



The Dragon's Den



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From the Office

October was a great month of learning and celebrating! Students have been learning about patterning, geometry and spatial sense, Dreambox and developing reading and writing skills and so much more. We have also celebrated litterless lunches, perfect attendance and the character trait of Responsibility. Nine students from our Junior and Intermediate classes visited Eastdale when their name was drawn for perfect attendance. Students were given a tour of the kitchen, music room and the gym. We were treated to a special lunch and played volleyball with some Gr. 9 students who were there to welcome us. Ten Kindergarten and Primary students had a pizza luncheon at the school. Both were great ways to celebrate their attendance at school. students have been busy with Volleyball, Cup Stacking Club, Library Club, the Eco-Club and more!

November will be an exciting month with more learning, special events and celebrations. Please join us at our upcoming Dragon's Den Assemblies on November 3rd. We have an author visit planned, an Intermediate Tim Horton's Camp adventure, Taste of Eastdale, a Remembrance Day Assembly and Random Acts of Kindness Day!

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

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.



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Just a Reminder


There will be no school for students Friday, November 17th. It is a Professional Development day.

Treaty Recognition Week at DSBN 2017

Ontario has designated November 5-11 as Treaties Recognition Week with the goal of promoting education and awareness about treaties and treaty relationships. DSBN joins with others school boards across Ontario in encouraging schools to support learning about treaties as an important aspect of our province's history.

For more information on treaties, go to <https://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties>.

News from Eastdale



GRADE 8'S
Begin Your Adventure at a DSBN...
HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
NOVEMBER 27-30, 2017

Eastdale Secondary School
November 30, 2017
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
<http://eastdale.dsbno.org>

DSBN DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA
dsbn.org/highschoolopenhouses
HIGH SCHOOL IN ACTION

Grade 8 Students and Parents: Save the Date!
Starting high school is a huge step in a student's life.

While it's definitely an exciting time, it also brings with it many questions, such as "What's life in high school really like? What programs and options are available to help me achieve my goals?"

A great way to have your questions answered is to attend an open house. Grade 8 students and their families are invited to attend High School Open Houses from November 30.

Details about open houses will be shared with families soon.

Eastdale Secondary: November 30 – 6:00 p.m.

Annual Kountry Kraft Show

See You There!

Nov. 11th & 12th

**Eastdale Secondary School
170 Wellington St, Welland**

**Free Door Prize Draw
Free Coffee & Goodies**



Around the School

It has been one busy month and the Diamond Trail Dragons have been involved in a number of activities.

- Cross Country
- Powerhouse Presentation
- Crazy Hat Day
- Perfect Attendance Celebrations
- Dreambox
- Wear Purple for Child Abuse Prevention
- Mad Science
- Halloween



Cross Country

By: Olivia Grade 4 Student

Earlier this year, some students from Diamond Trail took part in a CC meet held at a Conservation Area nearby. We ran about 5 km throughout the conservation area where there were lots of trees and tall grasses. It reminded me of a corn maze except there was no maze! We went twice to the conservation area and ran each time. We brought our lunch pails, had extra snacks, and ate on blankets. It was just like a picnic. We also drank lots of water because it was so hot! Overall, it was a fun couple of days!



Mad Science

By: Chloe Grade 3 Student

In Mad Science, we do electrical experiments and some magic tricks. I like the experiment where we attach alligator clips to a battery and a lightbulb and the wires help the lightbulb to light up. The Mad Science Teacher is named *Mola Mola*. She is funny and she brings other teachers to help sometimes. She also gives us special toys from Mad Science that we get to bring home. She gave us an operation maze; we also got a paper airplane and a magic box. The club takes place every Monday during second nutrition break and recess.

Powerhouse Presentation

Powerhouse came to Diamond Trail to talk to our Gr. 5, 6 and 7 students. Students talked about what a Young Carer is and about the school program being offered here during the day. Some students will be bringing home a permission form to participate in the program where students have the opportunity to learn about nutrition and healthy eating, chances to talk about what being a young carer is all about and more. This is truly an exciting and unique opportunity for some students here at Diamond Trail.

Crazy Hat Day

Friday, October 27th was Crazy Hat Day at DTR! Many students and staff sported their craziest hat creations. Special mention goes to Neveah in Grade

4 /5 for wearing a really awesome unicorn hat and Mr. Rumsby for truly authentic looking cow hat!

Dreambox

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>.



Remind Contest

During the month of November, we will be offering your child the chance to win a movie and popcorn party for his/her class in December. **Remind** is a great way to find out about upcoming events at the school.

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Wear Purple for Child Abuse Prevention Month

On October 24th, many of our students and staff wore purple in support of child abuse prevention. Thank you to all of those who participated in supporting this important cause. A time to show kids that you see them; that you know they deserve to live and play in a safe community; that they don't need to hide or feel ashamed and to remind them that you are there to look out for their safety when they need help.

Perfect Attendance Celebrations

On Thursday, October 26th some lucky Junior and Intermediate students celebrated their perfect attendance. First, we went on a tour of the kitchen. Then we went to eat- Eastdale makes great potato wedges- they were my favourite! Next we visited the music room. The best part about our visit to Eastdale was playing volleyball against the big kids! We WON!!!! Thank you Eastdale for having us visit and to the Grade 9 students who helped us. **Thank you Taylor (Gr. 4) for helping to write this for our newsletter.**

Kindergarten and Primary students celebrated with a Pizza luncheon in the Conference Room on Friday, October 27th. Students were very excited and enjoyed the time together to celebrate!

For your chance to visit Eastdale you need to come to school every day for a month and you will have a chance to have your name drawn!

Breakfast Club and Nutrition Club

Our Nutrition and Breakfast Program will be offered to students at Diamond Trail Public School. Breakfast Club begins at 8:40 and healthy breakfast items are served. Our nutrition program is held daily during our first nutrition break. Students are provided with healthy snacks. These snacks are available for all students; however students can always bring their own 'nut free' snacks. The snacks provided are from 3 food groups usually consisting of a grain, fruit/vegetable and dairy.

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!



Unattended Children at the Library

At Diamond Trail, we are excited to see so many of our students make use of our on-site library each day. It is important to note that many of our students who are spending an extended period of time at the library should be in the care of an adult.

The Welland Public Library's policy is as follows: **"The responsibility for the safety and behaviour of children in the library rests with the parent/guardian or caregiver and not with library personnel."**

Please visit wellandlibrary.ca/wp-content/uploads/2009/12/Unattended-Children.pdf to learn more.