



The Dragon's Den



<p>Amy Morocco Principal 905-734-3208</p>	<p>Kristin Theriault Vice-Principal 905-734-3208</p>	<p>Kelly Pisek Superintendent 905-641-1550</p>	<p>Sue Barnett Trustee 905-734-7110</p>
---	--	--	---

From the Office

Dear Diamond Trail Community,

January has passed in a flash as we all settle back into our routines and work towards achieving our goals for the new year!

Students have had a busy month of learning. Students have been working on Data Management and Probability and will be focussing on Number Sense and Numeration and Patterning and Algebra. Remember the importance of practicing Dreambox to deepen and expand your child(ren)'s understanding.

We look forward to an exciting month with some special days: Kindergarten Open House; Red and White day to celebrate the kick off to the Olympics; Cookie Grams and a Dance-a-thon; Grad photos for our Grade 8 students and our Pink Shirt Day! Please see the calendar for all our special events coming up in February. Don't forget Report Cards go home on February 9th.

We hope you had a good start to 2018 and look forward to continued partnerships between home and school.

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.



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!



Valentine's Day Dance-A-Thon

On February 14th we will be having a dance-a-thon fundraiser. All monies raised from our dance-a-thon will help purchase learning materials, such as new technology, gym equipment and math tools!



Taco Lunch on **Valentine's Day!** All forms due Friday, February 9th at the office.

Cookie and Sucker-Grams For Sale!

In honour of Valentine's Day, we will be selling Sucker and Cookie-Grams from Monday, February 5th until Friday February 9th. Suckers are 50 cents each and cookies are 2.00 each. This is a project that the Intermediate students are working on as their "homework" for the Tim Hortons Camp they are attending.



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

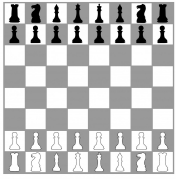
homepage (<http://diamondtrail.dsbns.org>) and clicking on the Dreambox link on the left side of our homepage. Each lesson takes about 20 minutes. Want to know more about how Dreambox can help support your child's learning? Visit <http://www.dreambox.com/canada>

Cell Phone Policy at Diamond Trail School

At Diamond Trail, we recognize the fact that many of our student bring cellphones to school, and also that parents may prefer that their children have phones with them on the way to and from school, for safety reasons. We certainly support anything that contributes to the safety and well being of our students.

1. Students may bring cell phones to school. It is very important to get a lock for your locker to ensure you can safely store your phone.
2. The primary purpose of a cell phone for students is in the case of emergencies while traveling to and from school.
3. If a student needs to use the phone they may get permission to use the phone at the office.
4. Students may use cell phones during instructional times at the discretion of the teacher for in class purposes such as research. Cell phones are not to be out during Nutrition and Fitness Breaks.
5. Students caught using their cell phones at inappropriate times will be asked to hand over their cell phones until the end of the school day, with progressive discipline.

We would like to thank the Intermediate students for their feedback in updating our cell phone policy at Diamond Trail.



Chess Club every Tuesday and Thursday in the Library from Grades 4-8 starting at 1:10pm. All are welcome to attend!

Character Traits for January and February

Optimism, Perseverance and Growth Mindset

Optimism is hopefulness and confidence about the future or the successful outcome of something.

Perseverance is doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.

Growth Mindset is a person's belief that their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work.

We have our Dragon's Den Assembly to acknowledge our students who show optimism.

This Month's Assembly:

January's Dragon's Den Assembly will be held Tuesday, February 7th where we will be celebrating students who have shown Optimism in the month of January. Grade 4 to 8 will be at 9:30am and Kindergarten and Primary will begin at approximately 10:00 am.

Childhood Vaccinations

It is the responsibility of parents to report their child's vaccinations to Niagara Region Public Health. This can be done by calling the NRPH at 905-688-8248 ext. 7425 Mon.-Fri. from 8:30am-4:30pm. If NRPH does not have your child's updated records or an updated exemption letter, they do have the right to suspend your child from school.

Parking Lot

We all agree that student safety is amongst our highest priorities when your child(ren) are attending school. We have had a number of "close calls" and we are trying to be proactive! Please park in assigned spaces and stay clear of the bus lanes. The parking lot is busy, especially after school, and your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Family Day Weekend

There will be a PD Day Friday, February 16th and Family Day the following Monday, February 19th. Wishing our DTR Families a wonderful Family Day Weekend!



Inclément Weather

There may be times during the school year there inclement weather or other situations could cause transportation of school closures.

Should you decide not to send your child to school in the event that transportation is cancelled but schools remain open, or if your child is ill or late, please call the school to inform us of the absence. Information regarding school closures and transportation issues is available at:

k k k "XgVb"cf[Æ

k k k "bgj"VUÆ

8G6B : UWYVcc_ 'cf'K]HY fÆ

5 ""cWU`fUX]c`gUh]cbgUbX`7 <7 <`HY`Yj]g]cbÆ

Æ



From the Welland Public 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!

March Break Programs @ DTR

DIY: Wii Sports – March 10 @ 11:00 am-3:00 pm

Test your abilities in the Wii Sport of your choice.

DIY: Terrarium Time – March 10 @ 11:00 am-3:00 pm

Build a terrarium for your creature to live in. All creatures supplied!

Blender Bikes – Monday, March 12 @ 3:45 pm

Pedal a stationary bike that powers a blender, and enjoy the fruits of your labour with a smoothie you've made yourself. No registration required. While supplies last. Made possible by a generous donation from The Kiwanis Club of Welland.

SpherOlympics – Tuesday, March 13 @ 3:45 pm

The Olympics may be over, but not for Sphero. Test Sphero's abilities as you guide it through an obstacle course and other challenges.

