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Important Dates

Feb. 1st Kindergarten Open House

Feb. 1st - Student of the Month Assemblies 1-8

Feb. 2 - KDG Student of the Month Assembly

Feb. 8th -Sultans of Swing Gr. 5-8

Feb. Grade 8 Grad photos

Feb. 9th - Report cards go home

Feb. 1 and 15th-Pita/Sundaes

Feb. 9th and 22nd - Pizza

Feb. 23rd - Lunch Lady

Feb. 16th PA Day - no School

Feb. 19th- FAMILY DAY - no School

Feb. 27th - SAC Meeting
Everyone Welcome!

Feb. 28th Pink Shirt Day



Senator Gibson News

February 2018

A message from the office...

Dear Senator Gibson Families,

It's hard to believe February is here already...one month closer to spring☺ We are very excited about all the great things happening at Senator Gibson! A big thank you to our parent volunteers for organizing and supervising our Primary Dance. A fun time was had by all! Our junior and intermediate basketball teams are off to a great season. Our Robotics team is off to Brock to participate in the Robotics Challenge, students are invited to access colouring club, Intermediate Café and intermural activities during fitness breaks, Forest of Reading Club is up and running for our 1-6 students, It Takes a Village Literacy Event (K-8 students), Grade 6 students enjoyed a fabulous day in class learning with Director's Cut. In addition, this month we are looking forward to celebrating the 100th Day of school, Valentine's Day and Family Day.

A reminder that Term 1 Report Cards will be coming home on February 9th. Please take some time to review teacher comments/next steps with your child and complete page 3 & 4 with your child. Goal setting is an important skill for all students to practice. All parents are invited to communicate with teachers should you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's progress and achievement. Communication between home and school is valued and encouraged☺

Finally, a reminder about our Kiss 'n Ride procedures. We realize that it can become quite congested during the morning drop off and afternoon pick up. Yard supervision begins at 8:20 a.m. You may wish to consider dropping your child(ren) off earlier than 8:35 a.m. to avoid delays. We will continue to monitor and be visible outside during these times. As always, we welcome your feedback and appreciate your continued support.



Sincerely,
Mr. S. Hancox and Mrs. K. Phillips



Talent Show Auditions This Month!

We are excited to see such a great turn out for auditions for this year's Junior-Intermediate Talent Show. Over 50 acts will be auditioning throughout the month of February, hoping to fill one of 15 spots in the show... Good luck to everyone!

DSBN Lego Robotics Competition

Best of luck to our Robotics team who are competing at Brock University on Feb. 22nd. Our students have been working hard during their fitness and nutrition breaks to prepare for the competition.

A big THANK YOU to our SAC who graciously donated 2 robots! We appreciate your support 😊
Thank you to Mrs. Orlando and Ms. Martinello for taking the time to give our kids such a great experience.



A reminder that **Friday, February 16th** is a Professional Activity Day and there will be no school for students. Teachers will be engaged in professional learning all day.

Family Day is **Monday, February 19th**. Have a wonderful time celebrating this day together with your family 😊



Village of
Hope

Making a difference today, for tomorrow



It Takes a Village...Literacy Event

When: January 22nd – February 26th

Our trustee, Cheryl Keddy-Scott has asked Senator Gibson, along with Jacob Beam and Twenty Valley, to take part in this Literacy Event to raise money for Village of Hope. All proceeds will go directly to the Village of Hope Healthy Snack Program for struggling families in our community.

All students are being encouraged to read 5 books in 5 weeks. For each \$25 raised in pledges, students will receive 5 ballots and their name will be entered into a draw to win great prizes...including a Grand Prize of a PlayStation 4!

We are excited to have this opportunity to contribute to our community as well as foster a love of reading!

**Congratulations to our
December/January Kindergarten
“I MATTER”
Award Recipients!**

Mrs. Bosnic, Ms. Thompson

Ryland L., Harper P., Sierra Z., Weston K., Zoey H.
Gavin A.

Mrs. Stayzer, Mrs. Bannister

Mackinley B, Brayden O., Brecken H., Jake Y.

Mrs. Bogucki, Ms. Goddard

Victoria N., Ridley E., Lauren H., Taylor T.

Mrs. Keus, Mrs. Woreville

Miriam I, Julia G, Vitoria G, Scarlett W., Eric L.



**Congratulations to our January
‘I MATTER’ Award Recipients!**

Grade 1

Isabelle C
Kristian M
William O
Ava M
Tanner B

Grade 2

Caution B
Emily B
Nathan W
Brooke K
Jacob Z
Nico A

Grade 3

Oliver T
Kieran H
Nash B
Owen W
Brooklyn W

Grade 4

Hunter A
Laila T
Marley S
Zoe P
Lexy M
Alex L

Grade 5

Ethan B
Gabe D
Mason G
Dom B
Cara T
Mat S

Grade 6

Alex C
Karly M
Elizabeth S
Abby B
Lauren H

Grade 7

Cheyenne B
Nolan T
Ryan O
Isabel M

Grade 8

Allison S
Zachariah V.
Aliah M
Abbey C
Ethan R



Junior Girls' Volleyball Team

The Junior Girls Volleyball team finished their league play in 2nd place. They attended the John Haeni Tournament on Dec. 2nd where they were the consolation finalists. The girls faced College St. school to be able to go the DSBN Tournament. The girls defeated College St. in 2 straight games to finish in 1st place! The girls were eligible to compete at the DSBN Tournament and they had a great day and finished 4th in their division. We are so excited to hang our CHAMPIONS banner in the gym! Congrats to the girls on a fantastic season. We are very proud of the sportsmanship that you showed and the hard work that you put in during our early morning practices. Thank you to all the parents for driving and supporting our girls...we couldn't have a team without you!

Thank you to Mrs. Stayzer and Mrs. Sutherland for sharing their time to provide this wonderful opportunity for our girls!

TEAM MEMBERS:

Girls - Jalyn, Breanna, Kennedy, Nadia, Natalie, Abby, Zoe, Tori, Emily O., Karlie M., Jorja T., Emily W., Sierra K., Hailey C.



ME to WE at Senator Gibson



On February 28th, we invite and encourage everyone to wear something pink to show that we are all working together to prevent bullying in our schools, in our communities and online. Pink Shirt Day comes from two Nova Scotia high school students, who decided to take a stand against bullying in their own school.



****Reminder that Sundaes for Kids will only be sold on Pita Days. Feb. 1st & 15th. Thank you for your support!**

The community of Senator Gibson Public School is committed to creating an inclusive environment where students are educated, inspired and challenged to be critical thinkers who contribute in our changing society.

French Immersion Registration

The French Immersion program (offered at French Immersion sites) is open to all students in 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 program;
- *Promoting understanding of different cultures;*
- Providing additional opportunities for employment using French as the working language;
- An increased ability to communicate and interact with confidence in French.

Registration will stay open until February 20th, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Grade 1 French Immersion classroom visits/tours can be arranged if desired. To arrange, please call Central French Immersion Public School at 905-945-5459

Inclement Weather

There may be times during the school year where inclement weather or other situations could cause transportation cancellations or school closures.

At times when student transportation has been cancelled and schools remain open, the decision of whether or not to have children in school on that day 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 your child's school to inform them of your child's absence.

A key resource in any emergency is the DSBN Emergency Information form that you filled 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.

Information about transportation cancellations and school closures will be available as soon as it is available through the following channels:

Websites:

<http://www.dsbns.org/inclementweather/>
www.nsts.ca

Subscription Features:

DSBN Facebook or Twitter
NSTS Transportation Delay or Cancellation Alerts

Phone:

Niagara Student Transportation Services 905-346-0290 Voice Auto Attendant

Radio Stations:

CKTB (610 AM) St. Catharines

WAVE (94.7 FM) Hamilton

CKOC (1150 AM) Hamilton

CHML (900 AM) Hamilton

CHAM (820 AM) Hamilton

Y-108(107.9) Hamilton

CHRE (105.7 FM) St. Catharines

CHTZ-FM (97.7 FM) St. Catharines

2DayFM (105.1 FM) Niagara

Falls/Fort Erie

K-LITE-FM (102.9 FM) Hamilton

GIANT FM (91.7 FM) Welland

How Long Must My Child Stay Home When Sick?

Chicken Pox	For mild illness (low fever, less than 30 spots) – no exclusion as long as your child is well enough to participate normally in all activities; for moderate to severe illness (fever over 38.5 °C and/or many new spots) – exclude until rash has crusted over or five days from the start of the rash.
Diarrhea	Until 24 hours after diarrhea stops. This may vary depending on the cause of illness, number of cases and source of the infection.
Fifth Disease	Your child may continue to attend school if feeling well enough to take part in activities.
Hand/Foot/Mouth Disease	Until your child is feeling well enough to participate normally in all activities. Those with fever, mouth sores or oozing lesions should not attend school.
Impetigo	Until the antibiotic prescribed by a doctor has been taken for at least one full day.
Influenza (flu)	Until seven days after the start of symptoms.
Pink-eye (bacterial)	A child should stay home until he/she is seen by a doctor. If it is bacterial, child can return to school after 24 hours of antibiotic treatment. If viral, child can return with doctor's approval.
Pinworm	Until the medication prescribed by a doctor has been taken.
Strep Throat	Until the antibiotic prescribed by a doctor has been taken for at least one full day.
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	Until antibiotic treatment has been taken for at least five days. If no treatment is given, wait three weeks from when cough began.