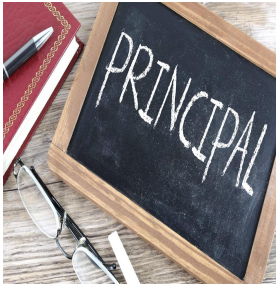




The Dragon's Den



DECEMBER 2022 EDITION



From The Office

And just like that we have entered the month of December, the time for many of us to look to the holiday season. Whether you are celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa or another special event this holiday season, the staff of Diamond Trail wishes you a safe and joyous time with your family. This time of year is always a busy one for people as they prepare for ways to create wonderful memories. The same holds true for us here at school, as we have a busy month ahead of us.

We would like to say thank you to all of the parents/guardians who spoke by phone or in person for guardian/teacher conferences. Ongoing communication is important to the success of our children. We believe that guardians and teachers, working together, can achieve great things for our children. We are very proud of our students' efforts and are committed to working together for even greater success moving forward.

Wishing all of our families a happy holiday season,

Mr. B. Mayhew
Principal

Mrs. M. Verwey
Vice Principal

Students of the Month - November

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized as Students of the Month for November:



K1: Oliver R., Emilia G.
K2: Ivy T., Owen S.
K3: Charlotte T., Navi S.
1: Autumn W., Lily O.
1/2: Brooklyn H., Piper R.
2: Chelsea G., Taylor D.
2/3: Avery, Haider
3-1: Myka P., Amy W.
3-2: Kaius B., Lily J.
FSP: Carter C.
Jr. FSL: Jayli H., Katrina H.

4-1: Kingsley K., Emily H.
4-2: Malik B., Anderson D.
5-1: Jeffrey S., Katrina H.
5-2: Payton D., Parker A.
6: Evangeline G., Nikita N.
6/7: Francis J., Kiva B.
7: Emily R., Ava R.
8-1: Oliver B., Payton B.
8-2: Anisha O., Eeshan A.
SSP: Alex B.
Int. FSL: Violet D.



French Immersion at the DSBN

At the DSBN, students who are interested in signing up for French Immersion begin the program at the start of Grade 1. Students in French Immersion take the same subjects as those in the English Grade 1 program. Children are introduced to the French language through repetition, gestures and songs. In the 21st century, our goal for language learning is authentic communication.

If your child is currently in SK and you would like to learn more about this program, an in-person information night has been scheduled at Princess Elizabeth School on Tuesday, December 6th at 5:30pm. Online registration will be open from January 9th to February 21st. For more information, please go to the DSBN website and click on the French Immersion tab.

Diamond Trail's Holiday Concert



Our holiday concert has been scheduled for Monday, December 19th. Unfortunately, this concert will only be open to students and staff members, due to the high level of viruses spreading in the community. We will be sharing a link with families that will contain all of the performances for you to enjoy at your leisure. We apologize for this inconvenience but want to ensure that you can enjoy the holidays with your families, free from any illnesses.

Inclement Weather



There are times in Niagara when weather conditions are so poor that we must cancel student transportation, and/or close schools to preserve the safety of students and staff.

The decision to cancel transportation and/or close schools is not taken lightly; a variety of factors are considered when making this choice. To learn more about how these decisions are made, please go to <https://www.dsbn.org/inclementweather>.

Transportation Cancellations: Information about transportation delays and cancellations are posted to <https://portal.nsts.ca/Cancellations.aspx>. When transportation is cancelled, information is shared before 6:00 am on the day of the cancellation. There are times when transportation is cancelled, but schools remain open. If, on those days you feel it is best for your child to stay home, please report your child's absence <https://dsbn.org/safearrival/> so we can make sure they are safe at home.

School Closures: When the decision to close schools is made, it refers to all schools: both in-person and virtual schools. School closure information is shared before 6:00 am on the day of the school closure. You will find it on dsbn.org, all school websites, DSBN social media, and local media share the news widely as well.

Follow us!



@DiamondTrailPS

Social Media at Diamond Trail

We are on social media...follow us on Twitter @DiamondTrailPS for important updates.



Picture Retakes at Diamond Trail

Our picture retakes have been rescheduled for Tuesday, December 13th. If you would like your child to have their photo taken again, please make sure they dress for the occasion on this day. Thank you for your patience as Edge Imaging works to complete their retakes at their schools.



Not Feeling Well? Stay Home...A Message from Niagara Public Health

If your child is feeling ill, it is important that they stay home from school to prevent infections from spreading and to keep others safe.

If your child is feeling sick, they should stay home until:

- they have no fever (without the use of fever reducing medication), AND
- their other symptoms are improving for 24 hours (or 48 hours if they have gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, diarrhea, or vomiting)

Niagara Public Health recommends that a child that has these symptoms (regardless of a Covid test result) wear a mask in public for 10 days from when their symptoms started.

Supporting Mental Wellness at Diamond Trail



Mental health and well-being is an important factor in student success. Parents should be aware that Pathstone walk-in clinics are open for either in person or video counselling sessions, free of charge. **You can schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-263-4944.**

REPORTING YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE

Whether it's an illness, a medical appointment or other important event, there are times when students may need to be away from school.

The District School Board of Niagara is introducing a new method for parents to report their child(ren)'s absences.

Using the Safe Arrival system, parents will be able to report daily absences, and even schedule absences in one of three ways:



Call toll-free before bell time:

1-866-606-5567



Logging on to the web portal by **clicking here**. Using this website, you can set up your account to report and schedule absences.

LOGIN



Using your smart phone or tablet. Simply download the SchoolMessenger app. The app is compatible with both Apple and Android devices.

IPHONE

ANDROID



FoodDrive

This December we are having a FoodDrive to support our community. Send in any items of:

- *Canned veggies
- *Canned meat
- *Port and Beans
- *Pasta Sauce
- *Baby supplies
- *Hygiene products
- *Boost or Ensure
- *Large Soups



Joy Day

On December 16th, 2022, we have Joy Day here at Diamond Trail. Leading up to the day, classes will be taking time to discuss,

“What brings you joy?”

Doors/windows will be decorated and a classroom joy day will be planned together. You can discuss this at home with your child about what brings you and your family joy!



Theme Days

December 19th	December 20th	Dec Dec.21st	December 22nd	December 23rd
Channel your Flannel	Toasty Tuesday	Winter Wonderland	Holiday Headgear	Polar Express
Wear anything flannel/plaid	Wear anything “toasty” Sweaters, turtlenecks/ fuzzy socks/fuzzy shirts	Wear anything white/blue	Wear your holiday hats/scarves/head bands	Wear PJs

Happy Holidays!

