



APPLEWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL

Achieving Success Together

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Month End Wrap Up - Dec. 2017

IMPORTANT DATES

- Dec. 22nd—Last day of 2017
- Jan. 8—Classes resume
- Jan. 19—PD Day



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 CARING!

- K 1- Jaxon D., Brooklyn B.
 - K 2—Hannah O'Neil, Kabir S., Malia H.-L.
 - Gr. 1— Colleena A., Lucas S.,
 - Gr. 1/2—Baya P., Hunter D.
 - Gr. 2/3—Oliver S., Owen P.
 - Gr. 3/4—Trenton B., Tessa G.
 - Gr. 4—Rachel K., Meredyth L., Jacob M., Nathan O.
 - Gr. 5/6—Kaiden V., Cloey O., Chloe T.
- In January our goal is COLLABORATION!

HOLIDAY COMMUNITY NIGHT

Thank you to everyone who baked for the bake sale or joined us for the Holiday Community night! We had a wonderful evening enjoying home made treats and creating festive crafts!

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!**

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER—PLEASE!

A reminder that all gr. 1-6 students spend two nutrition breaks of twenty minutes playing outdoors daily! Boots, mittens and hats are recommended for warmth, but a change of dry shoes



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

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



are expected for all! Please ensure that your children start the New Year off with the clothing they need to enjoy the outdoors! Thank you!

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. 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.



APPLEWOOD STAFF WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY and A HAPPY NEW YEAR! ENJOY THE PEACE OF THE HOLIDAYS AND TIME SPENT MAKING MEMORIES WITH YOUR LOVED ONES AND FRIENDS!



OAKRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL PD DAY CLASSES

Red Cross Babysitter's Course - PA Day Jan 19th 9am-4pm

This babysitter training course is designed for youth aged 11 - 15 years old. Participants learn how to run a small babysitting business and how to supervise younger siblings or other children in a safe and responsible manner. Aspiring babysitters also learn basic first aid skills.

Cost \$60 + tax per person, register online <https://safetycoursesforkids.com/?p=16109>.

Home Alone Safety for Kids Course - PA Day Jan 19th from 9am-4pm

Is your child ready to stay home alone? This safety program helps children and their families get ready for their child's first steps towards independence and being without adult supervision and is ideally suited for children aged 9-12 years old. Safety and accident prevention are the common theme throughout the program.

Cost is \$55 + tax per person, register online <https://safetycoursesforkids.com/?p=16108>.

My Safe Life - Personal Safety for Kids - PA Day Jan 19th from 9am-4pm

Empower children with confidence and skills to recognize when things affecting personal safety are just not right! Children learn to recognize inappropriate behaviour from adults, teens or peers and how to react with confidence. Lots of time is spent in class practicing new skills that show confidence when a child says "NO!" to inappropriate behav-

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



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KICKSTART

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

Please sign and return to be eligible for the draw.

Our Family has read this month's newsletter.

Parent's Signature_____

Students' Name(s)_____