



Grapeview Gazette

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SIMON HANCOX— PRINCIPAL
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Mark Your Calendar

- **December 4— Ice Dogs Assembly**
- **December 4-7 Scholastic Book Fair**
- **December 3-7 Canned Food Drive**
- **December 4— DSBN Academy Visit— Gr. 5 and 6**
- **December 6— STEM Day at Grapeview Hour of Code**
- **December 6— STEM Family Night 4-6 p.m.**
- **December 13— Ice Dogs Game for Grapeview Families**
- **December 14- Grade 9 Course Selection Sheets due to the office**
- **December 17— Winter Pajama Day**
- **December 18— Festival of Lights Family Night**
- **December 18— Crazy Sweater Day**
- **December 19— Fuzzy Sock Day**
- **December 20— Holiday Character Day**
- **December 21— Beauty and the Beast Grades 2-8**
- **December 21— Flannel Day**
- **December 21— last day of classes before the Winter Break**
- **January 7, 2019 Classes resume.**

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, dance, musical production, coding, math clubs—just to name a few. We ended November with our celebration Assembly where we recognized students of the month for their achievements in academics and positive character. We also celebrated all teams, clubs and groups that had success this past month. Looking ahead our focus in December will be kindness by giving of ones self. This is a great time of the year to pause to be thankful, reflect and give.

We had a very successful Movie Night last month, hosted by our Parent Council. Thank you! It was so nice to see our community come together and enjoy each others' company. This month we are also hosting events to continue to build community spirit. On December 6, Mr. Armstrong has arranged a day for all students to participate in a wide variety of STEM Challenges. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Engaging in STEM activities challenges students to use and build skills in problem solving, exploratory learning and critical thinking. Students will need these skills for success in their future endeavors. On the evening of the 6th we are inviting families into the building so student can share their learning from the day and also try out some new activities. This evening the Scholastic Book Fair will also be open late for families to do some shopping. We will have a Community Care bin for can good donations.

Ice Dogs game for Grapeview is December 13. We hope to see many families out cheering for our local team.

On December 18 we are trying something new. We are welcoming families to join us in celebrating the season with an evening bus trip to the Festival of Lights in Niagara Falls and then to come back to the school to share in hot chocolate and cookies. Both the Ice Dogs Event and the Festival of Lights Event will be up on Cash on Line .

Finally, we want to take a moment to share our thanks for a great beginning to our school year. Grapeview is a great place to work , learn and grow in each day. We are thankful to our families for sending wonderful students that make each of our days meaningful. We wish all our families a safe, healthy and happy December and all the best to you for 2019.

Sincerely,

Mr. Simon Hancox and Ms. K. Veld



*Do What Is Expected
by...
Working Hard
Being Kind
Having Fun
Gryphon Proud!*

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.

We are specifically 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.

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SAVE THE DATE FOR
KINDERGARTEN
KICKSTART
AT THE DSBN

- See a Kindergarten classroom
- Meet the Kindergarten Team
- Register for school
- Get a fun goodie bag with learning resources

NEW THIS YEAR!
REGISTER ONLINE
DETAILS COMING SOON

Thursday, January 31, 2019 • 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.



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.

School Visit: The DSBN Academy will be visiting Grapeview on December 4, 2018.

Parent Information Session

	WHERE	TIME
Wednesday, November 21 st , 2018	PEACE BRIDGE P.S. - Fort Erie	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Monday, November 26 th , 2018	VALLEYWAY P.S. - Niagara Falls	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Wednesday November 28 th , 2018	DIAMOND TRAIL P.S. - Welland	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Tuesday December 4 th , 2018	PLYMOUTH P.S. - Welland	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Thursday December 6 th , 2018	HARRIET TUBMAN P.S. – St Catharines	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Monday December 10 th , 2018	SENATOR GIBSON P.S. - Beamsville	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Tuesday January 15 th , 2019	DSBN ACADEMY – St Catharines <i>OPEN HOUSE</i>	6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

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. Keyes

Mrs. McLaughlin

Mrs. Contois

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: 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 26, 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.