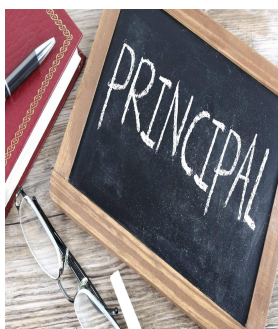




# The Dragon's Den



## JANUARY 2023 EDITION



### *From The Office*

Welcome back to our students! We hope that all of our families had a wonderful break, enjoying some special time with family and friends. As we return to school, the staff at Diamond Trail is excited about what the new calendar year will bring. Teachers will be spending this month, in part, collecting an assortment of student assessments as they work on Term 1 report cards, which will be sent home to families on February 16th. Please note that Friday, January 20th is a scheduled PD Day for all students, allowing teachers to finalize student reports shortly thereafter.

We look forward to the start of basketball season - first our intermediate teams, followed by our junior teams later in the month. Families who currently have children in SK should be aware of the opening of French Immersion registration early on in the month, and Grade 5 students will be receiving an information session on the DSNB Academy as well. Any families that have any questions about either of these DSNB programs are asked to contact the office for more information.

Wishing all of you a terrific month of January!

Mr. B. Mayhew  
Principal

Mrs. M. Verwey  
Vice Principal

### *Students of the Month - December*

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



K1 - Skylar, Brody  
K3 - Declan, Chloe  
Gr. 1/2 - Lexi, Kingston  
Gr. 2/3 - Scarlett, Hudson  
Gr. 3 - Lauryn, Danika  
Gr. 4 - Addie, Mattie  
Gr. 5 - Skylar, Navy  
Gr. 6/7 - Hargun, Jasmine  
Gr. 8 - Chloe, Tyrell  
FSP - Trey  
FSL - Isaac (Grade 6)

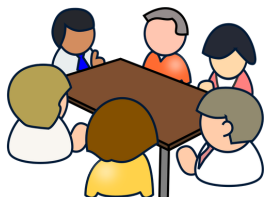
K2 - Maci, Clay  
Gr. 1 - Sukhleen, Jinsol  
Gr. 2 - Kayne, Mikayla  
Gr. 3 - Jesse, Jaxx  
Gr. 4 - Annalea, Bryce  
Gr. 5 - Aubrey, Sienna  
Gr. 6 - Faith, Sebastian  
Gr. 7 - Kelsy, Addy  
Gr. 8 - Elizabeth, D.C., Brody  
SSP - Avi

## *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.



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.



## *Parent Council Meeting*

Our next Parent Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 24th at 6:30pm. Parents are welcome to attend either in person or join us virtually. Please consider attending this event and have a say on future events at Diamond Trail. If interested, please contact the main office.

## *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.

## *Triple P Parenting Program Coming to Diamond Trail*



The Niagara Region is offering a free parenting program for caregivers in our library during the month of February. Working with a school health nurse, parents and guardians will work out what changes they would like to see in their child's behaviour. The program will run each Wednesday evening (Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 from 6pm-8pm).

To attend, you must register at: <https://www.niagararegion.ca/parents/courses/default.aspx>.



## YMCA Youth Action Program Resumes

On Wednesday, January 11th from 6pm until 8pm, and continuing each week, the YMCA Youth Action program will resume at Diamond Trail in the gym. This free program is open to all youth, ages 10-14 years old.

Be yourself, have fun, be active, get creative, hang out with old friends - all in a safe space.



## Calling All Future Dragons...Kindergarten Open House

Do you have a child who will be starting Junior Kindergarten in September? Then mark down February 2nd on your calendar as that is the day of DSBN's Kindergarten Open House. Families are welcome to come anytime between 10am and 6pm. On that day, parents and caregivers are welcome to bring their child to Diamond Trail to visit their future school, meet school staff and register for September.

More information will be shared with families as we get closer to this date.



## Social Media at Diamond Trail

Stay connected with what is happening throughout our school! We are on social media...follow us on Twitter @DiamondTrailPS for important updates.

# 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.

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