



Grapeview Gazette

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Mark Your Calendar

- **December 3– DSBN Academy Visit– Gr. 5 and 6**
- **December 6– Celebration Assembly at 9:15**
- **December 4– Grapeview Day of Code**
- **December 9th–Primary Makerspace trip**
- **December 11th–Grades 4-8 to SWC for Arts Showcase**
- **December 13– Bake Sale**
- **December 13- Grade 9 Course Selection Sheets due to the office**
- **December 16– Cozy Pajama Day**
- **December 17– Celebrations Around the World**
Kwanza- red/green
Hanukkah -blue/white
Chinese New Year - red/yellow
Christmas- red/green
Winter Solstice - white
- **December 17 -Festival of Lights Family Night**
- **December 18– Wacky Sweater Day**
- **December 19– Fuzzy Sock/Slipper Day**
- **December 20– Winter Festival -Flannel/Plaid Day**
- **December 20– last day of classes before the Winter Break**
- **January 6, 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, STEM, coding, and student leadership—just to name a few. Mrs. McLaughlin and her grade 6 students did an amazing job planning and coordinating our Remembrance Day Assembly. Thank you to all of the staff and students who contributed to the assembly. We also celebrated our students' achievements at our November I Matter Assembly where we recognized students of the month for their accomplishments in academics and positive character.

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. To continue to build community spirit, this month we will be hosting the Festival of Lights trip again. On December 17th, 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. The Festival of Lights Event is on Cash on Line . We look forward to seeing you there.

On December 4th, 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. These are important skills for success in their future endeavors.

December is often a month that finds us reflecting on how to give back and make a difference in the lives of others. The Gryphon's of Hope have organized a Bake for Change event on December 13th. This is a bake sale that will help support the After School Matters program run by RAFT and United Way. The After School Matters Program is designed to help mitigate the effects of low income for over 500 of our local children. Proceeds from the bake sale will go towards the purchase of gifts for the students to be given during their holiday party.

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 2020.

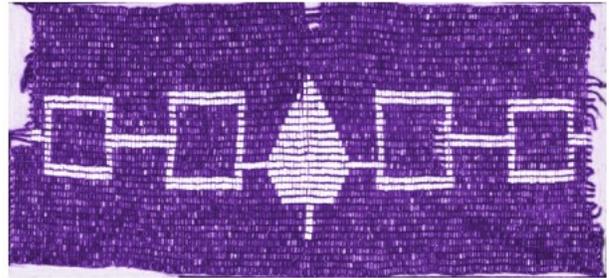
Sincerely,

Mr. Simon Hancox and Ms. St. John



Ancestral Land Acknowledgement use by Grapeview and the DSBN:

Last week Jamie Groat, our Indigenous Education Consultant and a member of the Tuscaroura Nation, visited Grapeview classrooms from grades 1-8 to teach and discuss with students the importance of the Land Acknowledgement. The students enjoyed interacting with the artifacts that Mr. Groat used to bring to life the history and long standing agreements.



A Land acknowledgement is a customary practice of Indigenous Peoples. It is a sign of respect and reciprocity when entering, gathering and utilizing another's space and place. Indigenous Peoples continue this practice amongst their Nations. Today the practice is beginning to be understood and utilized to renew, respect, reconcile and reciprocate Indigenous and non-Indigenous relations. The practice also serves as a reminder of pre and post-European contact histories, treaty relations and obligations, as well as providing information for newcomers, now entering Indigenous territories. Today acknowledgements are used for opening announcements in schools, events, gatherings and meetings; that specifically recognize the Nations who hold treaty, right and title in the territory.

We will begin to use the Land Acknowledgement at our school gathering beginning with the December Assembly.



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 3, 2019.

Parent Information Session

DATE	WHERE	TIME
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25 TH , 2019	PEACE BRIDGE P.S. - FORT ERIE	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26 TH , 2019	VALLEYWAY P.S. - NIAGARA FALLS	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2 ND , 2019	DIAMOND TRAIL P.S. - WELLAND	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
TUESDAY DECEMBER 3 RD , 2019	PLYMOUTH P.S. - WELLAND	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 TH , 2019	HARRIETTUBMAN P.S. – ST CATHARINES	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 TH , 2019	SENATOR GIBSON P.S. - BEAMSVILLE	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16 TH , 2019	MCKAY P.S. - PORT COLBORNE	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17 TH , 2019	PRINCESS MARGARET P.S. - NIAGARA FALLS	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
OPEN HOUSE		
MONDAY, JANUARY 20 TH , 2020	DSBN ACADEMY – ST CATHARINES	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, 2019.

A Message from the French Immersion Program at Jeanne Sauve...

The French Immersion program offered at Jeanne Sauve is **open to all students in Year 2 (Senior) Kindergarten**. If you want your child to develop a high proficiency and fluency in Canada's two official languages, French Immersion has a great deal to offer.

FEATURES OF THE FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM:

- Development of French language skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing from Grades one to twelve;
- 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;
- Opportunity to challenge the Diplôme d'études de langue française (DELF) exam in Grade 11 or 12 ;
- Promotes understanding of different cultures;
- Provides additional opportunities for employment using French as the working language;
- Increased ability to communicate and interact with confidence in French.



Registration will open January 6th, 2020

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

A Parent Information evening will be held on Thursday, January 9 at Jeanne Sauve Public School from 6:00-7:00 pm.

Parent Council

Next Meeting– January 28, 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 and further develop your connection to the Grapeview community. We will also provide babysitting by some of our older responsible students.

New to Kindergarten in September 2020?...

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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

REGISTER ONLINE!
[DSBN.ORG/KINDERGARTEN](https://www.dsbniagara.org/kindergarten)

Thursday, January 30, 2020 • 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.