



The Dragon's Den



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From the Office

November was a busy month with many celebrations and special events! In math students have been learning about Geometry and Measurement and are moving into Number Sense and Patterning and Algebra. Our Grade 7/8 class placed first in Canada for number of lessons completed and have earned a gift card and some Dreambox swag! Congratulations!!!

We are looking forward to a number of special days in December including Crazy Hair Day, Dragons Den Assemblies, Hour of Code, Ugly Sweater Day, Joy Day, Little Mermaid, the Primary Concert, a food drive, the Christmas Shoppe, the Remind Contest popcorn party and more!

In January we will host the DSBN Academy Open House on January 16th at 6:00pm. If you have any questions or want more information please come by!

The staff and students wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season! Our last day of school before the break is December 22nd. We look forward to welcoming everyone back January 8th!

At Diamond Trail We Believe...

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

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.

Important Reminders

- There will be no hot lunch the last week of school in December
- We will have our Food Drive Dec.18-22. All donations to the Hope Centre
- We will have our Hat and Mitten Tree set up for the last week in December
- Christmas Shoppe is open Dec. 11-15th. Wrapped gifts will be sent home the following week

To join the Diamond Trail Office REMIND simply text **join @fgg7gh** to the following phone number:

289-274-4632.





Our Visit to the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum

By Mr. Bylsma's Class

On November 15, 2017, the SSP class went to the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum in Hamilton. We were able to see a lot of older planes and had a super time learning about each one. Here are the students reactions to the day! Owen liked the Vampire plane the best because it's small, cool looking like a jet and still dangerous. Owen thought it was used in WW II. Savannah liked the sword in the case by itself because she likes swords! Jordan liked the plane that was used in the cartoon Planes (Dusty). Chaim really liked the airplanes! Especially the Lancaster Bomber with the gun turrets! Ben enjoyed all the planes. In particular he loved the Spitfire which was a fighter plane in WW2. It had guns and was a fast, good plane for Canada.

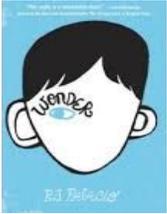
Bake Sale helps to fund a visit from Eric Walters

On Monday, November 20th, the grade 5/6, 6, and both 7/8 classes had the pleasure of hearing award winning Canadian author, Eric Walters speak. He spoke about his life as an author, the writing process, and how his books came to life. This was made possible thanks to support from our wonderful School Council and a bake sale organized by our Learning Resource Teacher, Mrs. Beckett. The sale raised over \$350! Thanks to all that made this event possible!



Dreambox Challenge Winner Grade 7/8 Class Ms. Bridgeman and Ms. Eccles- Congratulations!

November proved to be a thrilling month for the 7/8 students in Miss Eccles/Mrs. Bridgeman's class. The class took on a Canada wide Dreambox challenge competing head to head with classrooms all over the country. The competition was steep but with determination and a lot of hard work, they reigned victorious. Completing over 1800 Dreambox lessons in only three weeks they gained invaluable knowledge and new math skills. Along with bragging rights, the class will also receive a Dreambox sponsored party! Way to go class!



Visit to Wonder Movie Grade 4, 5, and 6 Classes

By: Shaylin F.

On Friday, we went to see the movie, Wonder. Every class in the junior grades at Diamond Trail have already read the book so we were all really excited! We went on the school bus to the Seaway Mall to the movie theater. We all lined up on the outside of the theater in the hallway and we worked our way into the theatre where we got our popcorn and drink. We went into the theatre room, sat there for a little while in the comfortable seats, and waited for everyone to find a seat. Then the movie started. It was happy and sad because Auggie was picked on for being different. I learned from the movie and the book not to judge other kids and never bully someone for what they look like and to always CHOOSE KIND.

Grade 6's Visit to Zehr's

By: Allison T.

The Zehr's trip was awesome! We learned about the stars on food labels. Three stars are the best. If the food you're looking at has no stars, stay away, because no stars means it is not very healthy. We learned about all kinds of healthy foods like lobster and what kinds of cereals are healthier than Lucky Charms. Most of the class tried sunshine kiwi and pomegranates. This was a great trip!

REMIND CONTEST WINNER: Congratulations to our Grade 4 / 5 Class! Mrs. Serianni and Mr. Gaspich's class have won a movie and popcorn party!



Snow Safety at Diamond Trail

Winter is fast approaching and with a possibility of lots of the white stuff! While we encourage our students to get out there and have fun, we want to make sure everyone is playing safely and that no one gets hurt. Dangerous play with snow includes, throwing snowballs, kicking snow, and face washing with snow. Consequences for dangerous and unsafe play are as follows:

- 1st time a verbal warning;
- 2nd time warning with a note home;
- 3rd time: warning with a detention after school;
- 4th time: spending breaks at the office;
- 5th time formal at-home suspension.

Please review the importance of snow safety with your child to ensure that everyone has fun and no one gets hurt.

Is the DSBN Academy a Good Fit for your Child?



DSBN Academy is a Grade 6 to Grade 12 public school designed to support and empower students to be the first in their family to graduate from college or university.

Come learn more about the opportunities offered at DSBN Academy. All families are welcome! Please see below for the dates, times and locations.

Parent Information Sessions

January 15, 2018	Harriet Tubman, St. Catharines	6:30 - 7:30pm
January 16, 2018	Diamond Trail, Welland	6:30 - 7:30pm
January 18, 2018	Valley Way, Niagara Falls	6:30 - 7:30pm
January 23, 2018	Dewitt Carter, Port Colborne	6:30 - 7:30pm
January 25, 2018	Senator Gibson, Beamsville	6:30 - 7:30pm
January 30, 2018	Peace Bridge, Fort Erie	6:30 - 7:30pm
February 6, 2018	Open House at DSBN Academy	6:30 - 8:00pm

Admission Requirements

DSBN Academy recruits and enrolls students from all 12 municipalities within the Niagara Region. Eligible applicants must meet the following requirements, both at the time of application as well as at enrollment:

- Student must be entering Grades 6, 7 or 8 in September.
- Student would be the first in their family to graduate from a college or university program. If a sibling of the student has attended a postsecondary institution but the parent(s)/guardian(s) have not, the student is still considered a First Generation Student.
- Student must be achieving current grade level expectations or just below.
- Student has demonstrated the potential for achieving "good" or "excellent" learning skills, particularly initiative, independent work and responsibility.
- Student must be willing to attend a school location that may be out of his/her community.
- Student understands that there is a mandatory after-school program which includes enrichment opportunities and academic supports.
- Families must understand that it is a single track pathway beginning in grade 9 (Academic Level Only).
- Families understand that there is a parent engagement requirement of 15 hours each year.
- Applicants must submit a **completed** application to their current school by February 9, 2018.

Cup Stacking at DTR

by: Mrs. Gotfryd

Last year Diamond Trail received its first ever set of stacking cups to join the revolutionary world of sport stacking. This year, our school joined in the attempt to help break the Guinness World Record of number of people stacking cups around the world on one day. The record to beat was 622,809, and final numbers for Diamond Trail came in at 578,704 cups. We will definitely do our part next year to participate in trying to break that record. Thank you to all the staff and students who participated! A great time was had by all!

This Month's Assembly:

Dragon's Den Assembly will be held Monday, December 4, 2017 where we will be celebrating students who have shown COURAGE in the month of

November. **Kindergarten to Grade 3 at 11:30 a.m. and Grades 4 to 8 at 12:00 p.m.**

Character Traits for December and January

Empathy and Optimism

Empathy is the ability to understand and share the feelings of another.

Optimism is hopefulness and confidence about the future or the successful outcome of something. **We will have our final Dragon's Den Assembly for 2017 to acknowledge our students who show empathy on December 22nd.**

Kindergarten to Grade 3 at 9:30 a.m. and Grades 4 to 8 at 10:00 a.m.



Dreambox is an engaging, educational, and interactive math learning site that acts like a teacher! You can access Dreambox by 1. downloading the Dreambox app or 2. 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>

Boys Junior Volleyball

By: Ethan B.

We have had a very successful season. The first time we played, we lost against Gordon but we were close to tying it up. After that, we started to get better. Last week, we tied against Quaker. We have a few games left in the season with a tournament on December 6th. Thank you to our amazing coaches, Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Churchill. Team members are Brysson, Cole, Owen, Logan, Keagan, Colton, Michael, Logan, Ethan, Landon, Kyle and Jackson.

Girls Junior Volleyball

By: Elizabeth H.

We had a great season. Our first game was against Richmond School and we lost. As the season went on, we got better and better. During breaks we would practice with the boys which was a lot of fun because we got to try new drills. This past week we tied with Glynn A. Green! Thanks to our amazing coaches Mrs. Gotfryd, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Eccles. It has been a lot of fun! Team members are: Sydney, Natascha, Ashley, Allison, Paytence, Shylah, Collandra, Myla, Elizabeth (Izzy), Audrina, Raven, Kaelyn and Mary.

Girls Intermediate Volleyball

By: Mckenna C.

We had a great season! We won every game with the exception of one match during one game! Last week we made it to the DSBN Volleyball Tournament held at the Welland Fairgrounds. Our team played about 12 games. We had a lot of fun and learned a great deal from Mr. Bylsma as well as each other! The names of the team members are: Taia, Dakota, Jaylin, Morgan, Randi , Brianna, Jordan, Ciara and me McKenna!

Perfect Attendance Celebrations

By: Riley and Sam B.

Our celebration started when we arrived at Eastdale! It was great to see some familiar faces from Diamond Trail. We got to decorate melting snowman cookies in the kitchen with the Chefs and our buddies. It was neat to have a tour of the kitchen. They made us delicious BLT wraps- they were the best!!! Thank you to Eastdale Secondary School for a great time.

Primary Students had a lunchtime treat of Pizza and juice boxes to celebrate their perfect attendance! Can't wait to see who are winners are for December!

Helpful Hints about Head Lice

Anyone can get head lice. The best way to avoid the spread of lice is by avoiding head-to-head contact. Remind your children not to share combs, brushes, hats, scarves or anything used on the head.

Checking for lice

- Use a bright light (a magnifying glass may help)
- Part hair in small sections and look near the scalp
- Head lice are tiny grey/brown insects that live only on the scalp of humans. They crawl quickly but cannot fly or jump. Adult female lice glue eggs on the hair shaft close to the scalp.

If you find lice

- Check all the people that live in your house
- Treat all cases at the same time to stop the spread of lice
- Inform the school and/or daycare so classmates can be checked
- Tell anyone in close contact with your child (family members, friends, baby-sitters)

Important Reminders

- Wash hats, scarves, hairbrushes and combs used on the head.
- Wash pillowcases, towels and bed linens after the first and second treatment in very hot soapy water.
- Dry clean or place non-washable items in an airtight bag for 10 days to two weeks.
- Vacuum surfaces that have contact with heads (e.g. sofas, seats of cars).

Getting rid of lice

Treatment products are to be used only on those who have head lice, as they do not prevent lice. Talk to a health professional about products and methods available. Follow instructions carefully. The Wet Combing Method helps find and remove head lice by combing through hair soaked with conditioner, using a fine-toothed comb. For more information on Wet Combing Method or on lice visit: www.niagararegion.ca/health search lice or call the Parent Talk Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7555

A Reminder to Sign Up for School Cash Online

We know you have many different priorities competing for your attention each day. To respect those demands, we'd like to help you save both time and effort. We are pleased to be able to provide you with the opportunity to approve permission forms and pay for school items, such as field trips and school spirit wear, online. This year we are moving away from collecting monies at the Office and using only the "School Cash Online".

It takes just five minutes to register for this service. You will be able access the service by visiting our school website and clicking on "School Cash Online." There, you'll find more information about the system, links to registration and support. You can use School Cash Online with confidence; it is a safe and secure portal. If you need help with this, please contact the Office and someone will help you out! If you need a computer to use please let us know- we will find one for you to use. Please sign up as soon as possible so you have access to field trip permission forms, hot lunch order forms and more!

Using School Cash Online, you may never have to search for spare change again! That is, unless you're looking for coffee money.

If you need any help please let us know at the Office!



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR
KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE
DURING YOUR VISIT YOU WILL:

- See a Kindergarten classroom
- Meet the Kindergarten Team
- Register for school
- Get a fun goodie bag with learning resources

KINDERGARTEN KICKSTART
Thursday, February 1, 2018

The poster features a blue background with white and pink text. At the bottom, there are illustrations of three children (two girls and one boy) standing around a stack of pink blocks. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical manner, with the main title in large, bold letters and the activities listed in colorful speech bubbles.