



3691 Dorchester Road Niagara Falls, ON L2J 3A6

November 1, 2011

November NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Gr. 8's visit AN Myer, Westlane and Stamford Nov. 2nd
- Random Act of Kindness Nov. 4th
- Remembrance Day- Nov. 11th
- Progress Reports go home Nov. 15th
- Interviews Nov. 17th
- School Council Nov. 21st at 6PM
- Spirit Day Nov. 25th

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL


I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the entire Orchard Park Staff for the hard work and dedication they have demonstrated this fall. Our staff is committed to providing the best possible learning environment for your children. Their professional program delivery and genuine concern for all students at Orchard Park is to be commended.

Our families at Orchard Park must also be recognized for their ongoing support and interest in the school. It is with this partnership that we will help our children to develop the necessary skills to be productive in today's society.

Finally and most importantly, I would like to thank our students for the good behaviour and positive attitudes that they demonstrate each day.

In closing, we look forward to meeting with parents at the interviews in mid November. It is important for you to come to find out about your child's progress and to collaboratively develop strategies for improvements.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

To commemorate Remembrance Day on Friday November 11th, many of our students will be involved in our school assembly. We encourage all Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and Guides at Orchard Park to  **Lest We Forget** wear their uniforms to respect this solemn occasion.

PROGRESS REPORTS & INTERVIEWS

Progress Reports for Grades 1-8 will be sent home on Tuesday November 15th. To better discuss your child's progress, teachers have been asked to make every effort possible to meet with all parents.

The Kindergarten reporting system is slightly different. In Junior Kindergarten, parent guided observations and parent/teacher conferences will be scheduled. In Senior Kindergarten, a teacher observation report will be sent home and parent/teacher conferences will be arranged.

We look forward to meeting with you because we feel it is important for you to come to find out about your child's progress and to collaboratively develop strategies for improvements.



EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Did you know that you can access Orchard Park's library from the comfort of your home? Accessing the school's library is as easy as a click away. To visit our library's website simply go to Orchard Park's website, <http://destiny.dsb.edu.on.ca> and then click on the Orchard Park link found along the right side of your internet browser. Once there, you will find many different student-friendly links which could help your child with research projects and homework. Your child can use his/her username and password (same as used at school to log into the computers) to browse our library catalogue. Be sure to check the library website regularly to see what is new and exciting in the library!



Each grade at Orchard Park visits the library at least once per 10 day cycle so visiting the website will help you decide which books are of interest to you and your child.

RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS DAY

On Friday, November 4, hopefully the world will become a kinder place. That day has been designated as Random Act of Kindness Day. The idea is to spread acts of kindness to people you know and to complete strangers. You can hold a door for people, feed someone's expired parking meter, write a note to someone to tell them why they are special to you... the possibilities are endless! Go to www.niagaracommunityfoundation.org to get ideas for acts of kindness and to print off cards to give to people when acts of kindness are completed. We hope everyone will try to spread a little kindness on November 4!



THANK YOU!!!

We would like to thank all the students and family members who worked hard to support our Magazine and La-montagne Fundraisers. They were a great success! Throughout the year we will be continuing to fundraise. We plan to use a portion of our funds to purchase technology resources (ie. SMART boards) as well as to subsidize activities within the school. We thank you for your ongoing support!

DSBN STUDENT FAMILIES IN NIAGARA FALLS

ARE INVITED TO PROVIDE A ONE-MONTH HOMESTAY

FOR AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

International students are participating in

The District School Board of Niagara's

KOREAN WORLD CLASSROOM PROGRAM

International students in participating schools in Niagara Falls

are in Grades 7 & 8

The homestay timeframe is Jan 11-Feb 7, 2012

PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION BEING HELD

Tuesday, November 8 @ 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

at Prince Philip Elementary School

3112 Dorchester Rd. N., Niagara Falls

****Please refer to the contact information below and refrain from calling Prince Philip School directly****

- open to families in Niagara Falls who ideally have a Grade 7 or 8 child themselves (other ages may be considered)

your child will build intercultural awareness and leadership skills as a host buddy

Registration for the information session is not required

****Please direct inquiries to:**

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ME TO WE CLUB

We are thrilled that our October Spirit Day was such a huge success with thanks to our wonderful community.

Our generous pyjama wearers donated 1 391 pounds of food to Project Share which was almost 1 000 pounds of food more than we collected last month.

Our November Spirit Day will be more directed as we prepare for the additional needs that accompany the holiday season.

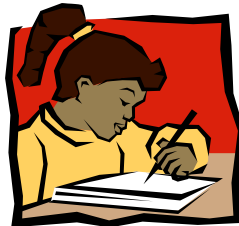
EQAO RESULTS

The following are the results of the EQAO testing completed last May. Our grade 4 and 7 students have received their individual results. The chart gives school results in reading, writing and mathematics. We will continue to implement teaching strategies to support student achievement.

Overall Gr. 3 and 6 Results

Percentage at levels 3 or 4

Subject	R e a d i n g		
	Writing	Math	
Grade 3	68%		
66%	58%		
Grade 6	71%	55%	42%



NUTRITIONAL BREAKS

Please ensure that students bring their lunch and snacks in the morning. On the odd occasion that it must be delivered to school, please make sure your child is aware that it's coming, and that your child knows to pick it up at the office. Print your child's name clearly on the lunch bag.

BEAT THE FLU! -GET YOUR SHOT!

Niagara Region Public Health Department is holding flu shot clinics throughout Niagara. Go to http://www.regional.niagara.on.ca/living/health_wellness/disease-prevent/pdf/Flu2006.pdf for a complete listing of dates and locations. Or, contact your family doctor, or go to a nearby walk-in clinic.



ARE YOUR CHILDREN GETTING ENOUGH SLEEP?

The following are some tips for establishing a healthy sleep routine and ensuring your child gets enough sleep:

- Set a regular bedtime for children and stick to it.
- Establish a relaxing pre-bedtime routine with your child, such as reading or a warm bath.
- Take as many distractions (TV, computer, etc.) out of the bedroom as possible.
- Avoid giving the child foods or beverages containing caffeine less than six hours before bedtime.
- Make the bedroom as conducive to sleep as possible—the temperature should be comfortable, the noise level low, and the room dark.

NEWSLETTER DRAW

YES, I/WE HAVE READ THE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER.

PLEASE ENTER OUR NAME(S) IN THE NEWSLETTER DRAW.

Student's Name / Family Name

Parent Signature

