



Important Dates: [DSBN - Days of Significance](#)

August 30 - Families Notified of Class Placement

September 3 - First Day of School

Staff Updates - Goodbyes and Welcomes

The end of the school year is often a time for us to say “Goodbye” to some of our staff as they are moving to schools throughout the DSBN to share their expertise, caring, and compassion with a new group of students. We would like to wish Mr. Snow, Mrs. Collins, Ms. Strayer, and Mrs. Darch all the best as they move to their new schools and experiences next year. We would like to wish Mrs. Child and Ms. Priest all the best in retirement.

We would like to welcome Lindsay Bell, Ashley Soltesz, and Mirndia Nagy to our Orchard Park family. We are excited to have you join our amazing OP team!

Please see the link on the “tentative June Organization” as numbers often change over the summer which could have an impact on our school organization.

[2024-25 Tentative School Organization](#)

School Council Thank You

Thank you to all parents who supported your parent council this school year.

Thanks to your support, we could buy playground equipment, financially support school trips, the school production of Narnia, and more.

Special thanks to parent council members whose children are graduating this year including Donna Lostracco, and Jeff Van Dyke, and a special thanks to Jillian Pilkinton for her 12 years serving on Council.

Hoping you all have a great summer and a reminder we are looking for parent volunteers for next year.

School Council Committee

A few reminders...

Office Hours

The Orchard Park office will close Friday, July 5th at 3:00 pm and will reopen on Monday, August 26th at 9:00 am. Please contact us the last week of August to:

- Registering your child at our school
- Changing your address/Moving
- If you need transportation information, please visit nsts.ca.



Summer Reading Opportunity

Lexia Core5 and Power Up Reading, are fun computer-based programs that have helped millions of students. The activities support and build on classroom curriculum and focus on developing reading skills in six areas: phonological awareness, phonics, structural analysis, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.



Do you have access to the internet and a device (iPad or computer) this summer? Can you commit approximately 40 minutes per week? If you are interested in a Lexia account for your child over the summer please fill out the form linked by June 27, 2024. If you have any questions please contact your child's teacher! First come, first served!

SIGN UP HERE SUMMER READING LEXIA

Mental Health & Well-Being Summer Learning Programming

Online registration is now live! Students entering Grades 6-12 have the opportunity to learn evidence-based skills and strategies to manage stress and anxiety, based on a DBT skills social-emotional learning program for adolescents in schools. DSBN Youth Counsellors will lead groups online via MS Teams two times per week (M/W or T/Th) for one hour sessions, in the afternoons from July 3rd to August 15th. We have the capacity to offer up to 20 groups of 8 students each (groups for Grades 6/7/8, Grades 9/10, and Grades 11/12).

There are banners on your school websites to advertise these groups, and caregivers/students may register online at <https://mhwb-summer-programming.dsbni.org/>. Registration closes on June 28th.

For your planning purposes, see the link below for the DSBN School Year Calendar: [DSBN Elementary School Year Calendar](#)

2024-25 School Year

Just a few housekeeping items looking ahead to next year. If you know your family will be moving over the summer if you can let the office know that would be helpful as we continue planning for next year. Also, the past DSBN practice is for all schools to let families know of class placements on **August 30th** electronically via email. We are just finalizing staffing for next year. We will share our tentative class structure and staff structure by the end of the week next week.

School Property and Playground

If you notice any vandalism or damage to DSBN schools or properties and are looking to report it, please call Password Protection Services. The phone number is 1-800-561-3099. Thank you for your support in keeping our school and community safe and for your help in keeping our building safe for when our students return!

Have a great summer!
Orchard Park Staff