

# PEACE BRIDGE PRESS



Home of the  
**POLAR BEARS**

January 2021



Vice Principal: M. Wilson · **Principal: L. Sauer** · Secretaries: K. Kirk/S. Dill

## A Message From The Admin Team

Happy New Year!

We hope that each of you enjoyed a safe and healthy winter break. The start of a new calendar year is always a nice time to reflect upon our goals, set the reset button and strive towards setting new goals to work hard towards in 2021. We recognize that we are beginning the new year with continued uncertainty but we want to reassure you that we have an incredible staff who will continue to carry out our solid plan to have students safe and learning. As a school community, we have worked hard to strive for safety by handwashing, proper use of face masks and respecting physical distanced while having the opportunities to learn.

Until we are able to have our students back with us in the building, our staff is available to provide quality instruction and guide our students through their online classroom platforms (Google Classroom/D2L sites). Our Polar Bear staff has been working diligently behind the scenes in order to provide virtual instruction and support for our students. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's classroom teacher or the school if you require assistance at any time. Please check our website or [www.dsb.org](http://www.dsb.org) for the latest updates.

Sincerely, Mrs. Sauer and Ms. Wilson

## Upcoming Events

January 11th  
January 14th  
January 15th  
January 19th



Expected Return to in School Learning  
Spirit Day!! Crazy Mask Day  
P.D Day! No Classes For Students  
Parent Council @6pm



# Parent's Role In Keeping Schools Safe

Everyone has a role to play in keeping families safe and reduce the spread of COVID-19. It is the responsibility of parents and caregivers to assess their children on a daily basis before sending them to school.

We ask parents to use this link: Ontario Ministry of Education Covid-19 School and Childcare Screening Tool (<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>) to screen their child(ren) daily.

The screening tool will provide direction and information to determine if students should attend school, remain home, or seek medical advice.

Additionally, parents must have a person available to pick up their child right away, should they become sick during school. We thank our parents for being diligent with following the screening guidelines and being available to pick up your child when needed!

## Snowballs

Students at Peace Bridge Public School are not allowed to throw snow while out on the school yard. Cold, frozen snow presents a threat to student safety especially when thrown and/or kicked. Sliding on the ice presents a safety risk often resulting in many injuries.

Parents/Guardians are asked to please review this policy at home and we will continue to remind students here at school.

Consequences for kicking/throwing snow are as follows:

**1st time: Warning with a detention**  
**2nd time: In-School suspension**  
**3rd time: Formal at-home suspension**

We all thank you for your support in helping to keep the school yard safe!



## Connect With Us!

In our busy lives, events can sometimes be overlooked. Technology allows us multiple ways to connect with families. The following is a list of ways we use to connect with families to ensure all families are aware of the many events happening throughout the year.

**SCHOOL WEBSITE** - <http://peacebridge.dsbm.org>  
Please take some time to visit the Peace Bridge Public School website. Our website includes current newsletters, school calendars, code of conduct, school council information, a school year calendar, classroom websites, and bell times.

**SCHOOL MESSENGER** Using the School Messenger program, If you are not receiving these phone calls and emails, please check your contact information with the office to ensure we have the most current information. We have received many positive comments about this method of communication! In order for School Messenger to be it's most effective, it is imperative that we have up-to-date phone numbers and email addresses. There is also a School Messenger App that you can download on your phone or device. This app can also be used to report student absences as well as receive messages from the school. Parents are encouraged to use this app as it is a quick and easy way to report a child's absence.

**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER** All newsletters will be posted to the school website and sent via School Messenger through email

# Snow Days

There are times in Niagara when weather conditions are so poor that we must cancel student transportation, and/or close schools to preserve the safety of students and staff.

The decision to cancel transportation and/or close schools is not taken lightly; a variety of factors are considered when making this choice. To learn more about how these decisions are made, please go to

<https://www.dsbm.org/inclementweather>.

## **Transportation Cancellations:**

Information about transportation delays and cancellations are posted to

<https://portal.nsts.ca/Cancellations.aspx>. When transportation is cancelled, information is shared before 6:00 am on the day of the cancellation. There are times when transportation is cancelled, but schools remain open. If, on those days you feel it is best for your child to stay home, please report your child's absence <https://dsbn.org/safearrival/> so we can make sure they are safe at home.

## **School Closures:**

**When the decision to close schools is made, it refers to all schools: both in-person and virtual schools.** School closure information is shared before 6:00 am on the day of the school closure. You will find it on dsbn.org, all school websites, DSBN social media, and local media share the news widely as well.

## **Student Work on School Closure and Transportation Cancellation Days:**

**For elementary students** - On days where transportation is cancelled and/or schools are closed, please visit your child's school website and click on the "Learn From Home" button. There you will find optional asynchronous learning resources.



# Explore



# DSBN Academy

## Virtual Open House

February 4, 2021 at 6:00PM

[academy.dsbns.org](http://academy.dsbns.org)

**PEACE BRIDGE SCHOOL'S  
"HONOURED" STUDENTS FOR THE MONTH OF December**

**Character Trait Award - Empathy**

**Academic Award**

Class	Student Name	Teacher Name
KDG1	Gavin Parent	Mrs. Johnson Mrs. Nevinger
KDG2	Maverick Humphrey	Mrs. Bell Mrs. Meli
KDG3	Michael Cracknell	Mrs. Mason
GR. 1	Preston O'Donoghue	Mrs. Nick
GR. 1	Kaitlyn Van Iken	Mrs. Groulx
GR. 2	Ayana Rose	Mrs. Goodwin
GR. 2	Wesley Coleman	Mrs. Wright
GR. 3	Saoirse Cusack	Mrs. Cameron
GR. 3	Dominick Champagne-Taggart	Ms. Teakle
GR. 4	Robert Champagne-Taggart	Mrs. Eady-Nikkel
GR. 4/5	Willow Sullivan	Mrs. Lindberg
GR. 5/6	Luke Briscoe	Mrs. Bardoel
GR. 5/6	Audrey Forth-Miller	Ms. Sneek
GR. 6/7	Hailey Neufeld	Mrs. Pegg
GR. 7/8	Kristina Day	Ms. Babiy
GR. 8	Mackenzie Lochhead	Mr. Snyder
French	Jayda Summerfield	Mme. Sally
French	Riley Cudmore	Mme. Glover-Sams

Class	Student Name	Teacher Name
KDG1	Ayden Millar	Mrs. Johnson Mrs. Nevinger
KDG2	Cruz Bullock	Mrs. Bell Mrs. Meli
KDG3	Gabriel Baksh	Mrs. Mason
GR. 1	Rachel Chevalier	Mrs. Nick
GR. 1	Mackenzie Heise	Mrs. Groulx
GR. 2	Aaliyah Perez	Mrs. Goodwin
GR. 2	Grace Wilsonne	Mrs. Wright
GR. 3	Zia Hajifazul	Mrs. Cameron
GR. 3	Ellis O'Liari	Ms. Teakle
GR. 4	Jeronimo Ribero	Mrs. Eady-Nikkel
GR. 4/5	Ace Barker	Mrs. Lindberg
GR. 5/6	Mikael Lukas	Mrs. Bardoel
GR. 5/6	Kyler Mathes	Ms. Sneek
GR. 6/7	Daniel Harkins	Mrs. Pegg
GR. 7/8	Hanah Sault	Ms. Babiy
GR. 8	Gael Wilsonne	Mr. Snyder
French	Hunter Lucas	Mme. Sally
French	Sophie McLennan	Mme. Glover-Sams



Congratulations to all of our award winners!