

# THE RED HAWK REPORT

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**November 2022**

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

When parents are engaged in their child's learning, the child will do better at school. With this in mind, November is an excellent time to reflect on how we are working together to support your child's learning.

All students will receive their Progress Report Card on Thursday, November 17, marking the mid-way point for Term 1. Please take some time to review, with your child, their strengths and next steps that have been identified in the progress report. On the evening of November 24, you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress to date during the parent-teacher conferences. Information will come out shortly in regards to booking a time. If you have any concerns or questions at other times, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. If you require 2 copies of your child's report card, please let the office or your child's teacher know.

### DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

As cooler weather approaches, please be aware that children are expected to be dressed appropriately for the weather conditions every day. Coats, hats, boots and mittens/gloves are soon going to be necessary for your child to enjoy the outdoor fitness breaks. Students that are well enough to be at school are expected to be outside with their friends during fitness breaks as indoor supervision is not available during this time.

### DSBN DAYS OF SIGNIFICANCE

In addition to our school events listed, you will find a link to the DSBN Days of Significance calendar on the first of each month. [Click here](#) for more information about the DSBN Days of Significance calendar.



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Treaty Week Begins ..... Nov. 6
- International Inuit Day ..... Nov. 7
- Indigenous Veterans Day.....Nov. 8
- School Advisory Council..... Nov. 8
- Remembrance Day ..... Nov. 11
- Kindness Day (Cardigan Day) .... Nov. 14
- Progress Reports Home ..... Nov. 17
- Interview Evening ..... **Nov. 24**
- PA Day..... Nov. 25
- River View Photo Retake Day.... Nov. 29

### PA DAY

Friday, November 25 has been designated as a PA Day for the District School Board of Niagara.



## KINDERGARTEN COMMUNICATION OF LEARNING: INITIAL OBSERVATIONS AND THE ELEMENTARY PROGRESS REPORT – GRADES 1-8

On November 17, students in Kindergarten will bring home the Communication of Learning Initial Observations report. This provides parents/guardians with an overview of the initial observations of their child's learning and early evidence of growth in learning related to the overall expectations in the Kindergarten Program. It also provides information about appropriate next steps to further your child's learning. It serves as the basis for discussion with parents/guardians and as a support for parents'/guardians' ongoing participation in their child's learning.

Also, on November 17, parents of students in Grades 1-8 will receive their Elementary Progress Reports. Although it looks much like the Report Card, the Progress Report has a very different intent. The purpose is to share early and specific feedback on your child's development of work habits and the learning skills. Reporting on the Progress Report is about looking forward and setting a course for the learning journey ahead.

Based on the evidence that teachers see, as well as what teachers know about learning at this grade level, the report communicates the path your child is on towards achieving the grade level expectations by the end of the year. The Progress Report does not include letter grades or percentage marks for academic subjects; it instead identifies whether your child is progressing very well, well or with difficulty. For subjects in which your child is 'Progressing with Difficulty', the teacher will discuss specific next step plans needed for success. Progress reports are intended to be part of discussions, interviews, or conferences with students and are part of ongoing communication with parents and students about student achievement throughout the year.

We look forward to partnering with you and your child for a year of great learning and growth.

## STUDENT NUTRITION PROGRAM AND SPECIAL LUNCHES

Earlier this fall our nutrition program began, students have been able to access 'grab-and-go' snacks, including fresh fruits, grain, and dairy products. This program is open to all students at River View and is available at both of the nutrition breaks. If you are interested in making a cash donation to our program, you may make a donation to the breakfast club through School Cash Online.

We are in the process of organizing special lunches (ie. Pizza day) for River View students, stay tuned for news in the month of November.

## MILK PROGRAM IS STARTING SOON



Our very popular Milk Program is ready to begin and milk is scheduled to arrive on November 14. If you are interested in purchasing milk tickets, please go to School Cash Online. Students will be able to get either chocolate or white milk starting November 14.



## SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

With School Cash Online, you will be able to approve permission forms and make payments for items online. Understanding that we're quickly becoming a cashless society, we know it can sometimes be a challenge to find exact change for items and then send it to school through your child's backpack. Using School Cash Online, you'll be able to use your debit, credit card or echeque to make quick and easy payments online. It will also allow you to track payments made and receive an invoice for your purchases. School Cash Online is a safe, reliable portal that will ensure the security of your information. The system is already active. You are able to gain access through the School Cash button which has been placed on our school website. We are asking that you click on the button and follow the simple instructions to register. Registration should take less than five minutes. If you registered last year, you do not need to register again!

If you require some assistance registering for School Cash Online, please visit the office and we will be happy to help you get started.

## EXTRA-CURRICULARS UPDATES

We are looking forward to offering a variety of extra-curricular opportunities for our Hawks during the 2022-2023 school year. Here is what is currently being offered!

Activity	Day of the Cycle and Meeting Time	Grades for Student Involvement	Teacher Supervisor
Intermediate Co-Ed Volleyball	Games Tuesdays and Thursday Tournament Date to be determined	Grades 7 - 8	Mr. Machulla & Mr. Kitcher and Mrs. Hann

## REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

On Friday, November 11, the students at River View will participate in a Remembrance Day assembly and will recognize a moment of silence. We would like to take this opportunity to honour all of the family and friends of our school community that have given of themselves to serve Canada. If you have a family member or a friend that you would like to honour during our assembly, please submit a photo (in uniform if possible) with the following information: name of the student, name of veteran or person currently serving and relationship to the student, rank (if known), years of service (if known), any other relevant information you are willing to share. This information is due by November 7 to be included in the assembly. At this time, the assembly will be limited to students and staff at River View.

River View students will be part of the Poppy Project from Willoughby Manor, our students will be colouring poppies that will be displayed at Willoughby Manor for Remembrance Day.

## TREATIES RECOGNITION WEEK

Ontario has designated November 6-12, 2022 as Treaties Recognition Week with the goal of promoting education and awareness about treaties and treaty relationships. DSBN joins with other school boards across Ontario in encouraging schools to support learning about treaties as an important aspect of our province's history. I encourage our families to take a few minutes to view the video "[Voices from Here](#)" with Rick Hill. For more information on treaties, go to <https://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties>.

## KINDNESS DAY – NOVEMBER 12 (WEAR A CARDIGAN OR A SWEATER)

World Kindness Day is celebrated annually on November 13. We will be celebrating this day on Monday, November 14. When we think of kindness, many of us think of Mr. Rogers. To recognize this day, and the positive impact Mr. Rogers has had on many generations of children, we will celebrate World Kindness Day by encouraging our students to wear a cardigan to school (or a sweater if you don't have a cardigan) and to spread kindness to someone who might need a kind word, thought or deed. We will be creating kindness buttons to share with our friends at school.

**"Imagine what our neighborhoods would be like if each of us offered, as a matter of course, just one kind word to another person." (Mr. Rogers)**

## IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

There are times in Niagara when weather conditions are so poor that we must cancel student transportation, and/or close schools to preserve the safety of students and staff. The decision to cancel transportation and/or close schools is not taken lightly; a variety of factors are considered when making this choice. To learn more about how these decisions are made, please go to <https://www.dsbn.org/inclementweather>.

### Transportation Cancellations:

Information about transportation delays and cancellations are posted to <https://portal.nsts.ca/Cancellations.aspx>. When transportation is cancelled, every effort is made to communicate the decision by 6:00 am on the day of the cancellation. There are times when transportation is cancelled, but schools remain open. If, on those days you feel it is best for your child to stay home, please report your child's absence <https://dsbn.org/safearrival/> so we can make sure they are safe at home.

### School Closures:

When the decision to close schools is made, it refers to all schools. Every effort will be made to share school closure information before 6:00 am on the day of the school closure. You will find it on [dsbn.org](https://dsbn.org), all school websites, DSBN social media, and local media share the news widely as well.

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.

Information about transportation cancellations and school closures will be available as soon as it is available through the following channels:

Websites and Subscription Features	Phone	Radio Stations
<a href="https://www.dsbn.org">www.dsbn.org</a> DSBN Facebook or Twitter <a href="https://www.nsts.ca">www.nsts.ca</a>	Niagara Student Transportation Services 905-346-0290	CKTB (610 AM) St. Catharines CHRE (105.7 FM) St. Catharines CHTZ-FM (97.7 FM) St. Catharines CKEY (105.1 FM) Niagara Falls/Fort Erie GIANT FM (91.7 FM) Welland

## SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Our next scheduled meeting is **November 8, 2022 @ 5:30pm.**

All School Council meeting minutes will be posted on the River View website once they are approved.

New members are always welcome. If you are interested, please connect with us by calling the office.

## DSBN SOCIAL WORKER SUPPORT AVAILABLE

Do you have questions about your child's mental health and well-being, such as anxiety, behaviour or self-harm?

Do you need support in accessing supports in the community?

Do you need advice for setting goals to help with regular school attendance?

Do you have any questions or looking for support regarding a certain aspect of parenting?

If these are some questions that you have, please speak with your child's teacher, Ms. Cocco and Mrs. Martin. All DSBN schools work with a DSBN Social Worker who supports families to provide an additional layer of support to help our students and families achieve success. Our DSBN Social Workers are an invaluable member of our River View team.

## SO MANY WAYS TO STAY INFORMED AND CONNECTED

In our busy lives, events can sometimes be overlooked. Technology allows us multiple ways to connect with families. The following is a list of ways we use to connect with families to ensure all families are aware of the many events happening throughout the year.

**SCHOOL WEBSITE** – <https://riverview.dsbn.org/>

Please take some time to visit the River View Public School website. Our website includes current newsletters, school calendars, code of conduct, school council information, a school year calendar, classroom websites, and bell times.

**SCHOOL MESSENGER**

Using the School Messenger program, all families will receive emails with newsletters, reminders and important information or reminders about events for the upcoming week. If you are not receiving these emails, please check your contact information with the office to ensure we have the most current information.

**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER** All newsletters will be posted to the school website and sent via School Messenger through email on the first school day of the new month.

**SOCIAL MEDIA** - Please follow us on these social media platforms ([Instagram](#)) to see updates on exciting events. All posts and tweets will be updated on our school website as well. We are #riverviewschoolchippawa