



# APPLEWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL

*Achieving Success Together*

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## Month End Wrap Up - Nov. 2017

### IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 13th—5:30-7:00 -Community Holiday Night & Bake Sale



### STUDENT of the MONTH

This year, we are going to focus our student of the month around the LEARNING SKILLS from the Report Card. These are the characteristics and behaviours that help promote success for students. We will be reviewing what these look like in classrooms and help students develop these skills. This month's focus has been ORGANIZATION!

- K 1- Jason H., Tyson H.-L.
  - K 2—Abbey B., Quintin L., Jaxon M.
  - Gr. 1—Nolan D., Sofia B.
  - Gr. 1/2—Jayda F.-B., Alexis G.
  - Gr. 2/3—Chloe L., Andre A.
  - Gr. 3/4—Evie H., Sadaf
  - Gr. 4—Hazel H., Kali R., Michael D.
  - Gr. 5/6—Daniel C., Kam H., Will F.
- In December our goal is CARING!

### HOLIDAY COMMUNITY NIGHT WITH BAKE AND HOT BEVERAGE SALE!

Please pencil Wednesday, December 13th from 5:30-7:00 pm into your calendars for our Annual Applewood Holiday Community Night! This will also be the evening for our annual Bake Sale! A reminder that baked goods may be donated at school on Dec. 12th and 13th! Please come join us and enjoy crafts, games and dancing with your loved ones while sipping on hot cocoa and munching on home made baked goods! Could it get any better then this?

### DREAMBOX CHALLENGE

We are excited about our 'DreamBox Challenge'. Classes are competing against each other to see, which class—on average, is spending the most time learning on DreamBox. Prizes will be awarded to Top Classes as well as Top Individuals. The contest period runs from December 1st until January 7th, so encourage your children to log some math time on DreamBox during the Christmas Holidays! 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.dsbns.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



## How DreamBox Learning Recommends Lessons

DreamBox offers over 1,800 lessons with millions of paths through the curriculum. To engage students exactly where they are, it adjusts in real-time, adapting hints, level of difficulty, pace, and sequence. DreamBox Learning lessons are not set up as linear progression. For example, if three different students are working on a particular lesson, they will each be offered different follow up lessons based on how they responded to questions throughout the lesson. The DreamBox adaptive engine selects the next set of recommended lessons based on each student's demonstrated strengths and struggles. The program takes its direction based on how the student answers their current lesson, allowing each student to chart their own learning path through DreamBox.

**Please don't help your children if they are 'stuck' on DreamBox!** Because the program adjusts to their learning, allowing them to make mistakes on concepts they don't clearly understand, this ensures that the program adapts to teach them accordingly!

## MAKERSPACE

We are trying to have Makerspace run every week for our students! We are however, lacking LEGO and would like to have some building challenges, so if you have any old bits, bases and boxes at home that are no longer being used, please donate them to the school. What is Makerspace you might ask? **Makerspaces** provide hands-on, creative ways to encourage students to design, experiment, build and invent as they deeply engage in science, engineering and tinkering. A 'makerspace' is not a science lab, woodshop, computer lab or art room, but



it may contain elements found in all of these familiar spaces.

## I SPY BOARD

We are in the process of creating an 'I Spy Board' in the learning commons. To do this, we will be creating a collage of small discarded items. Please send us your old Happy meal type toys, Barbie shoes or accessories, baseball/hockey cards, bottle caps, magnetic letters, small toys, mini cars, junk jewelry. The possibilities are endless!

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A request to our friends and neighbours... Please help to look after our school! If you need to report incidents, please call the Niagara Regional Police. Should you observe unusual activity at the school call the following emergency number 905-682-8065. Your help in taking care of our school is greatly appreciated.

## JR CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

The Junior Volleyball team had a great regular season! The coed team worked hard and improved with each outing. We are most proud of the team for demonstrating excellent sportsmanship. The team tried their best, encouraged one another and never gave up. Team members Katelyn B., Daniel C., Alexia G., Isaac H., Kameron H., Madelyn L., Garet M., Brandon T., Chloe T. and Emma V. are recognized for their efforts and positive attitudes encouraging one another on and off the court. We wish them the best of luck and will be cheering them on as they continue in the playoffs! Gooooooooo Gators!!!



# 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.

# READING ROCKS JUNIOR

## An Emergent Literacy Intervention

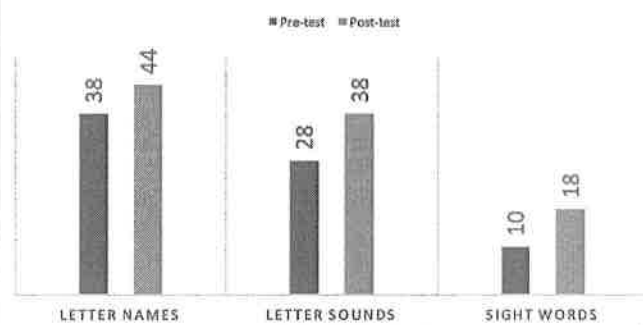
**Ages  
4-6**



### What You Need To Know

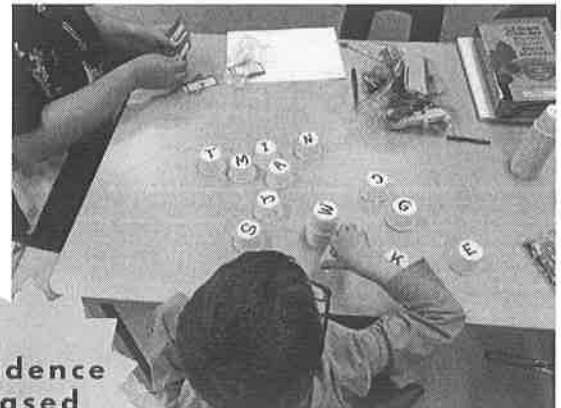
- After-school program
- Twice a week (1hr sessions) for 8 weeks
- Targets **phonics**, sight words and printing
- Qualified staff and volunteers provided
- Affordable for families
  - \$50 Program Fee + \$50 Annual Membership fee
  - \*Subject to change
  - \*Subsidy available
- Offered at local elementary schools across the Niagara Region

### READING ROCKS JUNIOR RESULTS



Oct.-Dec., 2016

**Evidence  
Based**



*"Reading Rocks Junior was a very positive experience and she looked forward to coming each week. The teacher and myself have noticed a significant difference from beginning to end. She is able to identify the entire alphabet and a few sight words, which has increased her confidence in reading."*

- Program Parent, Spring 2017

*"Our son LOVED it. He enjoyed all the teachers that worked with him and was excited to come. He is more confident with letter recognition and sounds."*

- Program Parent, Fall 2016

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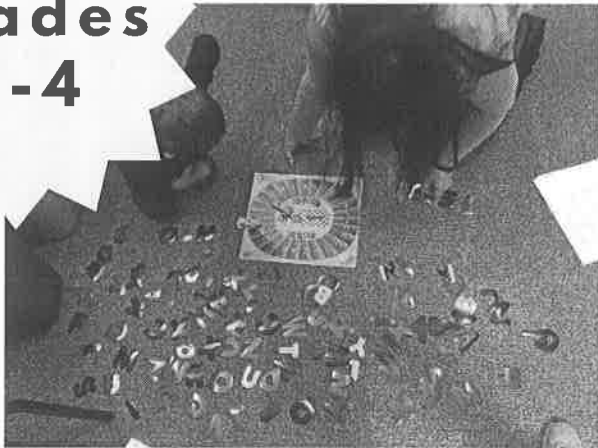
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# LET'S R.E.A.D.

## Read, Explore and Discover

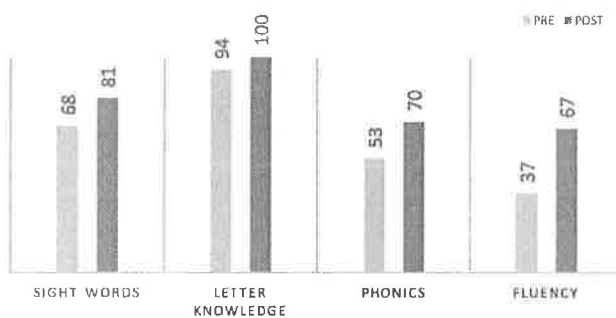
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LET'S R.E.A.D. RESULTS



Oct.-Dec., 2016



### Evidence Based

*"She loves going. Never a fight to get her there. She actually looks forward to going and doesn't realize that she's learning while she is there. The fun aspect keeps her interested. I can't thank you enough for helping her gain confidence and also gain a positive attitude towards reading."*

- Program Parent, October 2017

*"My son was struggling and did not want to read but I have seen so much improvement when he reads now. It has boosted his confidence in reading. I would definitely recommend this program."*

- Program Parent, Fall 2016

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