



# Grapeview Gazette

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Grapeview Public School,  
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<http://grapeview.dsbni.org/>

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA

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## Mark Your Calendar

- **Jan. 8- Welcome back Happy New Year**
- **Jan.16- Intermediate Basketball Season Begins**
- **Jan.19- P.A.Day– no classes today**
- **Jan.26- Family Literacy Day**
- **February 1– Kindergarten Open House**
- **February 9– Term 1 Report Cards go home**
- **February 14– Dance-a-thon**
- **February 16—P.A. Day – no classes today**

## Message from the Office

*Dear Grapeview Families,*

*Happy New Year! January always feels like a new start here at school. It is the opportunity to reflect on our previous year and set goals and expectation for the coming year for ourselves. Teachers often use this time to help students focus on goal setting. Helping a child to understand what they want to achieve, where they need to concentrate their efforts and helping them to set a plan in order to be successful can lead a child down a successful path. Goal setting can help students identify distraction that had previously kept them from their goals. Goal setting can also improve academic performance, increase student motivation, self-confidence and increase pride and commitment to learning. The Term 1 Report Cards will be sent home early next month. The staff look forward to working together with you and your child to goal set and plan for achievement in 2018.*

*Sincerely,*

*Mrs. S. Fehrman and Ms. K. Veld*



### Pasta Lunch-

Every Tuesday starting February 6 you can order your child a pasta lunch.

Pasta with sauce pricing \$4.25 per portion (12 oz bowl)

Pasta, sauce and 2 meatballs \$1.00 extra.

**PLEASE ORDER ON CASH ON-LINE**

**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 found on Twitter @GrapeviewSchool



### 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 (two girls and one boy) playing with pink blocks. The text is presented in a clean, modern font with a color palette of blue, yellow, pink, teal, and green.



## 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
<b>February 6, 2018</b>	<b>Open House at DSBN Academy</b>	<b>6:30 - 8:00pm</b>

### 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 December.

**Mrs. Wilson's Grade 3 Class**

**Mrs. Bingham's Grade 6 Class**

**Mrs. Esau's Grade 5/6 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.