We will put together a video that will be shown at graduation this year. Please send in 3-4 pictures (baby, primary age, junior age). In addition to these, please send any group photos from school trips, birthdays, special events, etc. The email address is shellee.niznik@dsbn.org

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 DSNB Emergency 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:

Websites:

<http://www.dsnb.org/inclementweather/>
www.nsts.ca

Subscription Features:

DSNB Facebook or Twitter
NSTS Transportation Delay or Cancellation Alerts

Phone:

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

Radio Stations:

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| CKTB (610 AM) St. Catharines | CHRE (105.7 FM) St. Catharines |
| WAVE (94.7 FM) Hamilton | CHTZ-FM (97.7 FM) St. Catharines |
| CKOC (1150 AM) Hamilton | 2DayFM (105.1 FM) Niagara Falls/Fort Erie |
| CHML (900 AM) Hamilton | K-LITE-FM (102.9 FM) Hamilton |
| CHAM (820 AM) Hamilton | GIANT FM (91.7 FM) Welland |
| Y-108(107.9) Hamilton | |

Television Stations:

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| CHCH – Hamilton | CTV Toronto |
| CityTV Breakfast Television | Cogeco Channel 10 (Jack.Custers@cogeco.com) |

The Board website, NSTS website (www.nsts.ca), elementary and secondary school websites will be updated regarding cancellations of transportation and/or school closures by the Communications Department.



SNOW SNOW SNOW

It's coming! Quaker Road's rule is "leave it on the ground". Please reinforce this at home. For the safety of all students, we ask them not to throw or kick snow. At Quaker Road, like all schools, we have a "Throw No Snow" Policy. This means that, for obvious safety reasons, students do not make or throw snow balls, kick snow or in any way cause snow to be directed at another person.



Save The Date! The Lights of Jingle Bell Hill Concert Update

Quaker Road's Christmas concert for students in grade 1-8 will take place this year on Thurs. Dec 20th at Welland Centennial Secondary School. The doors will open at 6:00pm and the concert will start at 6:30pm. Tickets can be purchased through school cash online for \$2.00 up until Dec 13th. There is no maximum number of tickets you can purchase. There will be a rehearsal the morning of the concert (Dec. 20) and students in gr.1-8 will be bussed to Centennial to practice. Permission to travel by bus for the rehearsal can be checked off online by Dec. 17th. PLEASE HAVE THIS COMPLETED so your child can attend. Students will be busy the next couple of weeks practicing their songs by class. If your child is required to wear a certain colour theme for the evening of the show, your child's teacher will be in touch with you to communicate this. The parent council will be selling raffle tickets the evening of the concert on a variety of gift card holiday trees. Raffle tickets can be purchased in advance through school cash online prior to Dec 13th or the night of the concert (3 tickets for \$5.00). All concert and raffle tickets will be sent home with your child on Monday, Dec 17th. Thanks in advance for your support and we look forward to seeing you at the concert!

Any questions, please contact us.

Quaker Road Staff



BREAKFAST CLUB A HUGE HIT THIS YEAR!

CAFÉ— NOW OPEN!

Thanks to our wellness team for creating a wonderful space in our library to socialize, do crafts, get creative, play a game or just relax! Our CAFÉ is open on Wednesdays at 2nd break for our Junior / Intermediate aged students.

We are happy that our students are accessing our breakfast club each morning. Thank you to Mrs. O'Grady, Miss Needham, Mrs. Temple and Georgie for volunteering each morning to make tasty foods.

We have set up a donation line for CASH ONLINE to help support our Breakfast Club. We do receive some funds from Breakfast for Learning, but with the popularity, we will need additional funds to keep it running every morning. Thank you if you have or will make a donation.

We also accept healthy cereal or breakfast bar donations at any time as well.



Halloween for Hunger

Eighteen grade 7/8 students plus one grade 6 student, trick or treated on October 31st to collect non-perishable food items for our local community. Half of the food collected was donated to the Salvation Army and the other half to the Hope Centre. Many thanks to our wonderful community for supporting our students in this great initiative.



Local stackers take aim at Guinness World Record in sport stacking “Most People Sport Stacking at Multiple Locations in One Day”

Since 2006, each year the WSSA attempts to set a new Guinness World Records Title for The number to beat: 622,809! This year some Quaker Comets participated in this awesome event, with the help of Miss Fulford’s grade 5/6 class. Throughout this special day, students in Grades 1 to 3 learned how to stack cups and have lots of fun.



Verifications are still coming in!



Remembrance Day

This year our Remembrance Day was definitely one to remember here at Quaker Road. We were so fortunate to have Jim Summersides (94 yr old WWII Veteran), and Cliff Griscoll (retired RCMP officer and Peacekeeper) visit and tell us about their experiences.



Our students are changing the future with an Hour of Code

We live in a world surrounded by technology. And we know that whatever field our students choose to go into as adults, their ability to succeed will increasingly depend on understanding how technology works.

But only a tiny fraction of us are learning how technology works. Only 35% of all high schools teach computer science.

That’s why our entire school is joining in on the largest learning event in history: The Hour of Code, during Computer Science Education Week (December 3-9). More than 100 million students worldwide have already tried an Hour of Code. Our Hour of Code is making a statement that Quaker Road is ready to teach these foundational 21st-century skills. To continue bringing programming activities to your students, we want to make our Hour of Code event huge. I encourage you to volunteer, reach out to local media, share the news on social media channels and consider hosting additional Hour of Code events in the community.

This is a chance to change the future of education in Welland.



DSBN ACADEMY INFORMATION

DSBN Academy is a Grade 6 to Grade 12 public school designed to support and empower students to be the first in their family to graduate from college or university.

Come learn more about the opportunities offered at DSBN Academy. All families are welcome! Please see below for the dates, times and locations.

Parent Information Sessions

| | WHERE | TIME |
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| Wednesday, November 21st, 2018 | PEACE BRIDGE P.S. - Fort Erie | 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM |
| Monday, November 26th, 2018 | VALLEYWAY P.S. - Niagara Falls | 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM |
| Wednesday November 28th, 2018 | DIAMOND TRAIL P.S. - Welland | 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM |
| Tuesday December 4th, 2018 | PLYMOUTH P.S. - Welland | 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM |
| Thursday December 6th, 2018 | HARRIET TUBMAN P.S. – St Catharines | 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM |
| Monday December 10th, 2018 | SENATOR GIBSON P.S. - Beamsville | 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM |
| Tuesday January 15th, 2019 | DSBN ACADEMY – St Catharines <i>OPEN HOUSE</i> | 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM |

Quaker Road Twelve Days of Christmas Food Drive 2018

Once again this holiday season, Quaker road School will be collecting food and other items for those in need. The collection will begin on **December 3rd through to December 18th**. As in previous years, we will collect donations using the "Twelve Days of Christmas" theme. Each day a different item is suggested! Please send in as many items on as many days as you can. (If you send on a different day do not worry!) Your generosity will help local families and be distributed through the local Salvation Army.

- Day 1 (Dec.3)-** Pet Food
- Day 2 (Dec. 4)-** Baby item (food, wipes etc.)
- Day 3 (Dec. 5)-** Pasta Items
- Day 4 (Dec. 6)-** Cereal or granola bars
- Day 5 (Dec. 7)-** Juice items
- Day 6 (Dec. 10)-** Crackers or cookie
- Day 7 (Dec. 11)-** Canned meat or tuna
- Day 8 (Dec. 12)-** Canned soup or vegetables
- Day 9 (Dec. 13)-** Rice, Kraft dinner, instant meals
- Day 10 (Dec. 14)-** Snack foods (rice cakes, munchies)
- Day 11 (Dec. 17)-** Grooming items (soap, toothpaste, shampoo etc.)
- Day 12 (Dec. 18)-** Clothing items (hat, mitts, scarves etc.)

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US HELP OTHERS!!

Character Trait for November: INTEGRITY



- Ms. Bernard Felix L., Avery S.
- Mrs. Shannon Michelle S., Marcus R.
- Mrs. LongoLincoln C. , Jay T., William
- Mrs. Toews-PeplinskiElijah J., Neveah G.
- Mrs. SecordSebastien R.
- Mrs. Smalley..... Ella N., Colin M.
- Miss Fulford..... Taylor V., Vanessa R., Nicole S., Lilly R.
- Mrs. Mazzuca..... .Elliot S., Easton F.
- Mrs. Montgomery..... Lily H., Genny W.
- Mr. Niven Zach J., Rachel G.
- Mr. McLean Colin L.
- Mrs. WilcoxBrett T.

From the Health Department . . .

Clean Your Hands

Cleaning your hands is the most effective way to prevent the spread of germs. Regular hand cleaning with soap and water, or an alcohol based hand sanitizer will reduce the risk of getting sick.

Cleaning your hands should occur:

- Before preparing meals
- Before eating
- After using the washroom
- After coughing or sneezing
- After blowing your nose
- After playing with pets
- After playing outdoors

Use warm water and soap and lather and scrub for at least 15 seconds if your hands are visibly dirty.

For more information, talk to your school nurse or go to www.niagararegion.ca/health.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR VOLLEYBALL TEAMS

Both the girls and boys intermediate teams had a successful season learning volleying, bumping, spiking and killer serving! They grew in their knowledge of the game and enjoyed the season being coached by Ms Charlinski, Mr. Niven and Mr. King. Thanks Coaches!

Our Junior teams are also playing very well. There is a new format this year, which is helping the scores stay closer and allowing for more volleying to occur. Both teams ended the league play in first spot and move on to playoffs next week.

Go get them Comets!

INDOOR FOOTWEAR

With the approach of snow and wet weather, each child should keep a pair of shoes or appropriate slippers at school. The floors can get wet and cold, and children should have indoor foot wear; they cannot wear socks or bare feet in case of a fire emergency.



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Quaker Road 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/quakerr>

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. When prompted in the app, use this School Code:

42cv/quakerr

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/quakerr>
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 "Parent Dashboard" button.

If you have any questions, please contact DreamBox Client Care by calling them at 877-451-7845 (weekdays 7am to 5pm, Pacific Time), or email support@dreambox.com.

Sincerely,
Quaker Road PS

SAVE THE DATE FOR
KINDERGARTEN
KICKSTART
AT THE DSBN

See a Kindergarten classroom

Meet the Kindergarten Team

Register for school

Get a fun goodie bag with learning resources

NEW THIS YEAR!
REGISTER ONLINE
DETAILS COMING SOON

Thursday, January 31, 2019 • 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS FRENCH IMMERSION NEWSLETTER ITEM

The French Immersion program offered at **(fill in your local site)** is open to all students in Year 2 (Senior) Kindergarten. If you want your child to develop a high proficiency and fluency in Canada's two official languages, French Immersion has a great deal to offer.

FEATURES OF THE FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM:

- Development of French language skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing from Grades one to twelve;
- Designed to be a second-language program for children whose first language is NOT French;
- Current enrolment of over 2,000 elementary students;
- Certificate of French Immersion Studies awarded upon successful completion of the elementary and secondary immersion programs;
- Opportunity to challenge the Diplôme d'études de langue française (DELF) exam in Grade 12 ;
- Promotes understanding of different cultures;
- Provides additional opportunities for employment using French as the working language;
- Increased ability to communicate and interact with confidence in French.



Registration will open January 7th, 2019

For more information about French Immersion in the District School Board of Niagara visit www.dsbni.org/fi or speak to your school principal.

A Parent Information evening will be held on January **date** at name **your FI site** Public School from **(**)** pm.

DSBNS GOT TALENT

Mr. H's Artisan Card Contest

Being Director of Education for the largest public school board in Niagara isn't easy. While it's a demanding job that keeps him hopping, Warren Hoshizaki always makes time to visit schools, where he's known as Mr. H. On his travels around the region, Mr. H has always been impressed by the incredible talent and creativity of DSBN students.

Mr. H would like to give students another opportunity to shine by designing artisan cards that can be shared with family, friends, and the wider Niagara community.

What's an Artisan Card?

Mr. H is asking students to create cards that commemorate what's special about the different months of the year. Each student entering the contest is asked to pick one month and create a piece of artwork about what makes that month stand out. For example, September marks the start of the new school year, in December, many of our thoughts turn to the holidays. Students are asked to let their imaginations run wild and create artwork that will inspire and delight.

How do I enter?

SIMPLE!

- Begin by creating your artwork. It can be any medium you prefer, including digital, mixed media, or traditional drawings or paintings.
- Submit it to your child's school along with a signed permission form
- Mr. H and his team look forward to seeing students' work!

Sounds good – when does this need to be done?

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2018.

What happens if I win?

Mr. H is a big believer in celebrating successes big and small. Students whose artwork is chosen to become Artisan Cards will be invited to be recognized at the Board meeting on January 22, 2019. There, Mr. H and the Board of Trustees will congratulate students and present them with a set of their own printed artisan cards. In addition, students' artwork will be displayed on the DSBN website, where people can download and send the artisan e-cards to their friends and family.



PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE FORM



DSBN's Got Talent: Mr. H's Artisan Card Contest

DSBN Director of Education Warren Hoshizaki, known as Mr. H in schools, would like to give students an opportunity to show off their skill and creativity by designing artisan cards. To enter, create a piece of artwork to commemorate a month of the year and what makes it special.

HOW TO ENTER:

- Create artwork
- Send your artwork to your child's school or to:

Mr. H's Artisan Card Contest - 191 Carlton Street
St. Catharines, Ontario L2R 7P4

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2018.

SUBMISSION CRITERIA:

- All artwork must include a signed consent form
- Submissions must be original student work
- Any medium, including mixed media and digital artwork will be accepted

STUDENT RECOGNITION:

- Students will receive a set of their own cards that include their name, grade and school
- Students will be invited to attend and be recognized at the January 22, 2019 Board Meeting
- Artwork will be displayed at the Education Centre and on the DSBN website

Student Name (please print): _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Title of Artwork: (Optional) _____

Would you like your artwork returned? No _____ Yes _____ Teacher's Name: _____

Consent: I hereby grant the District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) permission to use my child's artwork and to take photographs of my child and use his/her name for use in any and all media publication in connection with the above identified contest for such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, fundraising and web content. I also authorize DSBN to distribute my child's artwork to third parties for the purpose of accomplishing the goals described above.

I have read and understand the above and agree to the conditions outlined above.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

