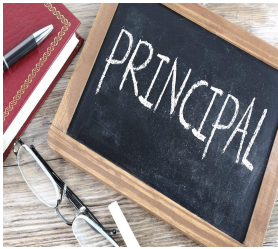




The Dragon's Den



OCTOBER 2023 EDITION



From The Office

Students have settled in and strong classroom communities are being developed across all grade levels. Classroom teachers are reviewing what's expected of students throughout the school: in the classroom, during recess and lunch and while on the bus.

Over the past couple of weeks, there have been a number of extra-curricular activities that have begun throughout the school. Coaches have been busy training students in Cross Country and Soccer, with Int. volleyball teams in the process of being selected. A special thank you to the staff members for organizing these events and for all of our students who put in lots of time and effort to be part of their respective team.

We were very excited to see a large number of parents at our first Parent Council meeting on September 26th. Meeting the fourth Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:30pm, we invite all parents to attend to have a say with upcoming events throughout the school. For more information, please contact the main office.

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, Ms. Jonovich and I wish our entire community a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. As always, feel free to reach out to us with any questions you may have.

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Mr. B. Mayhew
Principal

Ms. C. Jonovich
Vice Principal



Parent Council Update

We had a very well attended meeting on September 26th with about 20 parents attending either in person or virtually. At this meeting, two members were elected as Co-Chairs: Lauren Cotugno and Wahab Abiodun Olorunnimbe.

The Parent Council is excited to have a say in the decisions this year involving students and we look forward to our next meeting on November 28th at 6:30pm. New members are welcome to attend the meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mayhew or Ms. Jonovich at the school.



Students of the Month - September

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

K1 (Leahy/Buckley) - Morgan W., Aaliyah A.

K3 (Pingue/D'Orazio) - Holly O., Theo N.

1-1 (L. Davis) - Harlyn H., Austin M.

1/2 (Maiden) - Skylar B., Maverick C., Reuben P.

2-2 (Hart) - Toby M., Amna N.

3-2 (Brochu) - K'Vonte D., Carver M.

4-1 (Gibson) - Jaxx C., Tori T.

5-1 (Serianni) - Doyin B., Mica T.

6-1 (House) - Kahlan K., Daydrian M.

7/8-1 (Rumsby) - Kamari K., Kenny T.

7/8-3 (Murdoch/Collins) - Kiva B., Joey B.

SSP (Hughes) - Adam W.

K2 (Harris/Baker) - Elliott C., Killian G.

K4 (Reimer) - Elanora G., Cooper H.

1-2 (Hogg) - Matthew A., Nimrat R.

2-1 (O'Neill) - Leo G., Charlotte R.

3-1 (Barnes) - Adam A., Scarlett H.

3-3 (Moczerad) - Brooklynn H., Abdul S.

4/5 (Frail) - Madelyn C., Althea K., Parker T.

5-2 (Boni) - Dexter G., Marleigh S.

6-2 (Day) - Tyfanny H., Lucas P.

7/8-2 (Wilson) - Eve G., Emily R.

FSP (Beckett) - Preston C.

FSL (Chiocchio/Collins) - Aaron M., Markus S.

What a great start to the year for these students...congratulations on being tremendous role models for your classmates!

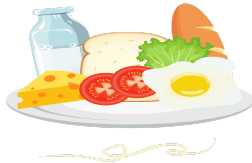
Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club

Breakfast club has started here at Diamond Trail.

New this year:

- ❖ Breakfast is served outside the office in the front foyer
- ❖ Food from the food groups will be provided each day (fruit/dairy/protein/grain)
- ❖ Doors open at **8:40am** and close at **8:55am**



Professional Development Day in October

Families are encouraged to mark Friday, October 6th off on their calendars, as this will be the first PD Day of the school year; therefore there will be no school for students. This will allow all staff members to participate in a variety of professional learning opportunities to enhance their academic programming to support all students.



Thanksgiving



On Monday, October 9th, there will be no school for staff or students, so we can celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. We have a lot to be thankful for, so I hope everyone is able to enjoy this holiday with their families.

Student Pick Up/Drop Off

We recognize the need for many families to pick up and drop off their children by car using the school parking lot. Please be patient as these times of the day are definitely busy ones for our school. You may want to consider parking on a side street or at the plaza near Tim Horton's to help ease the congestion. At the end of the day, we will be blocking off the lane closest to the school so that buses will be able to transport students in a safe and orderly manner. Thank you for your understanding.

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



Don't Be Scared by Cavities this Halloween!

Here are some tips to keep your child's teeth healthy during Halloween:

- Limit the amount of sugary and sticky treats and drinks;
- Choose candy smartly. Hard candies like lollipops and jawbreakers can chip teeth;
- If your child has braces, have them avoid eating any popcorn, hard candy and chewy treats;
- Brush and floss your teeth after eating tasty treats.

Book your child a **free** dental appointment at one of Public Health's dental clinics by calling **905-688-8248** or **1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399**.



Supporting Mental Wellness at Diamond Trail

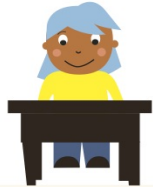
At Diamond Trail, we strive to support all students with their mental health. Two programs are currently being taught:

- **Zones of Regulation** - offered by Shawna Green, our Youth Counsellor, this program develops awareness of feelings, energy and alertness levels while exploring a variety of tools and strategies for regulation, prosocial skills, self-care and overall wellness. Our Kindergarten classes will be receiving this program for the first few weeks of the year.
- **Mind Up** - offered by Ms. Green, the program uses the latest neuroscience research to improve student behaviour and learning. Each lesson offers easy strategies for helping students focus their attention, improve their self-regulation skills, build resilience to stress, and develop a positive mindset in both school and life. Our three Grade 3 classes will begin this program during the first week of October.

If you have any questions about these programs or are concerned about the well-being of your child, feel free to reach out to school staff, Ms. Green or the main office.

ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...



ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

read well by the end of third grade



MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

pass important courses



HIGH SCHOOLERS

stay on track for graduation



COLLEGE STUDENTS

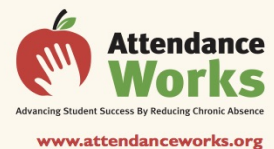
earn their degrees



WORKERS

succeed in their jobs

Too many absences—excused or unexcused—can keep students from succeeding in school and in life. How many are too many? 10% of the school year—that's 18 missed days or 2 days a month—can knock students off track.



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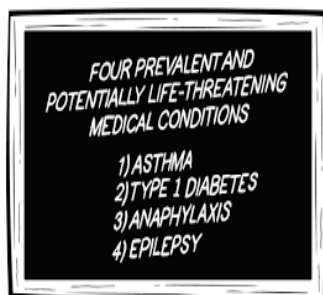
Peanut Free School



We have a number of students who have a severe allergy to peanuts and various nut products. To ensure the safety of these students, we ask all families to avoid bringing any products that contain nuts (including peanut butter) to school in lunches and snacks.

Let's continue to work together to maintain student safety! Thank you for your cooperation on this important matter.

Prevalent Medical Conditions



If you have a child with a prevalent medical condition (Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes, and/or Epilepsy or others) we want to make sure we have a current Plan of Care to support your child.

All parents of children with prevalent medical conditions are asked to fill out the new Plan of Care and submit to the school. You can download the forms at: dsbn.org/prevalent-medical-conditions. For more information, please contact the school.

