



The SIMCOE STREET Public School ...

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FEBRUARY 2017



FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS!



♥ Friday, February 10, 2017 is “**100's Day**”, which really means that students have been in school for a 100 days! Primary students usually involve themselves in a whirlwind of great activities during the school day.

♥ Did the Groundhog see its shadow on February 2nd?

♥ DANCE -A-THON on Tuesday, February 14, 2017. Thank you to Mrs. LeBlanc and the Grade 7/8 students who will be organizing this event! Encourage your child to wear RED during the day. Details to follow!

♥ Our second BAKE SALE will take place on Valentine's Day. Information has been sent home as well. Proceeds from this event will support our Grade 8 graduation and farewell.

♥ Friday, February 17, 2017 is a Professional Activity Day for all DSBNS staff and there will be no school for students on this day.

♥ Enjoy FAMILY DAY on Monday, February 20, 2017! The school will be closed on this day.

♥ Grade 8 Graduation Photos AND YEAR 2 (Senior Kindergarten) Graduation/Celebration photos will be taken during Tuesday, February 8, 2017. Also, please set aside the morning of June 28, 2017 for both celebrations. Details will follow at a later date.

♥ PINK SHIRT DAY is on Wednesday, February 22, 2017. WEAR PINK on this day to say NO to Bullying. Staff members at Simcoe Street Public School take bullying VERY seriously.

♥ February 24, 2017 is TWIN DAY. Get together with another student and dress the same!



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KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE!

YOU & YOUR CHILD ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, February 2, 2017 - 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



During your visit you will:

- See a Kindergarten classroom
- Meet the Kindergarten Team
- Register for school
- Get a fun goodie bag with learning resources

JUST WATCH ME!
KINDERGARTEN AT THE DSBN

Children who will be turning 4 before December 31, 2017 are eligible to start Kindergarten in September 2017.



OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our School Council members represent the ‘voices’ of SIMCOE STREET Public School families for this school year. Should you wish to contact the Chair, we request a phone call to the school at 905-358-9121 and Mrs. Reeb, our Secretary, will forward your message along with your phone number to the Chair for a return call. Should any issues during School Council result in a motion for a vote, the School Council are the voting members (including the teacher) with the exception of the Principal. Even though you may not be a member with voting privileges, we **always** invite you to any of our meetings just to visit or to share your thoughts and allow us the opportunity to enjoy your company. School Council sets the next month’s meeting date each month and then it is posted on our website calendar. Our next School Council meeting is on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 9:15 a.m. in our WELCOME ROOM. We hope to see you there.

TERM ONE REPORTS COMING HOME SOON!

On Friday, February 10, 2017 all Kindergarten to Grades 1-8 will bring home their Term 1 report card. The Progress Report in November provided you with information about how your child was learning in the classroom and gave an indication of progress towards achieving the curriculum expectations by the end of the school year, for all subjects.

Learning Skills and Work Habits are an important focus of the report card. These are critical life skills that students will work on from Grades 1 to Grade 12. Teachers evaluate how well students are achieving these skills for their grade level and include a comment about each student's strengths and some next steps for continued growth.

For each subject being taught this term, your child will receive either a letter grade (Grades 1-6) or a percentage grade (Grades 7 - 8). If a subject is only being taught in Term 2, then the teacher will check NA (not applicable) for that subject on the report card. For each subject, there will be a comment that describes your child's strengths and some next steps that will support learning in Term 2.

You will notice some subject areas are reported separately. These include: Music, Drama, Dance, and Visual Art; and Health Education, and Physical Education.

HEAD "LIGHTS".

Anyone can get 'head lice.' Check for head lice weekly as part of your regular routine. The best way to avoid the spread of lice is by avoiding head-to-head contact. Remind your children not to share combs, brushes, hats, scarves or anything used on the head.

Checking for lice

Use a bright light (a magnifying glass may help) and part hair in small sections and look near the scalp

Head lice are tiny grey/brown insects that live only on the scalp of humans. They crawl quickly but cannot fly or jump. Adult female lice glue eggs on the hair shaft close to the scalp.

If you find lice

Check all the people that live in your house and treat all cases at the same time to stop the spread of lice

Inform the school and tell anyone in close contact with your child (family members, baby-sitters)

Getting rid of lice

Treatment products are to be used only on those who have head lice, as they do not prevent lice. Talk to a health professional about products and methods available. Follow instructions carefully. The Wet Combing Method helps find and remove head lice by combing through hair soaked with conditioner, using a fine-toothed comb. For more information on Wet Combing Method or about lice visit: www.niagararegion.ca/health search lice or call the Parent Talk Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7555

Kids Are Sweet Enough Without Added Sugar

The Niagara Healthy Kids Community Challenge (www.healthykidsniagara.ca) has teamed up with communities across Ontario to launch the Water Does Wonders Pledge Campaign. Why Pledge? To be part of the solution! Kids are drinking way too many sugary drinks, which has a negative impact on their health, their teeth, and their minds. We can all help by making water easier to access and by not serving sugary drinks to children. By taking the pledge, you are affirming your commitment to improved health for our kids.

Sign the pledge at www.waterdoeswonders.ca!

If you choose to be recognized, your family will be featured on our Hall of Pledges. Your pledge will also help Niagara earn Top Community status on the Hall of Pledges.

KINDERGARTEN COMMUNICATION OF LEARNING

On February 10, 2017 the new **Kindergarten Communication of Learning** reporting document developed by the Ministry of Education will be sent home for our Year 1 and Year 2 Kindergarten students.



The new **Kindergarten Communication of Learning** reporting document will provide parents/guardians with comments about their child's strengths and growth in relation to the overall expectations of The Kindergarten Program (2016). The overall expectations are connected with the following four frames: Belonging and Contributing; Self-Regulation and Well-Being; Demonstrating Literacy and Mathematics Behaviours; and Problem Solving and Innovating.

Since September, our Kindergarten teams have been observing and documenting a wide range of evidence of each child's thinking and learning within a play environment. The documentation gathered will reflect your child's key learnings, recognize growth and possible next steps for learning. The next steps will provide parents/guardians with information about how we will support your child's new learning at school as it relates to the Kindergarten Program's expectations.

We recognize and appreciate your continued support throughout the year.