



The Dragon's Den



NOVEMBER 2023 EDITION



From The Office

When parents are engaged in their child's learning, the child will do better at school. With this in mind, November is an excellent time to reflect on how we are working together to support your child's learning.

All students will receive their Progress Report Card on Thursday, November 16th, marking the mid-way point for Term 1. Please take some time to review, with your child, their strengths and next steps that have been identified in the progress report. On the evening of November 22nd, you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress to date during the parent-teacher conferences. You will receive information on November 8th from your child's teacher on booking a conference time. If you have any concerns or questions at other times, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Please let the office or your child's teacher know if you require 2 copies of your child's report card.

Mr. B. Mayhew
Principal

Ms. C. Jonovich
Vice Principal



Supervision Reminders

Your child's safety is very important to us at Diamond Trail. To help us keep your child safe, we ask that you keep in mind the supervision schedule for students. Supervision for students begins at 8:40 a.m. Students should not be arriving before this time. When there is inclement weather, students will enter the school starting at 8:40 am.



Dressing for the Weather

As cooler weather approaches, please be aware that children are expected to dress appropriately for the weather conditions daily. Coats, hats, boots and mittens/gloves are soon going to be necessary for your child to enjoy the outdoor fitness breaks and gym classes. Students who are well enough to be at school are expected to be outside with their friends during fitness breaks as indoor supervision is not available during this time.



Important Information About 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.dsbni.org/inclementweather>.

Transportation Cancellations: Information about transportation delays and cancellations are posted to <https://portal.nsts.ca/Cancellations.aspx>. When transportation is cancelled, every effort is made to communicate the decision by 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. Every effort will be made to share school closure information before 6:00 am on the day of the school closure. You will find it on dsbn.org, all school websites, DSBNI social media, and local media share the news widely as well.



Progress Reports

On November 16, students in Kindergarten will bring home the Communication of Learning Initial Observations report. This provides parents/guardians with an overview of the initial observations of their child's learning and early evidence of growth in learning related to the overall expectations in the Kindergarten Program. It also provides information about appropriate next steps to further your child's learning. It serves as the basis for discussion with parents/guardians and as a support for parents'/guardians' ongoing participation in their child's learning.

Also, on November 16, parents of students in Grades 1-8 will receive their Elementary Progress Reports. Although it looks much like the Report Card, the Progress Report has a very different intent. The purpose is to share early and specific feedback on your child's development of work habits and the learning skills. Reporting on the Progress Report is about looking forward and setting a course for the learning journey ahead.

Based on the evidence that teachers see, as well as what teachers know about learning at this grade level, the report communicates the path your child is on towards achieving the grade level expectations by the end of the year. The Progress Report does not include letter grades or percentage marks for academic subjects; it instead identifies whether your child is progressing very well, well or with difficulty. For subjects in which your child is 'Progressing with Difficulty', the teacher will discuss specific next step plans needed for success. Progress reports are intended to be part of discussions, interviews, or conferences with students and are part of ongoing communication with parents and students about student achievement throughout the year.

We look forward to partnering with you and your child for a year of great learning and growth.



Lest We Forget.

Remembrance Day Assembly

On Friday, November 10, the students at Diamond Trail will participate in a Remembrance Day assembly and will recognize a moment of silence. We would like to take this opportunity to honour all the family and friends of our school community who have given of themselves to serve Canada. Students involved in Cadets or Scouting are invited to wear their uniforms.

Treaties Recognition Week

The province of Ontario has designated November 5-11, 2023 as Treaties Recognition Week to promote education and awareness about treaties and treaty relationships. DSNB joins with other school boards across Ontario in encouraging schools to support learning about treaties as an important aspect of our province's history. I encourage our families to take a few minutes to view the video "Voices from Here" with Rick Hill.

Students of the Month - October

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized as Students of the Month for September.



K1 - Aaliyah, Evan
K3 - Rayan, Amelia
Gr. 1 - Alex, Eleanor
Gr. 1/2 - Kaylee, Lydia
Gr. 3 - Taylor, Ma'Kayla
Gr. 3 - Ian, Ayla

K2 - Ivy, Charlotte
K4 - Talia, Jaxon
Gr. 1 - Lucy, Nikola
Gr. 2 - Marlee, Kyrah
Gr. 3 - Quinn, Malakai
Gr. 4 - Warisha, Lorena

Gr. 4/5 - Andre, Myka
Gr. 6 - Mary, Lexani
SSP - Alex
Gr. 7/8 - Izabella, Elijah

Gr. 5 - Mattie, Markus
Gr. 6 - Khalid, Ryder
Gr. 7/8 - Madyson, Rose
FSL - Ava, Bryce

Gr. 5 - Diamond, Keith
FSP - Charles
Gr. 7/8 - Ava, Niall

Way to go, Dragons!!! Keep up the great work.



Donation from Casa Dante

Thank you Casa Dante for your generous donation of \$750.00 to our Breakfast Program. This money will help purchase groceries towards this program that sees over 75 students each morning.



Poinsettia Fundraiser

Be sure to check out our Poinsettia Fundraiser happening now! Forms have gone home but if you did not receive one or require another form please let the office know. The beautiful Poinsettias will once again be supplied by Waldan Garden. Orders are due November 28th.

