

# APPLEWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL

*Achieving Success Together*

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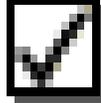
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## Month End Wrap Up - Dec. 2016

### IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 9th—Classes resume

Jan. 20th—PD Day



### CHOOSE TO MATTER—GATORS CARE!

Our Gators Care committee and our Applewood community have been busy spreading cheer this month. Twenty-five py-jamas are being donated to Gillian's Place and many pieces of student artwork are being given to Tufford Manor on Queenston Street, to brighten some residents' days. In January, students will be writing letters to some of the workers who service our school, such as the letter carrier, the UPS driver, etc..., thanking them for our service. We have had a successful allergy friendly food drive and have sold many candy-grams! From all of us, on the Gators Care committee, we hope you have a healthy and happy holiday!

### DREAMBOX

All students at Applewood have access to Dreambox math software from school and at home! This software runs on a standard computer or on the I-Pad. Students are familiar with log-in from a standard computer via our School Web Page, but need to access I-Pads differently. The pass-code for the I-pads is 42cv/applewood Please log in under school when accessing the program! To access the program from a desktop or laptop computer, use the link on our school web-page and use the student log-in!



### FROM THE OFFICE—DREAMBOX CHALLENGE

Students at Applewood are excited about our 'DreamBox Challenge'. Students are competing to see which individual will demonstrate the greatest amount of academic growth on Dreambox. A super prize of Ice Dogs tickets will be awarded to the top student. We have also added a classroom prize to keep the contest exciting! The contest period runs from December 1st until January 8th, so encourage your children to log some math time on DreamBox during the Holiday Break! **Play to Learn, Play to Win!**

### AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

There may be times during the school year where inclement weather or other situations could cause transportation cancellations or school closures.

At times when student transportation has been cancelled and schools remain open, the decision of whether or not to have children in school on that day rests with the parent/guardian. Should you decide not to send your child to school in the event that transportation is cancelled but schools remain open, or if your child is ill or late, please ensure that you call your child's school to inform them of your child's absence. A key resource in any emergency is the DSBN Emergency Information form that you filled out at the beginning of the school year. Please let the school know of any changes in contact information or procedures you wish to be followed throughout the school year.

Information about transportation cancellations and school closures will be available as soon as it is available through the following channels:

#### Websites:

<http://www.dsbnschools.org/inclementweather> or [www.nsts.ca](http://www.nsts.ca)

#### Subscription Features:

DSBN Facebook or Twitter

NSTS Transportation Delay or Cancellation Alerts

#### Phone:

Niagara Student Transportation Services 905-346-0290

#### Radio Stations:

CKTB (610 AM) St. Catharines

CHRE (105.7 FM) St. Catharines

WAVE (94.7 FM) Hamilton

CHTZ-FM (97.7 FM) St. Catharines

CKOC (1150 AM) Hamilton

2DayFM (105.1 FM) Niagara

CHML (900 AM) Hamilton

K-LITE-FM (102.9 FM) Hamilton

CHAM (820 AM) Hamilton

GIANT FM (91.7 FM) Welland

Y-108(107.9) Hamilton

#### Television Stations:

CHCH - Hamilton, CTV Toronto

Cogeco Channel 10 (Jack.Custers@cogeco.com)





DSBN Academy is a Grade 6 to Grade 12 public school designed to support and empower students to be the first in their family to graduate from college or university.

Come learn more about the opportunities offered at DSBN Academy. All families are welcome! Please see below for the dates, times and locations.

### Parent Information Sessions

January 10, 2017	<u>Harriet Tubman, St. Catharines</u>	6:30 - 7:30pm
January 12, 2017	<u>Diamond Trail, Welland</u>	6:30 - 7:30pm
January 16, 2017	<u>Valley Way, Niagara Falls</u>	6:30 - 7:30pm
January 19, 2017	<u>McKay, Port Colborne</u>	6:30 - 7:30pm
January 24, 2017	<u>Senator Gibson, Beamsville</u>	6:30 - 7:30pm
January 26, 2017	<u>Peace Bridge, Fort Erie</u>	6:30 - 7:30pm
January 31, 2017	<b>Open House at DSBN Academy</b>	<b>6:30 - 8:00pm</b>

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.



**I Matter At DSBN**

## FRENCH IMMERSION

For children completing SK and beginning grade 1 in September of 2017

Designed to be a second-language program for children whose first language is **NOT** French;

Current enrolment of over 2,000 elementary students;

Certificate of French Immersion Studies awarded upon successful completion of the elementary and secondary immersion programs;

Promoting understanding of different cultures;

Providing additional opportunities for employment using French as the working language;

An increased ability to communicate and interact with confidence in French.

**Registration will open January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

For more information about French Immersion in the District School Board of Niagara visit [www.dsbni.org/fi](http://www.dsbni.org/fi) or speak to your school principal.

**A Parent Information evening will be held on Wednesday, January 11th at Jean Sauve FI Public School, 91 Bunting Road, St. Catharines from 6:30-7:30 pm.**



## PARENT VOLUNTEERS - PRIMARY READING

The classes are looking for volunteers to help students read. This school reading program is designed to increase confidence in primary children through the teaching and guided practice of reading strategies. The program matches the children with an adult mentor. These volunteers then read with the children on a weekly basis. Training is brief and will be provided for all volunteers. Hours are very flexible. Parents can come any morning or afternoon they choose and the time of day can vary if that is more convenient. Please contact the office, Mrs. Vince or your child's classroom teacher if you are interested. Thanks!! (Please note that a 'Volunteer form' must be completed and filed at the office before volunteers are able to work with students)



## IS IT BULLYING?

It is important to distinguish between rude, mean and bullying behaviour so that teachers, school administrators, police, youth workers, parents and kids all know what to pay attention to and when to intervene.

**Rude/Bad Behaviour = Inadvertently saying or doing something that hurts someone else.**

**Mean = Purposefully saying or doing something to hurt someone once (or maybe twice).**

Make no mistake; mean behaviors can wound deeply and adults can make a huge difference in the lives of young people when they hold kids accountable for being mean. Yet, meanness is different from bullying in important ways that should be understood and differentiated when it comes to intervention by either parents or caring adults in a child's life.

**Bullying = Intentionally aggressive behavior, repeated over time, that involves an imbalance of power.**

Experts agree that bullying entails [three key elements](#): an intent to harm, a power imbalance and repeated acts or threats of aggressive behavior. Kids who bully say or do something intentionally hurtful to others and they keep doing it, with no sense of regret or remorse — even when targets of bullying show or express their hurt or tell the aggressors to stop. Bullying may be physical, verbal, relational or carried out via technology.

At Applewood we help students understand the difference between bullying and 'bad behaviour'. Students are encouraged to first use the DeBug strategies, then involve a grown up if they are unable to resolve a situation themselves. If as a parent your child tells you about a situation at school—as hard as it may be, your first, best step is to help give them the tools to try to deal with it themselves. If this doesn't work, speak to your child's teacher, but always try to help your child develop the tools work through adversity on their own first! This is an important life skill that we are trying to develop!

**Thank you for purchasing our Candy -Grams and supporting Gator's Care!**

*Candy Grams  
for Cancer*

100% of the money raised from the sales of Candy Grams goes to our 2017 Rankin Run Team.

**50 cents each.**

