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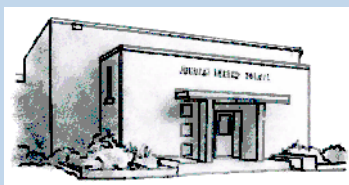


December 2011

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Character Trait for January: Responsibility



Greetings from the Office

We are certain that you feel the excitement of the holiday season nearing, just as we do at school. Volleyball playoffs and tournament games, spirit days, generous plans to support our community, a trip to see "Annie", our "Evening of the Arts", Christmas wish lists, and of course, the countdown to the arrival of Christmas! It's a challenge to stay focused on curricular learning. But we will! Our teachers will continue to use effective instructional strategies that will support our vision for student success. We are proud to share the goals that we have developed as a staff to demonstrate our commitment to student achievement:

Reading: By June 2012, 100% of Jordan's students will improve their ability to read for deeper meaning and extend their understanding.

Writing: By June 2012, 100% of students will improve their ability to plan, organize, develop and revise their writing.

Mathematics: By June 2012, 100% of students will deepen their mathematical understanding and foundations through problem solving.

We look forward to seeing you on **Wednesday, December 21st, from 6-7:00 p.m.**, as we celebrate the magic of the Christmas season, as well as showcase "An Evening of the Arts" at Jordan Public School. On behalf of Jordan's staff, I extend our deepest thanks for your continued support and our warmest wishes for a joyous Christmas holiday. We look forward to hearing about the fantastic events that you shared with family and friends throughout the holidays, and we are excited to continue the learning journey with you in the new year. **Happy holidays!**

Karen Leskiw-Janvary, Sara DeDivitiis,
Principal Vice Principal

"Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful."
Norman Vincent Peale



On **Thursday, December 8th**, Jordan students will be attending a performance of "Annie" at the new Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls. The performance will begin at 11:00 am and parents are welcome to attend at the special price of \$20. Hope you will join us!



Physical Education

Did you know that Canadian children/youth ages six to 19 spend an average of 8.6 hours per day, or 62 per cent of their waking hours, being sedentary?

Here are some ways to help your children meet the recommended 60 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity each day:

1. Limit recreational screen time to no more than two hours per day
2. Encourage children and youth to play outdoors
3. Play outside with your children:
4. Go for walks, hikes, build snowmen, go tobogganing
5. Introduce your child to skates or skis so they can learn to slide
6. Play catching games using a wide range of soft objects

For more information go to www.activehealthykids.ca or www.participaction.com



Wanted: In School Mentor Volunteers



37 kids are waiting to spend time with a volunteer one hour a week during school hours. The program is about motivating kids through playing board games, reading, making crafts and shooting hoops.

1 hour a week, 1 child, 1 big reason to go back to school!
Please contact Brenda @ 905-945-9353 or brendabbs@aol.com

An Evening of the Arts

On **Wednesday, December 21st**, Jordan students will perform in a Christmas-themed "Evening of the Arts". This wonderful showcase of your children's talents will run from 6-7 pm. It will feature performances by the school choir, bucket-drumming, Boomwhackers, and more! There will also be a gallery of student artwork, which you will be able to view and purchase. All proceeds from the art gallery will go towards purchasing arts-related items. Admission for the evening will be items for our food drive or a new pair of mittens, a hat, or scarf for our "Tree of Warmth". Please fit this evening into your busy holiday schedules, as you will not be disappointed! If you are available to help with hanging artwork, please contact Mrs. Van Noort.

We appreciate you, Mr. Mullet-Koop. Thank you for assembling our beautiful new portable keyboard.

Lost and Found

Be sure to check out the items on our "Lost and Found" tables, outside of the office. If these items are not claimed, prior to the winter holidays, we will be donating them to Community Care. Just a reminder to label clothing and personal items so that we can return misplaced items.



Student Parliament

As the joy of the Christmas season approaches, we are all busy getting ready for the festive season ahead. However, for some families this is not a season to celebrate, but to feel great anguish and distress due to personal hardship. Many families have been hit hard due to the economy, loss of work and situations beyond their control.

We would like to reach out in two different ways this year:

- **By collecting new toys for our 'Jordan Toy Mountain'**
- **By donations of non-perishable food items.**

During the month of December the Student Parliament will be collecting new, unwrapped toys and non-perishable food items to donate to Community Care. Any contributions would be truly appreciated.

Toy Drive: November 28th to December 9th

In order to reach a variety of children, please think about giving a toy which is age appropriate to your child/children.

Food Drive: December 19th to December 22nd

We will also continue to collect Canadian Tire money, to use towards the purchase of additional toys or food items.

Spirit Days

Thursday, December 1st: "Joy Day" ~ Wear your red and green or silver and gold colours.

Friday, December 9th: Wacky Hair Day

Friday, December 16th: Christmas Character

Friday, December 23rd: PJ Day

Fundraising Campaigns

Thank you for your continued generosity as we raised money to: purchase technology to enhance student learning and fitness equipment for outdoor use;



subsidize transportation costs for trips; and invite guest speakers, as well as host other events; etc.

Magazine profit: \$1644.00

Walk-a-thon profit: \$1531.00

(Many thanks to the Mullet Koop family who shared their fantastic farmland with us as part of our beautiful walk).

School Advisory Council

Our council includes a small, but dedicated group of parents and staff eager to make great things happen for Jordan students. Please consider joining us for the next School Advisory Committee meeting on **Tuesday, February 28 at 6:30**. We will be making plans for our evening event, "Engaging Parents by Supporting Parenting". We'd love to hear your great ideas.

Playground Committee

We recently met to review our long term plans to raise money for a NEW play structure. We need your help and ideas!

Please contact Amanda Ewert or Erin Campbell. Next meeting is **Tues., Feb. 28th at 5:45 p.m.**



Suggestions for Classroom Supplies

Christmas is a great time to replenish your child's school materials. We have attached the suggested items for each grade as a reference for you. Please consider purchasing headphones for your child to use whenever they are using a school computer. Storing them in a labelled, zip lock bag helps reduce lost items.

Character Education

Congratulations to the following Jaguars who demonstrated respectful behaviour throughout November:

JK/SK: Ella, Beth, and Ryan

1/2: Ryan, Caitlin, and Redding

3/4: Emma, Tuesday, and Devon

5/6: Bennett, Abby, and Jazmin

7/8: Steven, Brayden, Aaron, Elizabeth, and Sabrina

During the month of December, we will continue to review the traits that we have reinforced to date: optimism, caring, and respect. Responsibility will be our character trait focus in January. To be responsible means that others can depend on you. You are accountable for your actions. When things go wrong and you make a mistake, you make amends instead of excuses. When you are responsible, you keep your agreements. You give your best to any job. Perhaps you will make a list of ways you can do your part to help with responsibilities at home. When the new year approaches, you may consider ways in which you will do your best to demonstrate responsibility while at school.

*"Life doesn't require that we be the best
~ only that we try our best."*

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Camp Wahanowin

Plans are in place for our intermediate trip to Camp Wahanowin. If you have a child in grade 7 or 8, we hope that you were able to attend the information night.

Shopping in Jordan

Get ready to help with family suggestions for Christmas wish lists! Our students will be walking to Jordan Village to complete some of their Christmas shopping in the near future. Our older students will be paired with a primary student to assist them with their purchases. Gifts will be wrapped and tagged at school prior to coming home. Kindergarten students will be walking with parent volunteers and will only be shopping in one store and then returning to the school. Mr. Koop will be looking for parent volunteers. Thank you to Kelly Nemeth, our School Advisory Council Community Representative, for arranging this special event with the Jordan Village merchants and to Jackie Troup for donating cupcakes for our students to enjoy upon their return from shopping. More information will follow with the date of this event.

Kindergarten Open House

Families with children entering JK or new

to SK in September 2012, from the Jordan community, will be invited to come and see our school, classroom and meet our kindergarten teacher. Mark your calendars for **Thursday, February 2nd, from 4:00 -6:00 p.m.**, and spread the word! Be sure that your neighbours know about wonderful Jordan Public School.

Green Team

What makes a litterless lunch?

Reusable containers or ziplock baggies (which we hope you take home and will not end up in the garbage). Recyclable containers like juice boxes, water bottles and milk cartons. Make sure they go into the correct bin!

The Green Club is looking for honest improvement over the year. Keep up the good work!

Zehrs Receipts

We continue to collect Zehrs receipts, please send to the office to be placed in the bin. Thank you.

Intermediate Volleyball

The Intermediate Boys Volleyball team had a fabulous tournament last Friday. The boys made it into the playoff round and unfortunately lost to Crowland Central School in game 3. The attitude of all the boys was amazing and Mr. Koop was pleased to be their coach.

The Intermediate Girls Volleyball Team had a fantastic season! They demonstrated excellent teamwork, enthusiasm and dedication to improving their skills. The team ended the season with a 3-1 winning record. They made it to the semi-finals and lost a very close game against Smith School. The girls will compete in the DSNB Tournament on Friday, December 2nd. Wish us luck and come out and cheer us on! Thanks for coaching, Mrs. Sotola and Mr. Koop!

Term One Report Cards

Although we have recently met with you to discuss how well your child is progressing, it won't be long before



Term One report cards arrive home. Please expect these reports home on **Friday, February 9th**.

Winter Play Safety

Safety comes first at Jordan School. Our rules regarding throwing snow and body contact are established to ensure the safety of all everyone. School consequences for endangering the safety of others range from writing out the Code of Conduct, to detentions and loss of privileges, or suspensions. We endeavour to make a clear statement that unsafe behaviour is not acceptable. Please review these rules at home and we will continue to remind students of these rules while at school. As always, we appreciate your support.

Our play structure will be closing for the season soon.



**Beamsville District Secondary School's Open House ~ Tuesday, January 17th
from 7-9:00 p.m.**

Eden High School's Open House ~ Monday, January 16th from 7-9:00 p.m.

Professional Activity Day ~ Friday, January 20th

THANK YOU!!

The students and staff of Jordan School would like to thank everyone who assisted in making our recent magazine subscription campaign a great success!!! Without the support of our community we would not have been able to raise the money that the campaign generated. Thank you so much for helping us raise these much needed funds. All of your subscriptions are guaranteed 100% and if you have any service concerns, please contact CCRP at 1-800-665-5133 (11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. EST) or service@ccrp.ca. (not the school office). Please allow 12 – 16 weeks after the campaign ends before you receive the first copy of your subscription. As a reminder you may continue to order on-line throughout the school year at www.ccrp.ca – our school code is ON959.

Free Dental Screening Coming to Jordan

A Public Health registered dental hygienist is scheduled to visit our school on Monday, December 12, 2011 to provide dental screening to students in grades JK, SK, 2, 4, 6 and 8. During this time the registered dental hygienist will perform a visual inspection of each child to determine his/her dental needs. Parents will be contacted if their child requires immediate dental care. Public Health dental programs may financially assist children who do not have access to required dental care.

Please contact the Public Health dental program for any of the following:

- If you do NOT wish your child to participate in the dental screening.
- If your child is not in one of the targeted grades and you would like him/ her to participate.

Call the Dental Health Information Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 x 7399 or email dental@niagararegion.ca

Instructional Coach at Jordan

We are excited to be supported by Mrs. Dawn Hunchak who is an instructional coach for 5 area schools. While in our schools, Mrs. Hunchak provides support to teachers by partnering with them to implement instructional strategies. She has already co-planned and taught with a number of our teachers and our hope is that we can share her expertise with all of our teachers at some point throughout the school year. If you have any questions, please ask your child's teacher or call the office.

Newsletter Draw

We are happy that most of our families have chosen to read our monthly school newsletter on-line. Please inform the office if you wish to receive a hard copy of the newsletter. Remember to complete a slip, similar to the one below, if you would like your child's name to be included in our monthly draw for a \$10.00 Tote Sweet gift certificate. If you have more than one child that would like to enter the draw, simply create a slip for each child.

I have read the newsletter.

I no longer require a hard copy of the monthly newsletter as I plan to read it on-line.

Student's name: _____

Parent's signature: _____



2011-2012 SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Kindergarten

- Pair of Velcro indoor running shoes for gym class. No laces please!
- Extra set of clothes in a labeled zip lock bag
- Box of Kleenex
- 2 glue sticks
- Crayons
- Scissors (5" blunt tip)
- Head phones– labeled in a zip lock bag
- 5 Large Zip Freezer bags
- 5 Duo-tangs (1 each of dark blue, light blue, yellow, red and green)



Gr. 5/6

- In a pencil case:
Pencil crayons, markers, #2 Pencils, eraser, 2 glue sticks, favourite pens, highlighters, non-liquid white out, hand held pencil sharpener and scissors (All supplies need to be replenished as needed throughout the year)
- White glue
- 30 cm ruler
- Antibacterial hand soap
- 12 Duo-tangs + 1 Red duo-tang for French
- Package of loose leaf paper-wide rule
- Math Kit/ Geo Set
- Memory Stick
- Calculator
- Dudley lock for Gr. 5/6
- \$5.00 for student organizer
- Box of Kleenex
- 4 tennis balls for chairs
- Head phones in a labeled zip lock bag
- Indoor non-marking running shoes
- Jordan School Spirit wear for Phys. Ed. class (T-shirt and shorts, order form will be available in September)
- French-English Dictionary (Collins, Larousse, Harrap's)

Gr. 1-4

- In a pencil case:
Pencil crayons, high lighters, red pen, blue pen, pencils (HB), 30 cm ruler, eraser, small scissors, 2 glue sticks, hand held pencil sharpener (All supplies need to be replenished as needed throughout the year)
- White glue
- Antibacterial hand soap
- 12 Duo-tangs 2 each of the following colours: Dark blue, light blue, yellow, red and green +2 any colour
- \$5.00 for student organizer
- Non-marking running shoes for gymnasium. Students need to be able to put on themselves. These will be their indoor shoes.
- Jordan School Spirit wear for Phys. Ed. class (T-shirt and shorts, order form will be available in September)
- Box of Kleenex
- 3 Large freezer bags
- Head phones– labeled in a zip lock bag
- Gr. 4's only– French-English Dictionary (Collins, Larousse, Harrap's)
- 1 Twin pocket folder for French

Gr. 7/8

- In a pencil case:
Hand held pencil sharpener, non-liquid white out, HB pencils, eraser, pens, highlighters, markers, pencil crayons, 2 glue sticks, 15 & 30 cm rulers, and scissors (All supplies need to be replenished as needed throughout the year)
- Geometry Math Set
- Memory Stick
- 5 Duo-tangs + 1 Blue Duo-tang for French
- Dividers
- 3 Ring binder
- Loose leaf paper
- Scientific Calculator
- Dudley combination lock
- \$5.00 for student organizer
- Non-marking running shoes for gymnasium
- Jordan School Spirit wear for Phys. Ed. class (T-shirt and shorts, order form will be available in September)
- Box of Kleenex
- Head phones– in a labeled zip lock bag
- French-English Dictionary (Collins, Larousse, Harrap's)

SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES

ELEMENTARY

PARENT INVOLVEMENT LEADS TO STUDENT SUCCESS

Parent engagement matters. Study after study has shown that student achievement improves when parents play an active role in their children's education, and that good schools become even better schools when parents are involved. It is recognized that parent engagement is a key factor in the enhancement of student achievement and well-being.

Students are more likely to be motivated, to earn higher grades, to have better behaviour and social skills, and to continue their education to a higher level when their parents are actively engaged in supporting their success at school.

It is equally important to recognize that parent involvement takes many forms.

- Serving on school councils and Parent Involvement Committees (PICs)
- Volunteering for field trips and school activities
- Making sure there is a quiet place set aside to do homework
- Helping with the homework
- Meeting with the teachers
- Talking to your child about their day at school.



These are all examples of engaged parents. They are all contributing to their children's education. To make it easier for parents to get involved, government funding is available to encourage parent involvement. Find out more about parent involvement in schools at: Parents Reaching out Grants, <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/schools.html>

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TOP 10 TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD WITH MATH

1. **Connect math to daily life** – Let them know the importance of math! Talk about how you use math in your day-to-day life (at the store, in your job, around the house).
2. **Counting can be fun and entertaining** – Show them math can be fun! Sing songs (One, Two, Buckle my Shoe) and play games (card games, hopscotch, board games, Dominoes, chess).
3. **Start Easy and Work up!** – For example, after they've got counting by 1s, talk about skip counting and count by 2s, then 5s and 10s. Don't jump ahead too fast.
4. **Use household items for practice** – Practise adding and subtracting with objects from the house like spoons or pots and pans.
5. **Tap into your child's curiosity** – Go on a number hunt in your house.
6. **Talk about time** – Talk about seconds, minutes and hours, then count days and weeks. Ask them questions: How long until bedtime? How many "sleeps" until the weekend?
7. **Practice mental math using coins** – Count money or have them show you how much an item costs and practise making change for when they're at the store.
8. **Play the estimating game** – Estimate measurements, distances, time and grocery bills and then compare to the actual.
9. **Sports and math** – There is a lot of math in sports such as batting averages, points per game and save percentages (discuss these as you watch the games or read the newspaper).
10. **Computers + Math = Fun** (there are lots of great computer games available to explore math).

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH READING AT HOME

When reading a book for pleasure or for information, chances are you will come to a word or two you are unsure of. You probably will use the accuracy strategy of **cross checking** without even thinking about it, because it is second nature to you as a reader to read accurately. Accuracy, is not second nature to children learning to read. It is something that needs to be taught using a variety of strategies.

It is important to slow readers down when they come to a word they don't know and teach them to apply the strategy of **cross checking** so they are able to fix the meaning and not just skip the word. **Cross checking** requires a person to constantly think and monitor meaning. It is a strategy for ensuring the words and pictures read make sense and match the letters on a page.



HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHILD WITH THIS STRATEGY AT HOME?

1. Listen to your child read. When they come to a word they are unsure of, remind them to cross check. Ask:
 - Does the word you are reading match the picture or letters written? (they cross their right arm over their body)
 - Does it sound right? (their left arm crosses over their body making an X)
 - Does it make sense? (both arms come down with hands pointing to the ground)
 - * Doing physical movements with each question helps children to remember the questions.
2. If your child is having difficulty with this strategy at home, break down the process:
 - Have them stop reading when meaning breaks down.
 - Tell them to look at the letters and say the sounds or look for word chunks in words.
 - Remind them to use the pictures to help.
3. To make your child aware of using this strategy, give them a piece of paper and tell them to make a tally mark each time they use the **cross checking** strategy.

Thank you for your continued support at home!

THE CAFE BOOK, WRITTEN BY GAIL BOUSHEY & JOAN MOSER

ECO-CORNER

BROUGHT TO YOU BY: DSBN ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

NORTH AMERICAN HOLIDAY BY THE NUMBERS

- 2.65 billion holiday cards were sold last year (would fill a football field 10 stories tall)
- 200,000: trees are cut down to make all those holiday cards.
- 4 million tons of landfill each year produced from shopping bags and gift wrapping.
- 50 million evergreen trees and about 30 million go to landfill.
- 40% of all battery purchases are made during this season and many are improperly disposed in regular landfill sites.

TIPS TO ENJOYING A SUSTAINABLE HOLIDAY THIS YEAR

- Buy a smaller potted evergreen tree and plant the following spring
- Send electronic greeting cards if possible or reuse cards that you have received.
- Use reusable bags and creatively reduce the amount of wrapping paper by giving gifts inside of reusable containers or bags
- Prepare only an appropriate amount of food for your gathering to reduce waste.....consider providing some of the extra food items to local community food banks instead.
- RE-THINK your plans with a new fun – creative tradition to reduce consumption and waste.



The DSBN Environmental Sustainability committee wishes all students, families and staff to enjoy a sustainable holiday season with family and friends and encourages you to possibly make a couple of new traditions that result in a more sustainable celebration

Check out the following websites for tips/resources:







<http://1st-ecofriendlyplanet.com/12/christmas-waste/>

http://www.nigelsecostore.com/acatalog/Green_Christmas.html

<http://www.greenandeasy.co.uk/information/Christmas.aspx>

<http://www.storvofstuff.com/>

December 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
4	5 day 3 Toy Drive II Dec 9th Jr. Volleyball Game	6 day 4	7 day 5 Liteness Lunch Jr. Volleyball Game	8 day 6 "Annie" 11:00 Snow JK-8	9 day 7 Anigasios Chicken Meal Wacky Hair Spirit Day	10
11	12 day 8 Dental Screening	13 day 9	14 day 10 HPV vaccinations Gr. 8 Liteness Lunch	15 day 1 Carol Sing 9:15	16 day 2 Spirit Day Character Cream Cheese Veggie Wrap	17
18	19 day 3 Food Drive Dec. 19-22	20 day 4	21 day 5 Liteness Lunch Food/Milk orders due back for January	22 day 6 Carol Sing 9:15	23 day 7 Last Day Spirit Day - P.J.'s Carol Sing 9:15	24
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Woodend

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The Living Campus

Update

Outdoor Education: healthy children, engaged learners, critical thinkers, tomorrow's leaders

Bringing Learning to Life!

The New Woodend Website!

The Living Campus has a new website. To find out what's happening at Woodend The Living Campus and to Donate visit us at: www.DSBN.org/Woodend

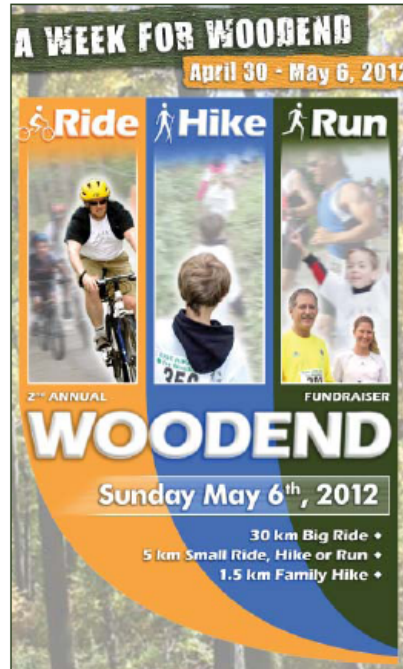


DSBN-ETFO Trivia Night!

ETFO Niagara is hosting a Trivia Night on February 10th with all proceeds going to The Living Campus. So, grab a team of 10, start honing your Trivia skills and join us for a night of fun and fundraising for The Living Campus! For more information visit DSBN.org/Woodend and click on the "Events" button.



A Week for Woodend... Come On Out and RIDE, HIKE or RUN!



Help us celebrate The Living Campus by participating in the *Week for Woodend* from April 30 - May 6, 2012. During this exciting week schools will be involved in fundraising activities to help raise awareness and funds for The Living Campus. The week will end with the 2nd Annual DSBN Ride-Hike-Run for Woodend on May 6th. **Online Registration Opens on January 12 at DSBN.org/Woodend.** More details to come. We hope to see everyone there!



Thank You TV Cogeco For Generously Supporting The Living Campus!

TV Cogeco was at the Living Campus last week to present DSBN Director Warren Hoshizaki, Chair of the Board Kevin Maves and Vice-Chair Dale Robinson with a cheque to help support the creation of The Living Campus. Thanks to support from our community partners The Living Campus will *Bring Learning to Life* for our students and community.

Welcome John McCall MacBain

A Huge Thank-you and welcome to the McCall MacBain Foundation, the newest members of The Living Campus' Founder's Club! Through their generous support we are one step closer to providing a new and innovative Outdoor, Environmental Education Centre for our students and community – *a real Living Campus!*



Support Us with Your Purchases!

Metafore and Acer have partnered with the DSBN to help us reach our fundraising goals! A portion of each Laptop or Tablet you purchase will go directly to The Living Campus, helping create a place for generations of students to come. Click the "Donate" button on DSBN.org/Woodend for more information and access to Metafore's website.



By supporting Woodend – The Living Campus you are providing children with a place that *Brings Learning to Life* by engaging them in hands-on learning and discovery through play. To find out how you can support the children of Niagara visit us on our website, on Facebook and our blog:

dsbn.org/woodend

[DSBN Woodend - The Living Campus](https://www.facebook.com/DSBNWoodend)

woodendthelivingcampus.blogspot.com