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Kate S. Durdan Public School

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A MESSAGE FROM THE KATE S DURDAN STAFF...

We sincerely hope that everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday. We know that we enjoyed the opportunity to be with family and friends and have come back well rested and eager to work with our students.

We are happy to welcome Mrs. Foster. She will be teaching one of our Gr. 3 classes. Mrs. Sijm will be enjoying lots of fun during her planned leave. We will look forward to hearing about her adventures when she returns in September. Mrs. Tachjian is also excited to be back after spending time with her new baby. She will be teaching grade one. We thank Mrs. Forgiore for her commitment to the grade one class.

Why not make a New Year School and Family Resolution? This is a chance to talk to your children about ways that they can work toward academic and attendance goals. Try brainstorming good work/study habits, ideas for organization, or ways to overcome pitfalls encountered in the early part of the term. Set a plan to be organized the night before so as a family you can make sure your children arrive to school healthy, happy and on time. With report cards coming out in early February, there can be tangible proof just around the corner that hard work and focused effort really makes a difference!

Your input continues to be very important to the success your child achieves throughout his/her educational experience. The Kate S. Durdan staff encourages you to take an active role in your child's education. If you have an issue, idea or concern that you would like to discuss with a staff member, please do not hesitate to contact the school and we will book an appointment with you.

MULTICULTURAL NIGHT

To celebrate our school's diversity and International Mother Tongue Language Day, Kate. S. Durdan's Parent Council and our ESL team will be hosting a Multicultural Night on Thursday February 21st 2019. The event will run from 4pm-6pm in the school Gymnasium. If you are interested in hosting a table as a family please contact a member of parent council or Mrs. Lamothe for more information. We look forward to seeing you!



SAVE THE DATE...

- Welcome Back..... Jan. 7
- G. 7 & 7/8 to Walker Living Campus Jan. 8
- French Immersion Open House at Prince Phillip Jan. 9
- PA Day..... Jan. 18
- Ice Dog Assembly..... Jan. 22
- School Council Jan. 22
- Gr. 8 Grade Photos Jan. 23
- Bus Safety Presentation Jan. 29
- Kindergarten Open House..... Jan. 31

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS FRENCH IMMERSION

The French Immersion program offered at Prince Phillip Public School 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 (DELFP) 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.

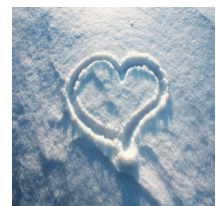
A Parent Information evening will be held on January 9, 2019 at Prince Phillip Public School from 6–7 pm.

WINTER IS HERE!

With the cold and wet weather upon us, we have a few reminders for comfortable and safe outdoor play during the winter months:

1. Bring appropriate outdoor clothing to school daily (hat, mitts, jacket, snow pants, boots).
2. Have dry indoor shoes stored in lockers and keep an extra outfit at school too (in case shirt and pants get wet outside).
3. Weather conditions will dictate the use of the play structure. The play structure will not be used during heavy snow, or when the ground is frozen.
4. Students are not permitted to throw snow or slide on ice patches. Students who disobey these rules will be sent indoors to the office.

Our 2 outdoor fitness breaks will occur regularly throughout the winter except in extreme weather conditions (-25C). For this reason, it is essential that students come prepared for the weather! We appreciate your efforts!



IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

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 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.dsbns.org/inclementweather/>
www.nsts.ca

Subscription Features:

DSBN Facebook or Twitter
NSTS Transportation Delay or Cancellation Alerts



Phone:

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

Radio Stations:

CKTB (610 AM) St. Catharines
WAVE (94.7 FM) Hamilton
CKOC (1150 AM) Hamilton
CHML (900 AM) Hamilton
CHAM (820 AM) Hamilton

CHRE (105.7 FM) St. Catharines
CHTZ-FM (97.7 FM) St. Catharines
2DayFM (105.1 FM) Niagara Falls
K-LITE-FM (102.9 FM) Hamilton
GIANT FM (91.7 FM) Welland Y-108

Hamilton Television Stations:

CHCH - Hamilton
Cogeco Channel 10 (Jack.Custers@cogeco.com)

CTV Toronto CityTV Breakfast Television



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.



LINUS HAND
PRODUCTIONS

AUDITION NOTICE

INTO THE WOODS

LINUS HAND PRODUCTIONS
PROUDLY PRESENTS..

INTO THE WOODS

at the Meridian Centre for the Arts in Fort Erie, June 20th - 23rd.

This is a Young Company Performance.
All roles will be performed by children between 5-18 years of age.
For the audition please prepare a song (preferably musical theatre).
The song can be performed acapella or with cd/ipod accompaniment.

If you have a child who is interested in auditioning please contact
Linus Hand Productions 289-213-8001 or handlinus@gmail.com
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