



Winger Public School

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Principal's Message

Mrs. Garrett will be absent from her duties during the month of November.

Mr. Wood has been designated as the temporary Principal replacement during that time. Mr. Wood wishes to thank the staff and students for their warm welcome to Winger. Mr. Wood is a retired DSBN Principal, having most recently served as Principal at Fort Erie Elementary until June 2010.

Many participants have said that the 2011 Pumpkin Fest was the most exciting and best organized fundraiser in many years. We extend our sincere thanks to the Pumpkin Fest Committee of Kathy Kiss, Brandy Matthews and Linda Reid who worked tirelessly with Winger staff to create this event.

We also could not arrange such an evening without the assistance of all the many adult volunteers with special kudos to our parents, community helpers, as well as the grade eight graduates who returned to assist. Special mention and thanks to Heidi Derksen for her assistance and the creation of the popular and mouthwatering Funnel Cakes.

In total, we raised \$5100.00, half of which will be put into the Primary Playground account and the other half will be retained for school activities such as support for the school literacy and numeracy programs and extra-curricular activities.

As this school year progresses, many parents find that the amount of homework required by teachers is increasing. Some parents ask for additional homework to be assigned, while others may question the value of work outside the classroom. The staff at Winger is dedicated to help all your children reach their full academic potential and we view homework is an opportunity for children to practice what they have learned in class and for families to be involved in their children's education.

Our Progress Report Cards will go home on Tuesday, November 15th and interviews will take place on Tuesday, November 22nd from 3:30-6:50 PM or at a mutually convenient time for the family and teachers.

We encourage all parents to have an interview with their child's teacher to promote good communication and to collaborate to ensure student success. If you are not available for an assigned interview time, please contact your child's teacher to reschedule.

Junior Kindergarten parents will be involved in classroom observations throughout the months of November and December. More information will follow from Mrs. Tremblay.

Tuesday, November 22nd is also Family Photo Night. For a sitting fee of \$10.00, you may wish to have a family photo taken by Lifetouch Photographers. If interested, you will need to reserve a photo sitting time in conjunction perhaps with your school interview. More information will follow regarding Family Photo Night.

November is the month when we remember how fortunate we are to live in a country like Canada where we have peace and the freedom to elect our leaders. On Friday, November 11th, at 10:45 a.m. there will be an assembly to help our students understand the significance of this special day.

Parents and community members are very welcome to attend. Poppies will be distributed to students prior to the assembly. Any monetary contribution made by our students for their poppy will be sent to the Legion. We will be participating in our national moment of silence at 11:00 for students to respect and understand this important tribute. Please join us if you are able to attend.



Pumpkin Fest Success

Mrs. Garrett and Winger staff would like to thank each and every student, parent, family member, volunteer and community partners for your help in planning, in participating and in the enjoyment of Pumpkin Fest. The evening was a great success and we owe it all to you!! We would like to give a special thank you to our corporate sponsors.

Lucky Draw Winners

Door Prize - Penny Charlebois
Walmart Gift Certificate- S. Gaylord
50/50 Draw - Thelma Anderson
Canadian Tire Certificate - W. Lintaman
Pizza Hut Certificate - S. Gaylord
Freshco Certificate -Lisa Robins
A list of all Silent Auction and Penny Sale Winners are posted on the Community Bulletin Board at the school.

PROGRESS REPORTS...

Progress Reports for students in Kindergarten to Grade 8 will be sent home on Tuesday, November 15th. Parents have the opportunity to meet with teachers from 3:30 to 6:50 p.m. on the evening of November 22nd. If you are unable to meet with the teacher, please contact the school to schedule a meeting at another time. We encourage parents to come meet with teachers concerning their child's progress to promote good communication and to collaborate to ensure student success.

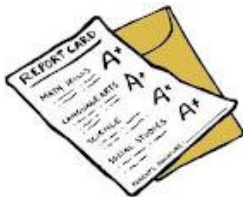


Photo Retakes November 22



If your child has still not had their school photo taken by this date, then they will be called to have their photo taken. Also, if you would like your child's photo retaken, please have your child pick up an order form at the office. Orders for previously taken photos are due by November 10th.

Family Photo Night

On Tuesday, November 22nd, families will have an opportunity to have their family photo taken by Lifetouch Photography. Photos will be taken from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Magazine Fundraiser



The Winger Magazine Fundraiser kicks off on Wednesday, November 2nd and will be running for two weeks until Wednesday, November 16th. We hope you will participate in this program by renewing current subscriptions or purchasing new ones. We have extra brochures and order forms at the office. You can also order on-line at www.ccrp.ca. Our school code is ON2504. Magazines also make great Christmas gifts. We appreciate your support!!!

Winger Christmas Concert

Mark your calendar! The Christmas concert this year will be held on December 21st. There will be a matinee performance at 1:30 p.m. and an evening performance at 7:00 p.m. We hope to see you there!



Remembrance Day



On Friday, November 11th there will be an assembly at the school at 10:45 a.m. to help our students understand the significance of this special day. Parents and community members are welcome to attend. Poppies will be distributed to students prior to the assembly. Any monetary contribution will be sent to the Legion.

Grade 8 Girls HPV Vaccine

On Friday, November 4th, the grade 8 girls will be receiving their second dose of the Gardasil Vaccine. Please make sure that students wear blouses or tops with sleeves that could easily be pulled up and that the students have a good breakfast.

School Council Meeting—November 30th

The next School Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 30th at 6:30 in the School Library.

Roots of Empathy

The grade 1/2 class is participating this year in this program. This program is facilitated by a trained counsellor and students are involved in learning about their feelings and the feelings of others. A baby and her parent is visiting the classroom and students have an opportunity to watch the baby grow and develop over the school year.

Emergency Fan-Out



In the event of a school closure, parents need to be informed. Winger is in need of two parent volunteers per classroom to call parents in the classroom and inform them of the school closure.

If you are able to help with the phone calls to parents, please call the secretary at the school. We will be issuing a Emergency School Fan-Out once we have all of our volunteers in place.



Emergency Information

There may be times throughout the school year where inclement weather or other situations could potentially cause transportation cancellations or school closures. The DSBN will communicate information as soon as it is available.

Information about transportation cancellations and school closures is available through the following channels:

- the DSBN website at www.dsbn.org and on the Niagara Student Transportation website at www.nsts.ca. or DSBN Facebook or Twitter. You can also call NSTS at (905) 346-0290 (Voice Auto Attendant).

- **Radio Stations:**

CKTB (610 AM) St. Catharines
CHRE (105.7 FM) St. Catharines
CHTZ-FM (97.7 FM) St. Catharines
GIANT FM (91.7 FM) Welland
CKEY (105.1 FM) Niagara Falls/Fort Erie
K-LITE-FM (102.9 FM) Hamilton
WAVE (94.7 FM) Hamilton
CKOC (1150 AM) Hamilton
CHML (900 AM) Hamilton
CHAM (820 AM) Hamilton
Y-108(107.9) Hamilton

- **Television Stations:**

CH – Hamilton
CityTV Breakfast Television
CTV Toronto
Cogeco Channel 10

The key resource in any emergency is the DSBN Emergency information form that you fill out at the beginning of the school year. Please let the school know of any changes in contact information or procedures you wish to be followed throughout the school year.

At times when transportation is cancelled and the school remains open, the decision of whether or not to send your child rests with the parent or guardian. Should you decide not to send your child to school in the event that transportation is cancelled but schools remain open, or if your child is ill or late, please ensure that you call the school to inform them if your child's absence.

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Grade 8 Day at E.L. Crossley Thursday, November 24th

The E.L. Crossley staff and students would like to extend a warm welcome to our future grade 9 students. We have planned an exciting day of activities designed to foster feelings of belonging and community-lunch is provided; games are in order; t-shirts are to be had; new friends are to be made. We look forward to meeting you on November 24th!!

Grade 7/8 Day at Port Colborne High School

"Moving to the next level of education can be a challenge for students. To gain comfort with these changes, PCHS offers a program to expose students to the academic, co-curricular and social atmosphere within a secondary school. Our program on November 30th is intended to integrate students into science labs, art/theatre/ media production studios, and core and optional classrooms.

The goal of the experience is to:

- Develop an awareness of options available
- Inspire participation early in the "spirit" of secondary school.
- Generate a network of positive new friendships with other students
- Encourage open dialogue with Grade 8's to resolve concerns

With the many changes in the various levels of education and training, it is important that both students and parents learn about and experience options that continue to open career pathways. We look forward to beginning the process with you and your family."

Swim to Survive

Grade 3 students from the D.S.B.N. will participate in the Swim to Survive Program which teaches children how to survive an unexpected fall into deep water. This program is highly recommended and could save your child's life. There will be some in classroom lessons and trips to the YMCA on November 3rd, November 10th and November 17th. Each child should bring a towel and a swim suit for pool days.

Eco-Team Waste-Free Lunch Week

The Eco-Team would like to thank Winger students for a successful Waste-Free Lunch week. The grade 6/7 class was used as an example of how much waste is found in the garbage before the Waste-Free week started and during the week. There was a substantially less amount of garbage reported by our custodian Mrs. Adams because students and parents chose to use reusable containers for food and drinks. We encourage everyone to continue the practice of using reusable containers on a daily basis. It's good for environment and good for you. We would also like to have another Waste-Free Lunch week in February. More information will come during that month. Keep up the good work Winger!

Waste Facts of the Day

- Did you know that one student taking a disposable lunch to school creates a total of 30 kilograms of lunch waste every year? That's about how much a grade two student weighs.
- Any idea what juice boxes and milk cartons become after being recycled? Tissue products!
- Recycle a pop can and save electricity?! That's right! By recycling one pop can, you can save enough electricity to keep a TV on for three hours.

Intermediate Girls Volleyball

Congratulations to the following girls for their efforts on the volleyball court.

The girls team includes:

Kayla Carmichael
Leah Derksen
Saraya Goss
Mikayla Lepp
Samantha Martin
Emily Neudorf
Amy Nyman
Tessa Sherk
Santana Sherwood
Mackie Sider
Maggie Sider
Kyler Smith
Megan VanVliet



The girls will be heading to the area D.S.B.N. tournament on Friday, November 18.

Intermediate Boys Volleyball

The boys season is well under way. The boys will be heading to the area D.S.B.N. tournament on Friday, November 18.

The boys team includes :

Nathan Adams
Steven Elgie
Nathan Fletcher
Chris Kievit
Devon Lepp
Keynen Lynett
Evan McCrory
Levi Rizzo
Braeden Rush
Spencer Shoalts
J.T. Stavinga
Logan TenBrinke



TRIBES

What is Tribes? “Tribes is a democratic group process to develop a positive environment that promotes human growth”. At its heart are the four **community agreements** which are:

- **Attentive listening**
- **Appreciation/ no put downs**
- **The right to pass-the right to participate**
- **Mutual respect**

Each month we'll be meeting in our tribes to build community while exploring and celebrating DSBN's eight highlighted characteristics (**respect, responsibility, integrity, caring, optimism, perseverance, courage, cooperation**).

Respect is the character trait we highlighted in October. The **Purple Pokadotted Penguins Tribe** presented an original skit about how to show respect Halloween night. Members also presented a wonderful dance to Aretha Franklin's infamous song, “Respect”. A big thank you goes out to all members of the **Purple Pokadotted Penguins**: Logan Smith, Anthony Walsh, Gavin Henderson, Henry Marr, Ciera Greer, Maclaren Kerkdyk, Anna Van Dyk, Aliya Waterman, Natasha Scott, Gwen Cudmore, Madelaine Fletcher, Natasha Fletcher, Lenard Sheath, James Tucker, Colleen Greer, Matthew Van Vliet, Devin Lepp, Steven Elgie, Darien Fair, Chris Kievit, Shane Murdock, Maggie Sider, Ms. Cunningham.

All TRIBES examined the character trait and had an opportunity to share what respect means to them during our TRIBES Assembly. Each morning during our announcements, 2 or 3 of the ideas students wrote about respect are shared with the rest of the school. These, as well as other work relating to respect can be seen on our TRIBES bulletin boards.