



Grapeview Gazette

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Grapeview Public School,
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DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA

SHELLEY FEHRMAN– PRINCIPAL
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Mark Your Calendar

- **December 5-8**
Scholastic Book Fair
- **December 5– Evening of the Arts**
4p.m.– 6 p.m.
- **December 5– DSBN Academy visit to Grapeview**
- **December—Grades 4-8 DSBN Arts Showcase at School Board Office**
- **December 22– last day of classes before the Winter Break**
- **January 8, 2018**
Classes resume.



*Do What Is Expected
by...*

Working Hard
Being Kind
Having Fun
Gryphon Proud!

Message from the Office

Dear Grapeview Families,

We have had another successful month at Grapeview. Students have been involved in many different activities including volleyball, basketball, GTV, bucket drumming, games club, reading clubs, coding and art club. Our Gryphon's of Hope team have lead our school through a Kindness Campaign these last few weeks. Each day there was a kindness challenge and students and classes were focused on defining what it means to be kind and how simple small acts of kindness have great impact in our community here at school, in our city and around the world. December is a month where we often pause to be thankful, reflect and give. We will continue this coming month encouraging our students to show kindness and be the change they wish to see in their world. Each week the office challenges the students to reflect on the quote of the week. All quotes this month will continue to focus on kindness that can be found within each of our hearts. We continue to reflect on the many challenges that we all face and know that it is important to look at conflict with a lens that everyone struggles and if we pause to recognize this and then approach each situation with understanding and respect we will be able to solve problems and come to resolutions.

Many of our art pieces that we have created this month share messages of kindness, hope, and joy. We are looking forward to sharing our talents with you December 5 at our Evening of the Arts Event. Please come with your children to celebrate their creativity, enjoy a cup of hot chocolate, listen to music from our bucket drummers and remember to take their work before you leave so that it can decorate your home. We will have Community Care bin for can good donations. This evening will also be an opportunity to visit the Scholastic Book Fair which will be open in the Learning Commons.

Finally, we want to take a moment to share our thanks for a great beginning to our school year. We wish all our families a safe, healthy and happy December and all the best to you for 2018.

Sincerely,

Mrs. S. Fehrman and Ms. K. Veld

Grapeview Television (GTV) is a news report that is created, produced and edited by some of our very own Grade 8 students. They weekly will be producing a variety of different segments that let's the Grapeview community know what has been happening at our school. Students from all grades are involved. Each week the episode will be accessible on our school webpage and we will also Tweet out the link to the episode. Look for this symbol and click to view the latest broadcast.



Volunteers Needed

Volunteering is a great way to get involved in the school. We are looking for parents or grandparents that are interested to share their time, energy and talents to help make our school a great place for children.

The parent council is looking to host a Dance a thon for students again this year. They would like to host the event on **February 14th, Valentines Day and need Volunteers** for that day in order to run this event. If you are interested and able to volunteer, even for a portion of that day, please let Ms. Veld at the office know and she will connect you to Taylor Glover your parent council president.

We are also looking for **volunteers to help read** with our primary students. If you are interested please let Ms. Veld at the office know as we would love to have support with our reading program.



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.

The poster features an illustration of three children playing with blocks. A girl with dark hair is standing and placing a block on a stack, while a boy with dark skin is also standing nearby. A girl with blonde hair is sitting on the floor to the left. The background is a dark blue gradient.



Is DSBN Academy a good fit for your child?

The 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.

The faculty and student body are committed to excellence and the belief that, with hard work, they can achieve their dreams. Come learn how our unique program prepares students to succeed at college and university and how your child can benefit from the opportunities offered at DSBN Academy. All families are invited to attend a parent information session in your community. Please see below for dates, times and locations.

Parent Information Sessions

January 15, 2018	<u>Harriet Tubman, St. Catharines</u>	6:30 - 7:30pm
January 16, 2018	<u>Diamond Trail, Welland</u>	6:30 - 7:30pm
January 18, 2018	<u>Valley Way, Niagara Falls</u>	6:30 - 7:30pm
January 23, 2018	<u>Dewitt Carter, Port Colborne</u>	6:30 - 7:30pm
January 25, 2018	<u>Senator Gibson, Beamsville</u>	6:30 - 7:30pm
January 30, 2018	<u>Peace Bridge, Fort Erie</u>	6:30 - 7:30pm
February 6, 2018	Open House at DSBN Academy	6:30 - 8:00pm

Admission Requirements

DSBN Academy recruits and enrolls students from all 12 municipalities within the Niagara Region. Eligible applicants must meet the following requirements, both at the time of application as well as at enrollment:

- Student must be entering Grades 6, 7 or 8 in September.
- Student would be the first in their family to graduate from a college or university program. If a sibling of the student has attended a post-secondary institution but the parent(s)/guardian(s) have not, the student is still considered a First Generation Student.
- Student must be achieving current grade level expectations or just below.
- Student has demonstrated the potential for achieving "good" or "excellent" learning skills, particularly initiative, independent work and responsibility.
- Student must be willing to attend a school location that may be out of his/her community.
- Student understands that there is a mandatory after-school program which includes enrichment opportunities and academic supports.
- Families must understand that it is a single track pathway beginning in grade 9 (Academic Level Only).
- Families understand that there is a parent engagement requirement of 15 hours each year.
- Applicants must submit a **completed** application to their current school by February 9, 2018.



DreamBox Update

Congratulations to the following top classes for lessons completed in November.

Mrs. Bingham's Grade 6 Class

Mrs. Lampman's Grade 2 Class

Mrs. Wilson's Grade 3 Class

With a two week break from school approaching DreamBox is a great way to keep students engaged in math learning. Fifteen to twenty minutes each day on this program could have a significant impact in student success with the math learning happening in class.

To review your child's academic progress with a DreamBox Parent Account.

Please follow these steps to create your free Parent Account:

1. Go to <https://play.dreambox.com/login/42cv/grapeviewps>
2. Have your child login to their profile just as they would at school.
3. Click Setup Parent Access at the bottom of the page.
4. Follow instructions to create a new login and password.
5. Read Terms of Use and Privacy Policy.
6. Click "Submit".

Log into your home account after set up:

1. Go to <http://play.dreambox.com>
2. Enter your email address and password.
3. To see student progress, click the "Parent Dashboard" button.



In order for DreamBox to open up the appropriate series of lessons to enable students to master the content, it is critical that parents allow students to work through the math *independently*. DreamBox will alter the content in the lessons in order to scaffold learning for students who initially find the content challenging. You will be amazed by what you can learn about your child and math by sitting behind your child and watching her or him play DreamBox but please resist the temptation of telling him or her the answer.

If you have any questions, please contact DreamBox Client Care by calling them at 877-451-7845 (weekdays 7am to 5pm, Pacific Time), or email support@dreambox.com. Or contact the school for support.

Grapeview - YMCA Child Care Centre

YMCA Child Care Centre provides a safe and nurturing environment for children to develop into confident, caring and happy individuals. Fully licensed centre with qualified, caring staff, curriculum based on children's interests. There are currently spaces available for children Kindergarten to 12 years (Grade 6) after school until 6:00 pm. Regional fee subsidy available to eligible families.

For more Information please contact Iris 905 682 9455 or grapeview@niagara.ymca.ca.



Parking Lot Safety



Please Help!

Before and after school are extremely busy times in our parking lot. We have buses that are trying to get in and out delivering students. There is a specific bus lane marked that runs along the curb to and from the entrance to the school. Please **DO NOT** use this lane as a drop off and pick up for your child(ren) arriving or leaving by car. We are also struggling with the speed at which people are driving in the parking lot. There have been a few minor fender benders and we are very concerned that a child or person could be hurt. Consider walking your child to school or parking on a side street and walking them onto the school property using the walkways. Before and after school we have a staff member wearing a safety vest to monitoring the flow of children on-to the property. Please show respect if you are asked to move, it is only for everyone's safety. Thank you for your help with this matter.



Parent Council

Next Meeting– February 27, 6 p.m. in Learning Commons

Looking to get involved in your child's school, consider coming to a parent council meeting. Joining the parent council provides you with the opportunity to meet other parents and discuss issues concerning your child and further develop your connection to the Grapeview community. We will also provide babysitting by some of our older responsible students.