

Redhawk Report

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December 2019

Message from the Office

As we enter the holiday season, we look forward to a very busy few weeks! On December 9th, many of our students, staff and family members will travel to the Greg Frewin Theatre for the performance of Matilda, The Musical. Our Kindergarten students will be performing their Holiday Concert on December 18th and the Holiday Show, performed by our grade 1 to 8 students, will be on December 17th. Please come and join us for these productions!

A BIG thank you to our Parent Council and the school community for a great Poinsettia Fundraiser! The fundraiser brought in \$900 for our River View students. As well, we want to thank all of the families who joined us for the Festival of Lights night. There is nothing better than a trip down the Niagara Parkway at this time of year to kick off the holiday season! We were able to enjoy a warm drink back at River View after the trip, which was supplied by our local Tim Hortons. Newell family, we appreciate your generosity and support for this family event.

A friendly reminder that from December 21 - January 6, students will enjoy a well-deserved break. We wish everyone at River View a healthy and happy holiday season!

Ms. Welsh & Ms. Randall

CELEBRATIONS!

Ms. Bouchard and Ms. Pepin recently received *The Kindergarten Team Excellence Award* at the 23rd Annual Niagara Early Learning and Child Care Awards of Excellence Celebration. CONGRATULATIONS to this amazing Kindergarten team!

Our Book Fair ran from November 11-14. Thank you to all of our students and families that stopped in and did some shopping! It was a great success!

Mark Your Calendars

December 5	Pizza Day
December 9	Matilda Trip
December 11	Sub Day (NOTE: this replaces the 18th)
December 12	Pizza Day
December 13	Creative Christmas Sweater Day
December 17	Gr 1-8 Holiday Show (2pm and 6pm)
December 18	Kinder Holiday Concert (9am)
December 19	Pizza Day
December 20	Everything Christmas Spirit Day Celebration Assembly 9:40 am

Redhawk Recognition Award Winners

KDG 1: Ivy, Daniella, Sebastian
KDG 2: Adam, Anesia, Oliver
KDG 3: Arjun, Noah
Grade 1G: Lucy, Chase
Grade 1/2C: Mathew, JoJo
Grade 2D: Owen, Ayden
Grade 2/3M: Sophie, Jonathan
Grade 3H: Savannah, Reuben
FSL (J): Jaidyn, Ford

Grade 4H: Kayleigh, Hannah, Cooper
Grade 4/5H: Daycota, Griffin
Grade 5H: Mitchell, Megan
Grade 5/6P: Kyle, Owen
Grade 6L: Sarah, Maylyn
Grade 7H: Haley, Aiden
Grade 7/8S: Hailey, Colby, Owen
Grade 8F: Anshika, Lauren
FSL (I): Katey, Emma



HOLIDAY CONCERTS

This year River View students are either involved in the Holiday Concert for Kindergarten students or the Holiday Show for students in Grade 1 to 8. The Holiday Concert for Grades 1 to 8 will be on December 17th with performances at 2pm and 6pm. The Kindergarten Holiday Concert will have a performance on December 18th at 9:00 a.m. We hope you can join us!

A special thank you to all of our Kindergarten staff, Mrs. Hilborn and all of our classroom teachers for their hard work on these productions!

River View Families Matter



As part of the spirit of giving during the holiday season, River View will be offering some families the gift of groceries. We will be accepting cash and grocery store gift cards should you feel the spirit of giving for our families.

There will be a collection box placed in the office. Students can also give their homeroom teachers their donations. Cash online will be set up for donations as well for your convenience. A special note will be coming home with your child(ren) soon with all of the details. A very sincere THANK YOU!

Christmas is for Giving Charitable Fundraiser



Classes will be combined and participate in the Project Share Challenge until December 2nd.. River View, along with other schools in Niagara, are asked to donate non-perishable food items or new toys. There are bins in the front lobby and we are hoping to fill them up and help families in need during the holiday season. Please send any items to school with your child. Thank you for helping us complete the challenge! We hope to be one of the most generous schools in Niagara!

DELTA BINGO ANNOUNCEMENT



Delta
BINGO & GAMING

Niagara Falls, Nov 26, 2019 – Delta Bingo and Gaming, along with the Ontario Charitable Gaming Association (OCGA), the Commercial Gaming Association of Ontario (CGAO) and Ontario Lottery and Gaming (OLG) are celebrating the incredible milestone of over \$250 million raised for local charities across the province.

Since modernizing, Delta Bingo and Gaming locations in the Niagara region have worked with local charity partners and raised over \$22 million to support a variety of key initiatives in the Niagara community.

“The funding provided by Delta Bingo has had a positive impact on the school community,” says Mrs. Costantini, teacher at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School. *“We are very fortunate to have their support and the students have benefited so much as a result of their generosity.”*

“We are thrilled to be celebrating this \$250 million milestone with all of our partners,” says Cam Johnstone, CEO, Delta Bingo & Gaming. *“I am so proud of the \$22 million we’ve raised for Niagara charities, and the impact these funds have on the community.”*

In addition to traditional bingo, Delta Bingo and Gaming offers a wide variety of modern games and innovative technologies, including digital bingo, Tap N Play machines and Play on Demand games.

For further information contact Rebecca Russell, Senior Marketing & Communications Specialist, Delta Bingo & Gaming @ Rebecca@deltabingo.com or 905 866 4504

PARENT COUNCIL - COME ONE COME ALL!

Our next meeting at River View is on January 28th, 2020 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend anytime. Children are able to access the computer lab during the council meeting to facilitate attendance.

Next Bingo training dates are: Dec. 10, at 6:30 pm in the Memorial Room at the Gale Centre.



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



REGISTER ONLINE!
DSBN.ORG/KINDERGARTEN

Thursday, January 30, 2020 • 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

DSBN ACADEMY PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

DATE	WHERE	TIME
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25 TH , 2019	PEACE BRIDGE P.S. - FORT ERIE	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26 TH , 2019	VALLEYWAY P.S. - NIAGARA FALLS	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2 ND , 2019	DIAMOND TRAIL P.S. - WELLAND	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 RD , 2019	PLYMOUTH P.S. - WELLAND	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 TH , 2019	HARRIETTUBMAN P.S. - ST CATHARINES	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 TH , 2019	SENATOR GIBSON P.S. - BEAMSVILLE	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16 TH , 2019	MCKAY P.S. - PORT COLBORNE	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17 TH , 2019	PRINCESS MARGARET P.S. - NIAGARA FALLS	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
OPEN HOUSE		
MONDAY, JANUARY 20 TH , 2020	DSBN ACADEMY - ST CATHARINES	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM





AN 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 to not 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 the 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 11:30am. Information about transportation cancellations and school closures will be available as soon as it is available through the following channels.

Websites

www.dsbn.org/inclementweather/
www.nsts.ca

Subscription Features

DSBN Facebook or Twitter
NSTS Transportation delay or cancellation alerts [Phone](tel:905-346-0290)
Niagara Student Transportation Services 905-346-0290

Radio Stations

610 AM

105.7 FM

97.7 FM

105.1 FM

STUDENT ABSENCE

In the interest of student safety it is important that student absences are accounted for. Thank you to all our families for using the SafeArrival program to report your child's absence. A note may also be put in your child's agenda informing the homeroom teacher of an upcoming absence, e.g. appointment, however, SafeArrival should still be used to record the absence. Students who arrive late for classes must check in at the office before going to class. Thank you for your cooperation.

The SafeArrival telephone number is 1-866-606-5567 or you can use the app or website.

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 your 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 go to www.niagararegion.ca/health

WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME

Please keep your child at home or away from others if he or she has any of these symptoms:

- Fever
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Rash
- Frequent coughing or sneezing
- Yellow/Green discharge from nose, ears, or eyes, sore throat



Contact your family doctor for advice about care and treatment. For more information go to www.niagararegion.ca/health



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

- Bring appropriate outdoor clothing to school daily (hat, mitts, jacket, snow pants, boots)
- Have dry indoor shoes stored in lockers and keep an extra outfit at school too (in case clothes get wet at break)
- The climber is off-limits
- Students are not permitted to throw snow nor are they allowed to slide on ice. Students who are not compliant with these rules will be sent indoors to the office.

Our two 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.

Newsletter Draw Winner

Congratulations to **The Bell** family who won November's newsletter draw!
This family has won a \$20 gift card from Subway!

December Newsletter Draw

What is your greatest holiday wish for our River View Family?
The winning family receives a \$20 Subway gift card!

Family Name: _____

**If you are reading this newsletter online, please send a note with your answer with your child and we will add it to the draw!*