

MARCH 2016

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Dates to Remember:

- ♦ **March 1** - Niagara Falls Art Gallery
- ♦ **March 2** - K-3 at Fred Penner Concert
- ♦ **March 9** - Last Mad Science Session
- ♦ **March 11** - Beach Dance-a-Thon
- ♦ **March 14 to 18** - March Break
- ♦ **March 19** - Earth Hour
- ♦ **March 25** - Good Friday
- ♦ **March 28** - Easter Monday
- ♦ **March 29** - Hot Dog Day
- ♦ **March 31** - Grade 8 Grad Photos

Mondays and Fridays
- Lunch Lady Lunch

Thursdays - Pizza Lunch

DREAMBOX

DreamBox offers over 1,800 lessons with millions of paths through the curriculum. To engage students exactly where they are, it adjusts in real-time, adapting hints, level of difficulty, pace, and sequence. DreamBox Learning lessons are not set up as linear progression. For example, if three different students are working on a particular lesson, they will each be offered different follow up lessons based on how they responded to questions throughout the lesson. The DreamBox adaptive engine selects the next set of recommended lessons based on each student's demonstrated strengths and struggles. The program takes its direction based on how the student answers their current lesson, allowing each student to chart their own learning path through DreamBox.

While educators and parents cannot choose

specific lesson for students to work on, DreamBox provides high quality virtual manipulative tools which teachers and parents can use to design check-in lessons.

We recommend that students spend a minimum of 60 to 90 minutes per week with DreamBox Learning, between home and school. This ensures that the program is able to keep pace with your child, and accurately adjusts to his or her current instructional level.

DreamBox has found that most students will play DreamBox two to four times a week, for sessions of 15 to 30 minutes each. As students progress, they will continually be served appropriate new challenges. Some students will want to play more and longer and others will play less. The important part is that our students are using DreamBox and improving their math abilities!!

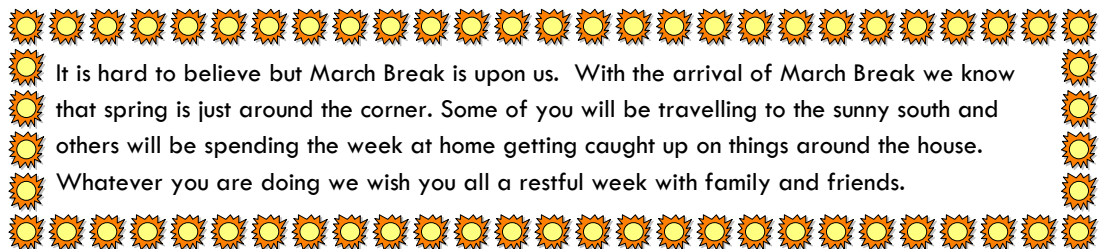
CONGRATULATIONS!!!

As a school our students are working hard on DreamBox during the school day and we have many students who use it at home as well. Teachers are seeing students making connections between Math Class and DreamBox.

We want to take a moment to recognize some students for all of their hard work in the last 30 days by sharing the number of lessons they completed.

Ed R. (Kdg - O) 164 lessons, McKinley T. (Kdg - D) 44 lessons, Nicholas K. (Gr 1) 62 lessons, Connor G. (Gr 1/2) 55 lessons, Ravi G. (Gr 2) 186 lessons, Olivia M. (Gr 2/3) 125 lessons, Deniz D. (Gr 3) 128 lessons, Adam K. (Gr 3/4) 138 lessons, Emma S. (Gr 4/5) 150 lessons, Jacey T. (Gr 5/6) 31 lessons, Graeme R. (Gr 6/7) 38 lessons, Isaiah V. (Gr 7/8 - O) 27 lessons and Josh H. and Keagan T. (Gr 7/8 - R) 41 lessons

We encourage all of our students to continue using DreamBox especially over the March Break. Keep up the good work everyone!!!!





Since December, students and teachers have been working hard on this year's musical, The Sound of Music. The actors are rehearsing, the choir is singing and the set crew is hard at work building and painting the set after school. Performances will be

on Thursday, April 28 at 7pm and Friday, April 29 at 12:30 and 7pm. Once again, we will be performing at St. Andrew's United Church on Morrison St. Mark your calendars because you won't want to miss this awesome production!

“Five Lessons a Day, Keeps the Bad Marks Away!”
By Emma S. about Dreambox

Check out our Website!!
<http://orchardpark.dsb.org/>



Our 2016 Intermediate Boys' Basketball Team.

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

Our Dance-a-Thon is soon approaching! You can now purchase a package deal online for \$5 which will include admission, drink, popcorn and 5 glow sticks. We are also asking that you consider donating an item to Project Share. Each item that you bring in will earn you a ballot for a draw. Let's help fill the shelves!

The planning for our Fun Fair in June is underway! If you have anything you would like to donate to our raffle table, please send in. Business donations or gift certificates are also a great help.

We were able to pay for the bussing to take fans to cheer on our intermediate girl's basketball team on February 25th! What a great game they played and congratulations to our champs! Many thanks to their coach and 3 teachers who were there with full support!

March 8th, 6:30pm is the next Bingo training date at the Gale Centre. Contact Melissa (mprocopio@assante.com) if you would like to attend.

GREAT GAME WEBSITES!!

For some fun things to do, visit www.tvokids.com and click Ages 11 and Under for these great games.

Word fun: spelling, comprehension, word games
The Amazing Spelling Fleas Fun with grammar, spelling and reading comprehension.
www.tvokids.com/games/amazingsspellingfleas

Spelling: spelling unfamiliar words
Spot and Spell Try to spell all the words correctly.
www.tvokids.com/games/spotandspell
Reading Round-Up Word search the tvokids.com way!
www.tvokids.com/games/readingroundup

Reading: book titles and reviews for all levels
Reading Rangers Book Club Read book reviews written by kids.
www.tvokids.com/ugc/readingrangersbookclub

MAKING SAFE LUNCHES AT HOME

Packing lunches for school takes time and energy but taking the time to follow these tips could prevent a foodborne illness in your family.

CLEAN - Wash your hands for 20 seconds with soap and warm water before preparing any meal.

Make sure you routinely clean countertops, utensils and any lunchboxes or lunch bags.

Raw fruits or vegetables can be contaminated with bacteria. Wash them with clean water and a scrub brush before eating.

KEEP COLD FOOD COLD - Foods like meat, chicken, seafood, eggs and dairy products must stay cold to stay safe.

Use frozen freezer packs to keep food at or below 4C (40F).

Use an insulated lunch box/bag and keep it away from heat sources. Place freezer packs between food that needs to stay cold. Refrigerate items the night before to get your lunch box/bag off to a cool start.

KEEP HOT FOOD HOT - Hot food must stay hot at above 60C (140F). Use insulated containers and keep them closed until ready to eat, or take your food cold and reheat it in a microwave.



Please keep in mind that any leftover food items coming home in your child's back pack can carry bacteria or have the ability to support bacterial growth. These bacteria can grow rapidly to harmful levels when food safety precautions are not followed. If these items have not been properly stored, place them in your green bin, do not consume them.

PROM PROJECT NIAGARA 2016

FREE FORMAL WEAR OPPORTUNITY

Prom Project Niagara is a one day fun free formal wear extravaganza for girls and guys!

Students can select their perfect head-to-toe look for their prom, formal, or graduation for FREE!

This year, we are offering Prom Project Niagara at:

Thorold Secondary School
Beamsville Secondary School
Fort Erie Secondary School

If you know of a student who could use this program, please join us on Saturday, April 9th, from 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at one of our locations.

Inviting all students who are in need of formal wear for their special day!

For more information on Prom Project please call 905-641-2929 ext. 37712, email efn@dbsn.org or visit www.efnniagara.ca

FRESH AIR FUND



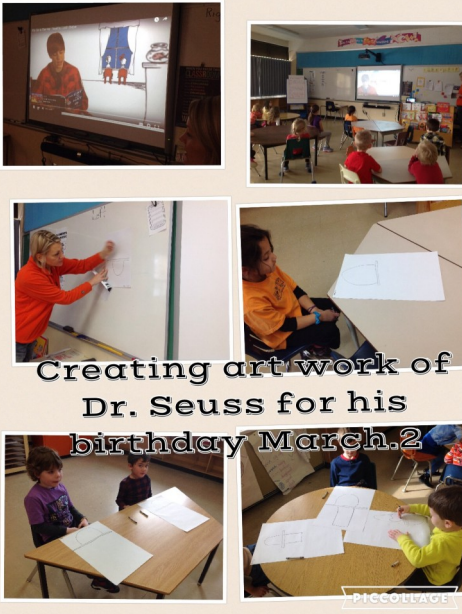
The Fresh Air Fund is always looking for a few more special families to discover the difference they can make in a child's life while enriching their own families summer experience.

Summertime is Fresh Air time for thousands of New York City children who visit volunteer host families in the Northeast, United States and Ontario, Canada through The Fresh Air Fund's Volunteer Host Family Program. The Fresh Air Fund, an independent, not-for-profit agency, has provided free summer experiences in the country to more than 1.8 million children since 1877. Volunteer host families open their hearts and homes to New York City children during the summer. Host families live in the suburbs, small towns, or rural areas, and wish to share the pure joys of summer with their New York City friends. Fresh Air children love to run barefoot through the grass, catch fireflies at night, swim in the lake, and gaze at star-filled skies. Through the eyes of Fresh Air children, families often rediscover the beauty of their own communities.

For more information on how you can sign up to become a volunteer host this summer, please contact Jeannete Murphy at 905-563-9993 murphykj@cogeco.ca or Christine Ferrusi 905-541-828 christine.ferrusi@friendlytown.org or visit www.freshair.org. Like us on Facebook - The Fresh Air Fund of Ontario, Canada



Mr. Hoshizaki stopped by to visit us recently. He joined our grade 2 students for lunch. They had a great visit with him and invited him to bring his lunch next time!



Creating art work of Dr. Seuss for his birthday March.2



Lots of fun was had at the Niagara River Lions Basketball Game including winning courtside seats for 2 of our students!!!!



Our Intermediate Girls' Basketball Team won the DSBN Championship!!! A bus load of fans cheered them on at their final game! Congratulations to the team and to their coach Ms Robinson!!