

THE RED HAWK REPORT

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back! We hope the holiday season was wonderful and filled with quality time with family and friends, new games learned, and time to enjoy the beauty of the outdoors!

The new year is often a time of reflection, thinking about where we have been and where we want to go. This is no different for our students as they reflect on their first term of learning and set new goals for second term. We encourage families to ignite these conversations at home by asking your child about what they can do, what they want to work on and how they plan to do that. These conversations often lead to interesting and informative topics that can help direct our students to new successes. Remember that classroom teachers are a good resource to unpack those conversations too!

Ms. Cocco and Mrs. Martin



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

| Date | Event |
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| January 9 | Welcome Back! |
| January 20 | PD Day (No School) |
| January 22 | Lunar New Year |
| January 27 | Family Literacy Day Spirit Day: Dress as your favourite book character |

RIVER VIEW GIVES BACK

On behalf of the staff at River View and Project Share, I would like to send out a 'huge' thank you to our Red Hawks for the amazing generosity that was shown during our Project Share Food and Toy Drive. Thank you to our River View Community for ensuring a family had a fantastic holiday and for donating 700 lbs of food and toys and one-hundred dollars in cash donations to ensure families in our larger Niagara Falls community felt cared for and supported. The choir also did an incredible job singing at the annual Project Share breakfast! Way to go RedHawks.

PD DAY

On Friday, January 20th, all DSBN schools will be closed for a PA Day in which teachers will be engaged in assessment and evaluation activities.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

In December, Jacob demonstrated an incredible act of kindness. Instead of asking for gifts for his birthday, he asked for donations to our snack program. Looks at the incredible donations he received, that our students will enjoy over the next few months. Way to go Jacob, we are so proud of you!



Student's Corner

Red Hawk Clubs

Primary Lego Club

Mrs. Musgrave and Mrs. Hallett are looking forward to welcoming any interested primary students in January to build and create during a lunch break for Lego club. Listen up for announcements for when it will begin.

Choir

December was a busy month for the choir. Thank you to the members and Mr. Dekker and Mrs. Sally for sharing your talents at the Project Share breakfast, Pen Centre Choirfest and presenting to the entire school. There is still time to join the choir, if you are interested, please ask Mr. Dekker or listen for announcements for choir practice.

Red Hawk Sports

Practices have begun for girls and boys intermediate (grade 7-8) basketball. We look forward to developing our students' skills. Thank you to Mr. Machulla and Ms. Friesen for coaching the teams this year!



Family Literacy Day

Family Literacy Day takes place every January 27th to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. Taking time every day to read or do a learning activity with children is crucial to a child's development, improving a child's literacy skills dramatically, and can help a parent improve their skills as well.

We are inviting families to join us on Friday, January 27 to participate in Family Literacy Day. Join us at 2:30pm for a half hour of family reading. Gather your Red Hawks together, spread out in the school and spend a half and hour reading a family favourite or a new book selection!

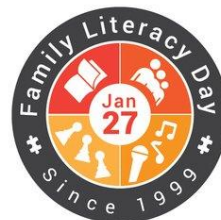
Also, exciting news, in December our Riverview Library went through a weeding process to clear out older books making way for new books to be purchased in February. Stay tuned for highlights from the new reading selections we purchase. Thank you to Ms. Derosie for all her hard work with this.

Spirit Day

Favourite Book Character Day



In Celebration of Family Literacy Day, we invited students and staff to Dress as Your Favourite Book Character on Friday, January 27th. We look forward to seeing different characters roaming the halls of our school!



Parents' Corner



School Advisory Council

Our River View School Advisory Council will meet on January 24 from 5-6 pm. New members are always welcome to join!

Come out if you are excited to plan some new River View family events for the 2023 school year 😊

Information about the Little Caesars' Pizza fundraiser will be coming out soon.

Kindergarten Registration

Do you know a child who was born in 2019? If so, spread the word that Kindergarten registration is almost here! Our Kindergarten Open House will be on February 2 from 10:00-6:00pm. Please visit the [DSBN Kindergarten registration link](#) for more details and to download a copy of DSBN's book, "Barkley's First Day".

Term One Report Cards

It is that time of year when our River View teachers are busy writing Term One report cards. Report cards are a way to share a summary of student achievement for each Term. Teachers use their professional judgement and consider factors such as consistency, recent improvement and amount of evidence in order to determine students' grades or marks. Teachers and students work together to gather evidence of their learning over time from observations, conversations, and student products. More specific information will be shared in the February newsletter to support reading and understanding the grades and marks on the report card.

This year the Elementary Provincial Report Cards (Grade 1-8) and Kindergarten: Communication of Learning will be sent home on February 16, 2023.

We are very proud of the progress our Red Hawks have made this year. Please set aside some time to review the report cards with your child and set goals for the second half of the school year.



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 e-cheque to make quick and easy payments online. It will also allow you to track payments made and receive an invoice for your purchases. Please find the link to School Cash Online found on the River View Website.

For the month of January, we have the following on sale through School Cash Online:

- Milk Orders
- Pizza Day
- Breakfast/Snack program donations

Hot Lunches – Pizza Day

The return of pizza day was a huge success! We will continue to have pizza each Thursday. ***Each week orders are due by end of day Tuesday, as we must pre-order from The Pizzeria each week.***

We are looking into other special lunch options.

| 2023 JANUARY | | | | | | |
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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
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Parents' Corner

GRADE 1 FRENCH IMMERSION REGISTRATION

The French Immersion program (offered at French Immersion sites) is open to all Year 2 Kindergarten students from Monday, January 9th, 2023 to Tuesday, February 21, 2023. 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. For more information about French Immersion in the District School Board of Niagara, [please click here](#).

DSBN ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

Learn about the DSBN Academy at their Open House on **Tuesday, February 7, 2023 from 6:00- 8:00 pm!** Join us to find out:

- How this unique program prepares students to attend, and succeed at, college and university
- What extra opportunities are offered and how your child can benefit
- If the DSBN Academy is a good fit for your child

The DSBN Academy is a Grade 6-12 public school designed to support and empower students to be the first in their family to graduate from college or university. Staff and students are committed to the belief that, with hard work, all students can achieve their dreams.

The DSBN Academy is located at 130 Louth Street, St. Catharines.

Online registration opens January 10th. Visit <https://www.dsbn.org/dsbn-academy-open-house> for additional information and the link to the registration. Registration will close on FEBRUARY 27, 2023. Limited spots available.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY TO DSBN ACADEMY?

- Student must live within the Niagara Region
- Student must be entering grade 6, 7, or 8 in September. (Note: spaces are limited in grades 7 and 8)
- Student would be the first in their family to graduate from a college or university. (If a sibling of the student has attended a post-secondary institution but the parent(s)/guardian(s) have not, the student is still considered a first-generation student.)
- Student must be willing to attend a school location, the DSBN Academy site, which may be outside of their community. Transportation will be provided for these students.
- Student understands there is a mandatory after-school program that enhances the student experience beyond the classroom. These include enrichment opportunities and academic supports. After-school ENCORE enrichment opportunities include: Mixed sports, Chess, Karate, Dance, Zumba, Coding, Mad Science, Board games, Photography, Makerspace, Choir, Canvas painting, Crochet, Crafts, Podcasting, Baking, Debating, Drama and many more!
- DSBN Academy Secondary programming is designed to prepare students for College and University.

If you have any questions, please contact: jennifer.moore@dsbn.org - Elementary Principal

Important Message about Inclement Weather

Transportation and School Closures:

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>.

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, and boots).
2. Have dry indoor shoes and keep an extra outfit at school too (in case shirt and pants get wet outside).
3. Students are not permitted to throw snow or slide on ice patches.

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| <p>Transportation Cancellations: Information about transportation delays and cancellation are posted to https://portal.nsts.ca/Cancellations.aspx. When transportation is cancelled, every effort is made to communicate the decision by 6:00am 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.</p> <p>School Closures: 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, all school websites, DSBN social media, and local media share the news widely as well.</p> | <p>If you need a winter coat, snow pants, boot, hats, gloves or mitts, please contact the school office by phone or email (rvw@dsbn.org) to inquire about the support we can provide in getting these much-needed items for your children.</p> <p>All students will continue to have recess outside, in the winter months, weather permitting. Kindergarten children will also continue to have outdoor exploration time during the winter months.</p> <p>Our 2 outdoor fitness breaks will occur regularly throughout the winter except in when an extreme cold weather alert is issued by the Niagara Region. For this reason, it is essential that students come prepared for the weather! We appreciate your efforts!</p> |
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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.dsbm.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](#)