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Principal/ Vice Principal's Message

Nine months of learning and building lasting friendships has gone so quickly. As we brace for the final busy month of June, we reflect upon, and celebrate, the impressive accomplishments that we have made. As well, plans for the 2011/2012 school year are already taking shape. It is with great pride that I think about the learning that has taken place, both for students and for staff. Learning truly is life long! Our Jaguars have worked hard to achieve success, teachers and support staff have committed their efforts to ensuring every child reaches their fullest potential, and our parent and school community has supported our efforts. That's just one of the many reasons that Jordan Public School is an amazing place to learn and grow!

June also marks the month that we bid farewell to our graduating grade 8 students: Owen B., Alec B., Logan B., Ethan B., Megan C., Nathan C., Noah D., Carmen E., Josh G., Bowen J., Aidan K., Karly R., Rachel S., Samantha T. and Max Y. We wish our fabulous graduates continued success as they enter the next chapter of their lives. Graduates, we are proud of your accomplishments and look forward to your visits next year.

To keep you informed of staffing and other enrolment-related information, a special June edition will be sent home during the final days of school.

Karen Leskiw-Janvary
Principal

Amy Morocco
Vice Principal

Yearbook Order Form

The Jordan School Yearbook is almost ready! Would you be interested in purchasing a copy? These wonderful books are available for $10.00 each. Wouldn't you like a copy to remember all the wonderful things about 2010-2011?

Last date to order is June 3rd..

Last Name_____

Number of Copies _____

Student First Name/Teacher(s)

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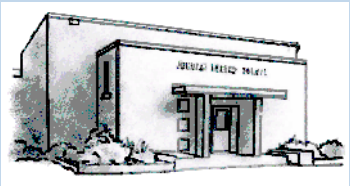


Classes for 2011/2012

We know that everyone would like to know who their teacher is for next year. However, the staffing process has not been completed and further changes are expected. Currently our class structure for next year will be as follows:

AM Junior and Senior Kindergarten
Grade 1/2
Grade 3/4
Grade 5/6
Grade 7/8

When the June newsletter update is sent home during the final week of school, you will be informed of our most current staffing allocation and staff teaching assignments.

June Awards Assembly/ Volunteer Recognition

Our final assembly of the year will be held at 9:15 am on **Wednesday, June 29th.** This assembly is dedicated to recognizing award winning students, volunteers, as well as bidding farewell to any departing staff members, or introducing any new staff members. Please feel free to join us!

Jordan Idol

We have many talented Jaguars at Jordan Public School! We'd like to showcase their talents on **Wednesday, June 29th in the afternoon.** We encourage students who have been taking lessons (e.g., musical instruments, drama, voice, dance, gymnastics, karate, etc.) to step forward and celebrate their achievements with us. It is helpful when parents review their child's performance prior to auditions to ensure that the act/music is age appropriate and well rehearsed. Auditions will begin the second week in June. Details about the time of our Talent Show will be sent home soon.

Report Cards

Term 2 report cards will be issued on **Monday, June 27th.** Please complete and return Page 3 (Response Form) as it is an official document which is a permanent part of your child's Ontario Student Record file. It is important to return this form before the final day of school, on Wednesday, June 29th.

EQAO Assessment

The Ministry of Education EQAO assessment of reading, writing, and math will take place during the weeks of May 30th and June 6th. If there is any reason that your child in grade 3 or 6 cannot be at school during these test periods, please let the school know. It is important that all students arrive at school on time, well-rested and well-nourished, especially during our testing dates.

Dress Code

With the warm weather here, we have reminded students of our Dress Code. Clothing items such as tank tops, spaghetti strap tops (straps less than 3 fingers wide), tops that expose the midriff or undergarments, inappropriate logo t-shirts, short shorts, etc., are all unacceptable clothing for school. Please review this list and the Dress Code printed within the agenda, with your child, to ensure he/she is dressed comfortably and appropriately for school. We thank you for your support and cooperation with this!

Summer Fun

With summer vacation only a few short weeks away, many parents may be looking for programs or activities for their children. Check out the "Community" bulletin board at the top of the stairs upon entering for flyers advertising many day camps, courses, and program opportunities.

Grade 8 Graduation

Our oldest Jaguars will be celebrating their successes on **Friday, June 24th.** Our graduation will take place at Best Western Beacon Harbourside Inn & Suites Conference Center.

Photos will take place promptly at 5:00. Dinner for graduates and their parents will begin at 5:30 with the ceremony starting at 7:00. More detailed information will be coming home in the near future. Thank you to the parents of our Graduation Committee for helping to organize this event. .

Track and Field

May 11th was a beautiful day for a track and field meet! Students enjoyed a warm, sunny day at the NOC in St. Catharines, where they participated in their chosen track and field events. Many thanks to the following parents who helped us with our events: Allison Thompson, Tina Ruetz, Dan Ruetz, Robyn Rouse, Rhonda Dobson. Without their help, we would not have been able to complete our meet. The top 2 athletes who qualified in each event, competed in our Regional meet which was held at the NOC, May 24th. Congratulations to our DSBN Track and Field competitors:

Atom Girls: 100m-Sydney, Nev; 200m - Nev, Devon; 400m- Sydney, Eva; 800m-Abby; Long Jump-Sydney, Naomi; Triple Jump- Nev, Sunshine; Relay- Sydney, Nev, Devon, Erika, Abby (alt)

Atom Boys: 100m-Warren, Jacob; 200m - Blake, Warren 400m- Blake; 800m-Blake, Jackson; Long Jump-Warren, Jacob; Triple Jump- Joshua; Relay-Blake, Warren, Jacob, Cameron, Nick (alt)

Peewee Girls:100m-Grayson, Carley; 200m - Grayson, Carley; 400m- Abby; 800m-Abby, Kayla;
High Jump- Grayson, Grace J.; Long Jump-Carley, Chiara; Triple Jump-Chiara, Abby;
Relay- Grayson, Carley, Sarah, Abby, Mackenzie (alt)

Peewee Boys: 100m-Steven, Mathew; 200m - Zach, Ian; 400m- Mathew, Steven; 1500m: Mathew High Jump-

Wiley, Aidan; Long Jump-Tanner, Zach; Triple Jump- Steven, Wiley; Relay- Steven, Mathew, Wiley, Zach, Tanner (alt)

Bantam Girls: 100m- Madison, Sabrina;
200m - Abbi, Sabrina;
400m- Elizabeth, Sabrina;
High Jump- Elizabeth; Long Jump- Abbi, Madison, Elizabeth; Triple Jump- Abbi, Madison

Bantam Boys: 200m - Raimondo; 1500m: Raimondo; Long Jump-Frank, Raimondo; Triple Jump- Frank; Shot Put- Frank

Midget Girls: 100m- Logan, Samantha, Rachel;
200m - Logan, Samantha, Rachel; 400m- Karly; 800m: Karly; High Jump- Megan; Long Jump- Samantha, Megan; Triple Jump- Logan, Karly, Rachel

Midget Boys: 100m- Nathan; 200m - Nathan; 400m- Ethan, Nathan; 800m: Ethan, Bowen; High Jump- Carmen, Owen, Alec;
Long Jump-Ethan, Carmen, Max;
Triple Jump- Bowen, Max; Shot Put: Carmen, Joshua, Owen; Relay- Ethan, Carmen, Nathan, Owen, Max (alt)

Regional Meet

Our regional track and field meet was held May 24th at the N.O.C. We had another beautiful day to participate in our events. Our Jordan athletes competed very well against other schools in our region, and the top three finishers in each event qualify to go on to the D.S.B.N. meet June 14th.
Congratulations to the following athletes: Blake, Karly, Grayson, Ethan, Carmen and Frank.

Atom Girls: 100m - Sydney 5th; Triple Jump- Sunshine 4th; Relay-6th

Atom Boys: 200m - Blake 1st; 400m - Blake 1st; 800m- Blake 1st, Jackson 5th; Relay - 4th

Peewee Girls: 100m- Grayson 6th;
200m- Grayson 3rd, High Jump-Grayson 4th; Long Jump- Chiara 8th; Triple Jump- Chiara 7th; Relay -3rd
Peewee Boys: 100m- Steven 8th; 400m - Steven 5th; 1500m-
Mathew 4th; Long Jump-Tanner 8th; Relay-5th
Bantam Girls: 200m- Abbi 4th; Long Jump-Abbi 6th; Triple Jump- Abbi 7th

Bantam Boys: Shot Put-Frank 1st ; Triple Jump- Frank 7th

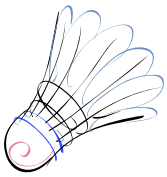
Midget Girls: 400m- Karly 2nd; Triple Jump-Karly 2nd; Long Jump- Karly 5th

Midget Boys: 100m- Nathan 7th; 400m- Ethan 2nd; 800m-Ethan 3rd; Long Jump- Ethan 4th, Carmen 5th;
Shot Put - Carmen 1st; Relay - 5th

Good luck to: Blake, Grayson, Frank, Karly, Ethan and Carmen, as they represent Jordan at the D.S.B.N. meet June 14th!

Badminton

The Intermediate Badminton team had a very successful season this year! At the regional tournament at South Lincoln, the students competed against teams from 8 other schools. They played extremely well, despite the dim lighting conditions caused by the windstorm, and all of them made it to the playoff round. Abbi V., Megan C., and Karly R. all placed second in their divisions, and Josh G., Ethan B., Frank E., Carmen E., and Logan B. came in first! At the next tournament at Brock, the team faced some tougher competition from 56 schools in the DSBN. They fought hard, never gave up, and kept up their team spirit throughout a long and tiring day. Josh, Megan, Karly, Carmen, and Logan all made it to the playoff round, and Carmen and Logan ended up with third place overall! What amazing results for a small school! Congratulations to a fantastic badminton team! A special thank you to Aidan K. and Elizabeth S. for being our alternates, coming out to all practices, and for cheering the team on at the tournaments. We appreciate Mrs. Van Noort for coaching our team!



3-Pitch

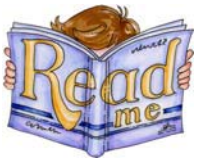
Our Junior and Intermediate three Pitch teams will be decided soon. We look forward to the tournaments. Junior 3 Pitch is Thursday, June 16th with a rain date of Friday, June 17th. Our Intermediate 3 Pitch is on Monday, June 20th with a rain date of Tuesday, June 21st.
Thank you to our coaches Mrs. Janzen and Mrs. Sotola.

Character Education

Although we won't be formally recognizing a specific character trait during the month of June, we know that our students will be practicing all of the traits that we have reviewed throughout the year. Congratulations to the following students who demonstrated "Perseverance" during the month of May:
Maxx, Tiffany and North JK/SK
Tuesday, Joseph and Sawyer 1/2
Kyla and Keagan 3/4
Chiara and Jackson 4/5
Carley, Kayla and Mackenzie 5/6
Joshua, Karly and Megan 7/8

Summer Reading List

In our later June newsletter update, we will attach a list of recommended books for your child to read during the summer.



You're the Chef Program

Thank you Mrs. Mullet Koop and your Assistant Chef's for helping with the You're the Chef program. The students in grade five enjoyed trying new foods and recipes.

Spaghetti Dinner

Many thanks to our School Advisory Council for a fabulous Spaghetti Dinner evening. Our turnout was great and the company and food was even better. A special thank you to Samantha Vail and her restaurant crew for preparing our meals and to Lisa Woodcock for her time and effort

with set up and organization. We enjoyed a profit of $981.55 from the baskets and dinner. Donations of juice, water and desserts from our Jordan school community were much appreciated. Congratulations to our homeroom classes for contributing to our fantastic themed baskets. Lucky basket draw winners were:

Picnic basket – Jacob G.
The Vitamin Store – Nell Norman
Games Night – Wyatt R.
Move Night – Tanner V.
Pets – Warren L.
Gardening –
Sheri McGowan
Summer Fun –
Mrs. Bering

Special Lunch Days and Tuck Shop at Jordan

Thank you to Lisa Woodcock who has graciously accepted the role of coordinating special lunch options for Jordan students. We will continue to send home a monthly menu so that families know which days they will not need to pack two nutritional snacks and we will be able to order these special lunches in a timely manner. Lisa will also be following the new Food and Beverage policy guidelines to ensure that our special lunches comply with the criteria.

Lisa will also be including white or chocolate milk on the monthly food order forms so that you can order milk for the month to ensure that your child is receiving a milk to drink. We are currently finding that our milk is not selling well and we are losing many cartons due to expiration dates. We will offer both white and chocolate milk next year for 75 cents and milk will be delivered to each classroom during the second nutrition break.

Our Tuck Shop sales have been very poor this year, likely due to the very strict guidelines in the Food and Beverage policy. We have worked hard this school year to move towards offering foods that comply with these standards so that we are fully prepared in September when the policy is mandated. Therefore, it is unlikely that our Tuck Shop will remain open next year. This will be discussed at our next School Advisory Council meeting.

School Advisory Council Meeting

We hope you can join us as we meet for the last time during the 2010/2011 school year. Our final meeting is on **Tuesday, June 7th @ 6:30 p.m.** We plan to finalize fundraising for next year and review the roles of elected council positions. Attached to this newsletter is a nomination form for the 2011/2012 school year. Research clearly shows that students achieve better when their parents are actively involved in school life.

During our last SAC meeting, we allocated funds to support the following: each classroom teacher got $300.00 to purchase classroom resource items on their wish list; $150.00 to support FSL and special education; $310.18 for half the cost to rent NOC facilities and one bus to transport students to/from NOC for track and field; $500.00 to support grade 8 graduation; $1000.00 to purchase items for our library (IKEA shelving, area carpet, frames to display student art work, magazine racks, benches/chairs to read comfortably, etc.). 10 folding tables were purchased to use for events like our Spaghetti Dinner and Science Fairs, etc. Many thanks for your continued generosity and support! We appreciate you!!

Special thanks to Melanie Vander Veen, our school council chair; Erin Campbell our vice chair; Laura Blake our secretary and voting members: Tina Ruetz, Juliana Aceti, Sheri McGowan, Lisa Woodcock, and Laura Mullet Koop. We appreciate the fund raising efforts of Samantha Vail.

New Windows!!

We hope you have noticed our new windows at Jordan. Each classroom, boys' and girls' washrooms, and the library all have new windows. Niagara Glass is presently finishing outside trim work. We are looking forward to our new curtains soon. Exterior brick and masonry work will be ongoing and likely be completed in the summer.

Lincoln Library School Visit

We are looking forward to our time when staff from the Lincoln Library comes to Jordan to share information about the great summer programs at the library. Students in grades K-6 will have a short presentation on **Wednesday, June 8th**. We'd love for you to join us.

Jordan Historical Museum

Students in grades 1-4 will enjoy a brief presentation about the wonderful programs that the Jordan Historical Museum offers to children throughout the summer. The presentation will take place on **Thursday, June 9th at 9:15** in our library.

Team and Club Photo Day

If you have your own Jordan jersey and shorts, be sure to wear them to school on **Monday, June 13th.** Groff Photography will be taking photos of our teams and clubs to include in our yearbook. Photos will begin at 2:00 p.m.

Newsletter Draw Winner

Congratulations to Jorja V. for winning a $10.00 gift certificate to Toute Sweet. Thank you for reading our monthly newsletter.

School Opening and Closing

The last day of school for students is **Wednesday, June 29th.** Dismissal time is 3:30 as usual. A staff professional activity day is planned for Thursday, June 30th. Our school office will be closed on **Friday, July 1st** and

will re-open on **Monday, August 29th.** School will begin on **Tuesday, September 6th** at 8:55 a.m.

Moving??

If you are leaving the Jordan School area this summer, we would appreciate knowing this information in order to plan our class organizations and classroom set ups for September. Please contact the school office at 905-562-7491 and inform Mrs. Bering of your intention to move.

Library

We will be doing our Library Inventory in June. ALL library books are to be returned by June 16th. An overdue report with the appropriate fine will be sent home on June 17th. Thank you for your assistance, your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

PLANNING TODAY TO ENERGIZE EDUCATION TOMORROW

During the 2009/10 school year, the DSBN engaged in a system-wide review of our school buildings which enabled trustees to gain an overview of how our facilities are being used, and to identify potential areas for growth and revitalization in the future.

The majority of school boards throughout Ontario are facing the challenge of declining enrolment because of changing demographics. Parents are having fewer children later in life, which reduces the number of students starting Kindergarten each year.

One way school boards can address the issues of declining enrolment and aging facilities is through accommodation reviews. Through this process, education can be rejuvenated by building some new schools, consolidating some schools, renovating some schools and closing some schools.

At their most recent meeting, Trustees passed a Facilities Planning report which examines how to provide optimal learning spaces for students by initiating three phases of accommodation reviews beginning in September, 2011. Phase one accommodation reviews will undertake an in-depth study of central and south St. Catharines and Thorold secondary schools as well as elementary schools in Fort Erie.

Over the coming months, Board staff will begin to assemble an Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) for the two reviews. Each committee will undertake an in-depth study of the school planning areas and provide recommendations that will help guide Trustees in their decision making. Each ARC will include a business community member and/or a municipal representative, parents, a trustee, and DSBN staff. All ARC meetings will be open to the public, and the public will also have an opportunity to provide feedback during specially scheduled public meetings.

Moving forward, our goal is to continue serving students with excellent programs. The accommodation review process will ensure that funding is spent on enriching the educational opportunities for students

The full report, along with information about accommodation reviews is available at www.dsbn.org/arc.

Kindergarten Open House

The open house for NEW Kindergarten students will be on Thursday, June 2nd at 9:30 a.m. We will have some wonderful activities prepared, including a ride on a school bus. If you know of any children who are school-age appropriate, and have not already registered, please have their parents contact the school.

Making your own play dough at home is fast and easy and provides hours of great fun and learning. You can also add a package of Kool-aid to the mix to give your play dough a wonderful scent and great colour.

PLAYDOUGH
2 CUPS FLOUR
2 CUPS WATER
4 TSP. CREAM OF TARTAR
2 TBSP. VEGETABLE OIL
1 CUP SALT

Add food colouring to water (If you don't add the Kool-aid powder). Mix in other ingredients. Cook and stir on medium heat until thick and pliable. Store in airtight container at room temperature.

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. 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. 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. 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)

JORDAN SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM 2011

☐ I wish to declare my candidacy as a parent/ guardian representative on the school council.

Name:_____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

I am the parent/ guardian of _____, who is currently registered at this school.

I am an employee of the District School Board of Niagara. ☐ Yes ☐ No

I would like to be ☐ voting member ☐ elected position **(please indicate your interest)**

☐ chair

☐ vice-chair

☐ secretary

_____ _____

Candidates Sigature Date

(for office use only)

NOMINATION FORM RECEIPT

The nomination form for parent/ guardian representative on the school council for _____ at Jordan Public School has been received by:
(Parent/ Guardian Nominee's Name)

_____ _____

Principal's Signature Date

Proportional Reasoning - questions for kids/fun with numbers

Try these questions to help children get a sense of the size of the numbers.

Primary/Junior

- Choose two whole numbers less than 100. One should be really big and the other pretty small. Tell how many of the small numbers it would take to make the big one. How do you know?
- Twice a number is really big. What do you know about the original number?
- Cameron has 7 coins that he says have a value of 17 cents. What could the coins be?

Junior/Intermediate

- Choose two fractions less than five. One should be really big and the other pretty small. Tell how many of one fraction it takes to make the other one. How do you know?
- How many 2's are in 30? How many 3's are in 45? How can this be? Explain.
- A store is having a sale. Is it more helpful for you to know that an item is $10.00 off or 10% off?

*From Math Gains: Proportional Reasoning

Voracious reading

Fluency is the ability to read, speak, or write smoothly and with expression. The best way to become a fluent reader is through reading. The amount a child reads has a huge impact on their success in becoming a fluent reader. The strategy of voracious reading is one used with students to increase vocabulary and fluency. Students are taught that voracious means to do a lot of something and still want more of it. They know that by reading, reading, and more reading, they will become smooth readers that are enjoyable to listen to. This will lead to increased comprehension and broadened vocabularies.

How can you help your child with this strategy at home?

1. Encourage your child to read more at home. Start by adding a few minutes to their regular reading time and go from there.

2. Model this strategy for your child by taking out a book of your own and reading.

3. Have your child show you what he/she is reading. Ask the following questions:

   - Does this book interest you?
   - Are you able to read most of the words?
   - Do you understand what you are reading?

   Your child should be able to say "yes" to all three questions if he/she is reading a good book to improve fluency and become a voracious reader.

4. Find a genre or style of book your child is interested in. Visit the library or bookstore to provide more books or stories in this area of interest. Tapping into a reader's interests creates voracious readers.

Thank you for your continued support at home!

Ideas and strategies are taken from : The CAFE Book, written by Gail Boushey & Joan Moser

Eco-corner

Active Transportation and Taking Time for Nature:
June is just around the corner and with this month brings opportunities for all of us to spend more time outdoors enjoying nature and what it provides to us. There are many benefits to getting outside, especially when paired with some active transportation (walking, biking, jogging, etc.). There's a large body of research that indicates that both taking time to connect with nature and increasing active transportation positively affects our health and the development of youth.

I like to play indoors better 'cause that's where all the electrical outlets are.
-Fourth Grade student

Youth of this generation need to spend more time experiencing and playing outdoors or else they may fall prey to a new disorder 'N.D.D.' (Nature-Deficit Disorder)
-Richard Louv (from his book: Last Child in the Woods)

Suggestions for you and your family to explore:

- Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) manage over 30 Conservation Areas all around Niagara including their new Centre for Conservation located at Ball's Falls. http://www.npca.ca/
- Cycling around Niagara, whether you are looking for a short quick trip or more of an adventure on 2 wheels, check our Niagara Cycling for a great listing of maps and routes. http://www.niagaracycling.ca/
- Hiking: - Short Hills Provincial Park http://www.friendsofshorthillspark.ca/trailframe.htm
- Bruce Trail (http://www.niagarabrucetrail.org/),
- Niagara Parks and Gorge http://www.niagaraparks.com/nature-trails/niagara-glen-whirlpool.html

Visit the DSBN Environmental Sustainability Committee website (www.dsbn.org/esc/)to share some of your own creative ideas.

FSL update at DSBN

French as a Second language programs at DSBN, Core French and Late French Immersion provide opportunities for students to engage in another language. Speaking both of Canada's official languages enhances experiences and opens doors to the future in a bilingual country.

French Immersion is growing…

Grade 5 students across the DSBN have the opportunity to immerse themselves in Canada's two official languages. The following sites will offer Middle Entry French Immersion Grade 5 for September 2011 where Math, Science, Social Studies and Français are taught in French.

Grimsby: Lakeview Public School and Central Public School
St.Catharines: Alexandra Public School , Dalewood Public School , and Oakridge Public School
Niagara Falls: Prince Philip Public School
Welland: Princess Elizabeth Public School
Port Colborne: McKay Public School

In addition, the St. Catharines' sites will offer entry in Grade 7 for French Immersion until September 2012 By September 2013, the French Immersion program entry level will be available only in Grade 5 across the DSBN.

French Immersion Secondary sites continue to offer French Immersion programs at Grimsby Secondary School, Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School, A.N. Myer Secondary School, and Centennial Secondary School.

We are proud to be the only board across the Niagara region to offer French Immersion. If you have any questions please call Kelly McDonnell at 905-227-5551 ext. 52402 or Lorraine Gower ext. 52220.

Summer school Gr. 7& 8

Summer School for Grade 7 and 8 students will be running from Monday July 4, 2011 to Friday July 29, 2011. "Great in Eight" and "High School Head Start" programs are literacy and numeracy focused and designed to meet individualized student needs through differentiated instruction. Students who are struggling in Literacy or/and Numeracy, would like to continue to work on their skills over the summer or would like a social learning experience in a secondary setting during the summer would be appropriate candidates for the programs. Students in Grade 8 transitioning to Grade 9 in September may also take the Grade 10 Phys Ed Credit. This is a 5 week credit bearing program. Below is a list of sites and programs.

Please see the links below for more information.

http://bit.ly/HSHeadStart

http://bit.ly/Gr8in8

Site	Offerings
Fort Erie Secondary School	Great in Eight and High School Head Start
Welland Centennial	Great in Eight and High School Head Start
A.N. Myer Secondary, Niagara Falls	Great in Eight and High School Head Start
Governor Simcoe Secondary, St. Catharines	Great in Eight and High School Head Start
Eden/Lakeport, St. Catharines	Great in Eight and High School Head Start

Community service hours (for Grade 8 students)

Since 1999, one of the requirements for all students in Ontario secondary schools has been to complete a minimum of 40 hours of community involvement activities in order to achieve their Ontario Secondary School Diploma. This requirement is designed to encourage students to develop awareness and understanding of civic responsibility and the role they play in supporting and strengthening their communities.

Up to this point in time students began to complete these hours once they officially registered in Grade 9. We are pleased to announce that effective July 1, 2011, students will be able to start accumulating community involvement hours in the summer before they enter Grade 9 after they have received information and training from DSBN personnel. As such, the Grade 8 students at your school will be receiving, if not already, training from one of our local secondary school Guidance Heads on the Community Involvement Process between now and the end of this school year. Students will receive a Community Involvement Information Manual along with a Student Passport Record of Completed Community Involvement Activities. If you go to the following link you will be able to peruse this information:

http://www.dsbn.edu.on.ca/schools/supportservices/Curriculum/Guidance/community.html

We encourage you to have follow up discussions with your child(ren) about their role in society and how Community Involvement allows for them to give back to their community in a positive manner.

Summer camps for children

Summer day camps are an excellent way for children to continue to stay active, learn and make new friends through the summer months. Most local municipalities offer camps and so most local museums and other community organizations. The following are a short list of some of the opportunities that your children might enjoy. Please contact your local municipality if you would like information about the many opportunities in your community.

Lincoln and West Niagara
Town of Lincoln -- Summer Adventure Camp
http://www.lincoln.ca/siteengine/activepage.asp?PageID=141

Town of Grimsby – a variety of summer camps for children of all ages
http://www.town.grimsby.on.ca/Leisure-Guide-/-Publications/

Township of West Lincoln
http://www.westlincoln.ca/recreation/2010-programs

City of St. Catharines
http://www.stcatharines.ca/en/playin/resources/SCR0124-LeisureGuideSS11-LR.pdf

Carousel Players – summer camps and theatre school
http://carouselplayers.com/

Brock University – Badgers Sports Camps
http://gobadgers.ca/2011BadgersSportsCamps

Niagara College – Niagara Kids College Camps
http://www.niagaracollege.ca/content/ContinuingEducation/NiagaraKidsCollege.aspx

YMCA of Niagara – a variety of camps and programs in all of Niagara's communities
http://ymcadaycamp.ca/

City of Niagara Falls – summer camps
http://www.niagarafalls.ca/city_hall/departments/parks_recreation_and_culture/leisure_guide/pdf/Leisure-Guide-Full.pdf

City of Welland
http://www.welland.ca/Leisure/Guide.pdf

Boys and Girls Club of Niagara
http://www.boysandgirlsclubniagara.org/userfiles/file/SUMMA.pdf

Niagara Children's Museum – summer art camps
http://www.niagarafallsartgallery.ca/0_flyers/stc.pdf

Rodman Hall Summer Camp
http://brocku.ca/rodman-hall/education/studios

Summer Music Camp
50th Anniversary!

The Niagara Symphony's acclaimed Summer Music Camp offers children a chance to explore music making - and have fun! Junior and Senior Sessions have classes for all ages and skill levels in instrumental and choral programmes. Full information and registration forms are available at www.NiagaraSymphony.org or call the Niagara Symphony at 905-687-4993 ext. 223.
Join us as we celebrate 50 years of Summer Music Camp!

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SHAW SUMMER CAMP

July 18-22 or **July 25-29**
Presented by The Shaw and Carousel Players
For ages 10-14
Explore characters and scenes from the play THE ADMIRABLE CRICHTON or the musical MY FAIR LADY and then perform for family and friends. Includes a day at The Shaw with a tour, workshop, matinee, and post-show chat. Classes held at Carousel Players in St. Catharines.
$210

Register at Carousel Players 905-682-8326 x26 or email info@carouselplayers.com
(Prices do not include tax).

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 day 9 EQAO	**2** day 10 9:30 New to Kindergarten Orientation EQAO	**3** day 1 Pizza Day Gr. 7/8 S&T EQAO	**4**
5	**6** day 2 EQAO	**7** day 3 EQAO	**8** day 4 EQAO	**9** day 5 EQAO Grad Dinner Money Due	**10** P.A. Day	**11**
12	**13** day 6 Team Photos p.m. DSBN Track and Field Meet @ NOC	**14** day 7 Raindate Track and Field Meet	**15** day 8	**16** day 9 Jr. 3 Ptich Tournament Confederation Park	**17** day 10 Hamburger/ Hotdog Day Raindate Jr. 3 Pitch Tournament	**18**
19	**20** day 1 Int. 3 Pitch Tournament Jordon Lions Park	**21** day 2 Raindate Int. 3 Pitch Tournament	**22** day 3	**23** day 4	**24** day 5 Grade 8 Graduation Beacon Harbourside	**25**
26	**27** day 6 JK-Gr.4 to Safari Niagara Gr. 7/8 to Chicopee Tube Park Term 2 Reports Home	**28** day 7	**29** day 8 9:15 Awards/ Volunteer Recognition Assembly 1:50 Jordan Idol	**30** P.A. Day		