



The SIMCOE STREET Public School ...

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NOVEMBER 2017



SO MUCH NEWS FOR NOVEMBER



- Please join us for our REMEMBRANCE DAY Service on Friday, November 10, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. in our GYM. Students will be receiving a poppy just before the service and, as always, students may provide a donation for the poppy at that time.
- Join us for BREAKFAST beginning at 8:30 a.m. on November 1, 2017 in our WELCOME ROOM sponsored by our partners: Niagara Regional Public Health and the NIAGARA FALLS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE!
- Parent/Teacher Interviews or CONFERENCE confirmations will be placed in your child's Progress Report Card on November 9, 2017. If you have not received your green request form to schedule your parent interview, please contact the school as soon as possible.
- For the FIRST TIME EVER, Niagara Public Health will be offering free FLU VACCINATIONS for our Simcoe Street Public Schools families (ages 6 months (no younger) — to senior citizen age) during the parent/teacher interview evening on NOVEMBER 15, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.. Since Public Health needs to know how many vaccines to bring along with them, an appointment request will also be included in your child's report card. Please return this entire form to school as soon as possible.
- SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING November 6, 2017 at 9:15 a.m. in our incredible WELCOME ROOM! We hope to see you there.
- SCHOOL PHOTO RETAKES will be held during the morning of November 8, 2017.
- You can order a Simcoe Street Public School t shirt for \$11.00 during parent /teacher interviews on November 15, 2017! Cash only please. Sample sizing will be available.

(see the next page for more!)

SO MUCH NEWS FOR NOVEMBER (continued!)

- We are scheduling a LOCKDOWN # 1 (according to DSBN policy we need to have two LOCKDOWN practices throughout the school year) on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 sometime during the school day. The practice gives us an opportunity to implement our Safe School Plan to ensure the safety of all our students and staff should an emergency lockdown occur. During this LOCKDOWN # 1, staff members will ensure that all students remain inside a classroom, gym, Learning Commons or Technology Lounge, until otherwise notified by the Principal. All classrooms and exterior doors of the school are locked, lights turned off and curtains closed. Over the intercom, staff and students will hear a recorded message that is standard throughout all DSBN schools. We will have one more practice sometime during January — June, 2018 and you will be informed via our school newsletter once again.
- PARENT/TEACHER interviews/ conference is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15, 2017. We encourage you to bring your child along so that they may be a part of the conference as well if you wish. Interviews begin at 3:15 p.m. and the last interview of the evening will begin at 8:15 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. See you then.
- Teachers celebrate your child's successes by calling you to make a SUNSHINE CALL. If you are not at home when they call, the teacher leaves a message so that you can listen to the wonderful news about your child! Teachers make SUNSHINE CALLS often!
- Friday November 17, 2017 is a PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY and there will be no school on this day. Please mark your calendar.
- Thank you for supporting our COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER! If you have ordered cookie dough, your order will arrive on Thursday, November 23, 2017 in our WELCOME ROOM. Please mark this date on your calendar. The shipment usually arrives at the school around 2:00 p.m. We will make a BLAZECAST (which is an automatic all call dial up telephone message) the day before to let you know the window of time that you could pick up your cookie dough.
- MOBILE DENTAL TEAM will be parked in front of our school on November 7, 8 and 9th, 2017.

(keep reading, there is more!)

SO SO MUCH NEWS FOR NOVEMBER (continued!)

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR
KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE
DURING YOUR VISIT YOU WILL:

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



KINDERGARTEN KICKSTART
Thursday, February 1, 2018
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

- **SAVE THE DATE!** Our Grade 8 students and families are invited to STAMFORD COLLEGIATE for an OPEN HOUSE on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Beginning high school is a huge step in a student's life. While it's definitely an exciting time, it also brings with it many questions, such as "What's life in high school really like? What programs and options are available to help me achieve my goals?" A great way to have your questions answered is to attend this OPEN HOUSE. ALSO our Grade 8 students just received their GRADUATION HOODIES through their fundraising efforts! Students had their last name embroidered on the hoodie too! Hoping that they wear it to the OPEN HOUSE!
- The Grade 7/8 students are sponsoring another HOT DOG DAY on November 30, 2017 to fundraise for their year end trips. They were hoping that by reducing the price to a dollar that more students would purchase hotdog but this wasn't the case. Because they are counting on this fundraising and have figured out the mathematics behind their fundraising, HOT DOGS will go back to \$2.00 per hot dog. Please consider supporting this cause. One day your child will be in Grade 7/8 and you will counting on the fundraising efforts as well.
- **Treaty Recognition Week at DSBN 2017 from November 5-11.** Ontario has designated November 5-11, 2017 as Treaties Recognition Week with the goal of promoting education and awareness about treaties and treaty relationships. DSBN joins with others school boards across Ontario in encouraging schools to support learning about treaties as an important aspect of our province's history. For more information on treaties, go to <https://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties>.

The Elementary Progress Report - Grades 1 - 8 students

On November 9th, 2017 your child will bring home their Elementary Progress Report. The format was created after years of consultation with parents/guardians, teachers, principals and students across the province. 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 toward 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.

FREE MONEY FOR YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE !



What is the Canada Learning Bond (CLB)?

The Canada Learning Bond (CLB) is a government program that gives **\$500** in education money to **children born on or after January 1, 2004 whose families receive the Canada Child Benefit Supplement (family net income of \$45,916 or less or more based on number of children).**

Sound good? Keep reading...

- The Government will add **\$100 more every year** the child is eligible, up to age 15.
- **Each child could get up to \$2000 (plus interest) in RESP contributions!**
- **NO family contribution is required**
- **The Canada Learning Bond is retroactive for children born 2004 or after**

Great! Here is How You Get Started:

Go to: StartMyRESP.ca/EFNiagara

HELPING YOUR CHILD BE CYBERSMART!

We are so excited this year!

Our School Council had applied for a \$1000.00 grant from the Ministry of Education Parents Reaching Out Grant (PRO GRANT) to support our families in learning ways to help their child be CYBER SMART!

We are excited because our proposal was accepted! Please mark your calendar for:

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2017

from 6:30—8:30 p.m.

and join us in the school GYM
to hear the presentation.

AS A BONUS, our students in Grades 3-8 will also be having a presentation that is geared to their understanding about how to be a CYBERSMART KID on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. in our school GYM as well.

SEE OUR FLYER ON THE LAST PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER

AND

THE SAME ONE IN YOUR CHILD' REPORT CARD ENVELOPE!

WE REALLY, REALLY WANT TO SEE YOU THERE!

LOOKING FOR A REFURBISHED COMPUTER?

The **RCTech OUTREACH Program** provide low income individuals with affordable ownership of quality renewed computers, ready to use software & learning modules all in one package. Contact RCTech at 905 682-3883 to get more information Their office is located in St. Catharines on 91 Bunting Road.

You may always stop by our WELCOME ROOM to use our computer to complete their requirements/paper work and we will even scan and send it to the company on your behalf!

HELPING YOUR CHILD BE CYBERSMART! JOIN US!



KIDS ARE CURIOUS



TO KEEP YOUR KIDS
SAFER ONLINE

join

Melanie Rhora
Cyber Security Expert & Mom

Nov. 14, 2017

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Simcoe Street

Public School Gym

This seminar is perfect for
PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS AND VOLUNTEERS

For families with kids ages 6 to 14 this workshop is a **MUST**

Get Cyber Smart

..... LEARNING

- What to watch for on your child's tablet or phone
 - How to recognize the dangers: predators, pornography & persecutors
 - How to protect kids from scams and traps
 - How to safeguard your child's location and personal information
 - How you (and others) can track your child's device or phone
 - How to empower kids and keep them safe from cyber bullies
 - How to keep your kids social & safe
- BONUS:** How to minimize the risk of harm of your own online reputation

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OR CALL 1-800-429-7183

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