



The Dragon's Den



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From the Office

What a great start to the year! Thank you to everyone who joined us for our annual Open House Community BBQ. It was a great success. Families enjoyed opportunities to do some dry curling, make slime, introduce new teachers and staff, visit with friends, go to the Book Fair and much, much more! A special thank you to Fresh Co. and Green Acres Restaurant for providing us with everything for our BBQ.

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.

Diamond Trail uses the Remind App!

If you are interested in getting school wide reminders, celebrations and updates please sign up!!!



Simply Text: 289-274-4632
code: join fgg7gh

Just a Reminder

There will be no school for students Friday, October 6th. It is a Professional Development day.

Don't forget there is no school on Monday **October 9th** for Thanksgiving.

Remember if your child/ren is going away to let us know! Please call 1-866-606-5567 to report your child's absence. We appreciate your cooperation in letting the school know.

Around the School

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

- Mad Science Assembly
- Book Fair
- Intermediate Team Building at Walker Living Campus
- Terry Fox Run
- Cross Country Meet #1
- School Council Meeting
- Intermediate Girls Soccer Tournament
- Junior Co-ed Soccer Tournament
- Lockdown and Fire Drills
- Orange Shirt Day
- Makers in Art - Gr. 6 students

Mad Science

The Primary and Junior students had a Mad Science Assembly. Opportunities to participate in weekly Mad Science experiments is available. Information was sent home earlier this month. Sessions start soon!

Book Fair

Congratulations to a very successful Book Fair! Thank you to everyone supported the Book Fair- it gives us a chance to get new books for our library and classrooms which directly supports our students.

Intermediate Team Building

Both our Gr. 7/8 classes participated in an all day Team Building event at the Walker Living Campus. Students had the opportunity to participate in Low Ropes Activities and hike in the woods!

Terry Fox Run

Our students participated in a Terry Fox run. Although it was toasty students challenged themselves to complete laps around the field here at the school. Thank you for your donations. Your generosity raised the highest total yet at Diamond Trail. We are proud to donate \$558.75 to the Terry Fox Foundation. Go Dragons!!!

Cross Country

A number of our students participated in the first cross-country meet of the year. Students pushed themselves to do their best and challenge their personal best. Good luck to the team as they participate in the upcoming meet.

Intermediate Girls Soccer Tournament

Congrats, to the Intermediate soccer team who represented DTR well at their tournament. The girls played seven sweaty games and placed 4th! Looking forward to another banner in the gym!

Junior Co-Ed Soccer Tournament

Our Junior Co-ed Soccer team had a fun filled day at their tournament. They were happy for some cooler weather. Congrats to the team for their hard work, dedication and hard work in working together.

School Council Meeting

We had our first school council meeting on Tuesday night. It was great to see some familiar faces and some new ones! We hope a few more parents join the council on Tuesday, October 24th. If you are interested, please meet us in the Library Conference Room at 6:00pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Fire Drill and Lockdown Practice

Students did a great job when we practiced our fire drill this month. We always work on exiting the building in a safe and quick manner. We practiced our first Lockdown drill this month. Students did a great job! We will have at least 2 more fire drills before the end of October and one more Lockdown practice.

Orange Shirt Day

Thank you to everyone who participated in Orange Shirt Day. It is a great way to show that Every Child Matters!

Makers in Art

Our Gr. 6 students had the opportunity to participate Drawn to Life. Students had the opportunity of bringing their drawings to life with support from cartoonist and artist educator, Mike Cope. This hands-on activity introduces students to animation, develop creativity and drawing skills. What a great day!!!

Information from the Diamond Trail Library

The Diamond Trail Branch library is open Monday-Thursday from 3:30pm-8pm and on Saturday from 11am-3pm. You can use your library card and return items at the Diamond Trail Branch, Seaway Mall Branch and Main Branch. We also offer weekly programs for children and adults. Come check out the fun that awaits you at the library!

Weekly Children's Programs

XBox Mondays @ 4:00 pm

(*no program on Monday, Oct 9)

Craft Attack: Wednesdays @ 4:00 pm

Come by every Wednesday for a surprise DIY craft. Create and take home! Free program.

Movie Thursdays @ 4pm

Bring your friends and make Thursday after school a 'movie night.' Free popcorn!

Toys & Games @ your library

Thanks to the Niagara Community Foundation, the Welland Public Library now offers a variety of games and toys for young people to explore while visiting the library. Games and toys include: Magformers, Squigz, Box & Balls, Prime Club Board Game, Guess Who? Game, Jenga, Kano Computer Kit, Arx 2.0. Please see staff for details.

Breakfast Club and Nutrition Club

Our Nutrition Program and Breakfast Program will be offered to students at Diamond Trail Public School once again this year. 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.

Hot Lunch Days

Our special lunch days (pizza, sub days etc) will begin in October. Lunches will be offered every Wednesday unless told otherwise. An order form will be sent home later in September. It will be important to sign up for School Cash Online (please see below).

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 fieldtrips 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!](#)



In next month's newsletter look for articles written and submitted by Diamond Trail Students! You will find articles about trips,

special events and more written by students around the school. We are excited to see our students voice in print.



Free Money for Your Child's Future!

What is the Canada Learning Bond (CLB)?

The Canada Learning Bond (CLB) is a government program that gives **\$500** in education money to **children born on or after January 1, 2004** whose families receive the **Canada Child Benefit Supplement** (family net income of **\$45,916** or less or more based on number of children).

Sound good? Keep reading...

- The Government will add **\$100 more every year** the child is eligible, up to age 15.
- **Each child could get up to \$2000 (plus interest) in RESP contributions!**
- **NO family contribution is required**
- The Canada Learning Bond is retroactive for children born 2004 or after

Great! Here is How You Get Started:

Go to: StartMyRESP.ca/EFNiagara

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 27-30. Eastdale's Open House will be November 30th starting at 6:00pm.

Details about open houses will be shared with parents/guardians mid-October.

