



The Dragon's Den



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From the Office

It's hard to believe that we are already heading into April! The month of March was a busy one with a number of exciting events taking place. Congratulations to our Chess team that had an excellent tournament with a number of top 10 finishes and a finalist who will be representing Diamond Trail in the Gr. 3 division. Before the break we celebrated a few months worth of Perfect Attendance winners. Junior and Intermediate students were treated to a pasta lunch (with dessert), live music from the band and some laughs while playing a number of games run by the Gr. 9 leaders from Eastdale. Primary students enjoyed a pizza lunch in the library with some other friends who worked hard to be at school every day!

April looks to be a busy month as well. A number of our Intermediate students leave for the second trip to the Tim Horton's Camp April 3rd to 6th! What an exciting opportunity. Our Gr. 6, 7 and 8 students have been invited to Eastdale for a basketball game against Eastdale teachers and the opportunity to watch Eastdale student play against the NRP.

During the month of April students will continue to work on their reading and writing skills. Students will be finishing up with Geometry and Spatial Sense and moving into Measurement, Number Sense, Patterning and Algebra!

A special thank you to School Council who purchased a laptop for use in every class in the school. The students and staff at Diamond Trail certainly are lucky to have our hard working and supportive council. Thank You!

At Diamond Trail We Believe...

We value a caring school climate that is committed to supporting our students academically, socially, emotionally, behaviourally and physically.

We believe that all students can and will succeed through high quality instruction attained by continually improving our practice and by collaborating as a team.

We are committed to building constructive relationships with the community and with families involving them in their child's learning.

Upcoming Dates:

April 3-6- Intermediate Students to Tim Horton's Camp
April 4, 11, 18, 25- Wednesday evenings- Tech Program at Eastdale
April 20- Gr. 6,7 and 8 students to Eastdale for Basketball
May 3- School Track and Field
May 4- Silver Birch Literacy Conference
May 18- PD Day



To join the Diamond Trail Office REMIND simply text **join@fgg7gh** to the following phone number: 289-274-4632. This is a great way to get information out quickly regarding snow closures and upcoming events!



Dreambox is an engaging, educational, and interactive math learning site that acts like a teacher! You can access Dreambox by either downloading the Dreambox app or by visiting the DTR homepage (<http://diamondtrail.dsbns.org>) and clicking on the Dreambox link on the left side of our homepage. Each lesson takes about 20 minutes. Want to know more about how Dreambox can help support your child's learning? Visit <http://www.dreambox.com/canada>



Dragons Den Assembly

The character trait for March was integrity. Integrity is the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.

This Month's Assembly:

We have our Dragon's Den Assembly to acknowledge our students who show Integrity. Our Dragon's Den Assembly will take place Friday, April 6th at 11:35 am for grades K to 6. Please note our Grade 7/8 students will be away at camp and will be recognized at the next Dragon's Den Assembly in May.

The character Trait for April is **Co-operation**. Co-operation is the process of working together to meet the same goal.



From the Library:

The Diamond Trail Branch library is open Monday-Thursday from 3:30pm-8pm and on Saturday from 11am-3pm. Use your library card and return items at any of our three branches. We also offer programs for children and adults.

Come check out the fun that awaits you at the library!

Children's Programs @ DT

Words and Wags with Therapy Tails – Tuesdays; April 3 - June 26 @ 4:00-5:00pm

Want to practice your reading but feel nervous in front of people? Our furry friends from Therapy Tails Ontario are always happy to listen to a story. Drop-in. No registration required.

Adult Programs @ DT

Technology/Digital Media Help – April 11 @ 5:30-8:00pm

Book a 30-minute session between 5:30pm and 8:00 pm to learn how to download eBooks from the library and some basic iPad or Android skills. Please call Jason Redshaw (Coordinator of Adult Services) at 905-734-6210 ext. 2503 or email jredshaw@wellandlibrary.ca to book your appointment.

Navigating Relationships – April 30 @ 6:00 pm-7:30 pm

Presented by The John Howard Society of Niagara

- Focus is on all forms of relationships (family, intimate, friendship and work)
- Healthy vs. unhealthy relationships
- Communication and coping mechanisms
- Creating and maintaining healthy relations

Other Program Highlights

Ukrainian Egg Painting – April 6 - 6:00pm @ Seaway Mall | April 7 - 2:00pm @ Main Branch

Ukrainian Orthodox Easter is just around the corner! Work in pairs to dye and decorate eggs with traditional Ukrainian folk designs. All tools and supplies will be provided. Just bring some enthusiasm and a partner of your choice. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver.

Family History – It's in you to discover – April 14 - 1:00pm @ Seaway Mall

Learn more about who you are with free access to Ancestry and other resources. Talk to experienced Family Researchers and members of the Niagara Peninsula Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society to learn more about you, your DNA, and your family history. This is a walk-in program where volunteers from OGS assist.

Star Wars Celebration (6+ years) – May 4 - 4:00pm @ Main Branch

May the Force be with you. Celebrate Star Wars Day at this after-school party. There will be crafts, activities, a Star Wars book display, and more!
Registration is now open for April-June programs!



Kinder Open House

Kindergarten Open House took place throughout the day on February 1st. Our kindergarten team was excited to meet all of our new students who will start Junior Kindergarten in September. If you know of a student who will be eligible to start school in September (4 years of age by December 31, 2018) please contact the office.



Intermediate Basketball

Our boys and girls had a very successful season! Thank you to all the team members for your efforts and commitment. Our girls team made it to Tier 2 and were a finalist in DSBN Championship Tournament. Thanks to our coaches, Ms. Eccles, Mr. Bylsma, and Mr. Eckhardt for coaching these teams!

Intermediate Girls

Ciara, Mckenna, Jaylin, Taia, Bri, Morgan, Randi, Jordan, Alyssa, Sara and Clarice.

Intermediate Boys

Elijah, Aiden, Bryce, Xiemen, Aiden, Nathan, Will, David, Rylee, Brayden, Seth Ivan and Jonathan.



Pink Shirt Day

On February 28th, Diamond Trail celebrated Pink Shirt Day. Our students were involved in creating banners, making bracelets, colouring, and learning about ways that they can choose to be kind to one another.

Powerhouse

by: Elizabeth H., Grade 6

Powerhouse is a program that is offered to some of the students at Diamond Trail who may be a young caregiver to a member of their family such as a parent, sibling, or grandparent. The program has run every Thursday since the fall and will wrap this week. It offers students the chance to talk, play games, colour, and learn how to reduce stress. Thank you to all the Powerhouse staff for showing us how to be young caregivers and have fun while doing it!

Eastdale After School Tech Program

Available to our Grade 6,7,8 Students

Beginning Wednesday, March 28th from 4:00 pm until 5:30 pm and running until Wednesday May 16th, students in Grades 6, 7, and 8 will have the opportunity to explore some technology applications and activities under the supervision of Eastdale staff and Senior students.

Vaping Information Night

All Parents Invited!

Vaping among youth is an emerging issue in Niagara. Recent data shows that 25% of high school students in Niagara are vaping. The majority of youth also reported that there is no risk to vaping, even though many products contain nicotine which is highly addictive.

Come to our session to learn more about:

- The latest products on the market
- The laws and perspective from a Tobacco Control Officer
- Practical tools and resources for parents

Date: Thursday April 19, 2018

Time: 5:30-7:30 pm

Location: Niagara Region Public Health, 1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way Thorold - Room CE 102

To register please contact: roberta.santin@niagararegion.ca

Perfect Attendance Luncheon

On Wednesday, March 7th our Perfect Attendance Winners from November, December, January and February were treated to an extra special lunch! Eastdale catered a hot pasta lunch for the 40 students who attended. During lunch we listened to live music from the Eastdale band. Afterwards, the Grade 9 Leadership Team, organized some games for all the students. Before leaving, Eastdale shared a small gift for all students who attended! What a great afternoon- thanks Eastdale!

On Friday, March 9th our Kindergarten and Primary students celebrated with a pizza lunch! Congrats to all our students with perfect attendance from November, December, January and February.

