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A Message From The Admin Team

We are so happy to be back together for in-person learning and hope that this newsletter finds you and your family safe and well.

March appears to be coming in cold and windy like a lion! As we begin to transition to the wet and muddy weather of spring this month, please consider continuing to send you child in rain/winter boots and splash pants to help keep them happy and dry.

Just a reminder that we continue to practice the health and safety protocols outlined by Niagara Region Public Health. Students in Grades 1-8 have been doing an amazing job wearing their masks. If you are unsure as to how to handle COVID symptoms or a COVID situation, Public Health is available to help 7 days a week and can be reached at 1-888-505-6074. This Month we will send students to the Walker Living Campus, engage in dental presentations, celebrate Beach Day and towards the end of the month a Parent Council Meeting. Please mark your calendars, with the new spring break, April 12-16. As always, we appreciate your continued support and look forward to connecting with you in the future.

Sincerely, Mrs. Sauer and Ms. Wilson

Upcoming Events

March 1st	Walker Living Campus Trip Bardoel & Sneek's Class
March 2nd	Walker Living Campus Trip Pegg's Class
March 4th	Virtual Student Of The Month Assembly
March 8th	Walker Living Campus Trip Babiy & Snyder's Class
March 12th	Spirit Day!! Beachwear Day!!
March 23rd	Virtual Parent Council Meeting @6pm

Please see an updated communication below from Niagara Region Public Health related to COVID-19 for children in school and child care. This has been revised since the information we shared at the beginning of February with all of you.

NEW SCREENING CRITERIA

If a child has one or more of the following new or worsening symptoms:

- Fever
- Sore throat
- Cough
- Headache
- Runny nose or stuffy/congestion
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- Decrease or loss of taste or smell
- Fatigue, extreme tiredness or muscle aches

They must self-isolate at home immediately and either:

- Contact their health care provider for a medical assessment
- OR
- Contact the Niagara Health COVID-19 Assessment Centre to book an appointment for testing, this can be done on-line or by calling Niagara Health at 905-378-4647 ext. 42819

TESTING AND RETURN TO SCHOOL

Children who need an assessment for testing based on their symptom(s) are not allowed to return to school/child care, or go to any public setting until one of the following has happened:

- A health care provider has told you that a test for COVID-19 is not needed.
- OR
- The child had a test that was negative for COVID-19. They may go back to school/child care 24 hours after fever, shortness of breath, sore throat, and headache have all gone away without use of fever reducing medications AND any other symptoms are improving.

OR

- If your child is not assessed by a health care provider, and testing for COVID-19 was declined for any reason, we must assume the child has COVID-19 and the child is to self-isolate for 10 days (away from household members) AND all household contacts are to stay home and self-isolate for 14days.

Note: Ten days after symptoms start, children can return to school/child care as long as they don't have a fever (without use of fever reducing medication) and they are feeling better.

OR

- A health care provider has told you that the symptom(s) are related to a chronic or pre-existing condition (e.g., allergies, post-nasal drip, migraines, asthma). In this case, your child can return to school/child care once they feel well enough, without waiting for symptoms to go away.

RE-TESTING

Individuals who previously tested positive for COVID-19 generally can discontinue isolation after 10 days from symptom onset (or 10 days from positive test collection date if patient never had symptoms), provided that the individual has no fever (without the use of fever-reducing medications) and symptoms are improving for at least 24 hours. As individuals can test positive for weeks after infection, re-testing of prior cases is not recommended for return to school/childcare unless requested by Public Health.

SIBLINGS AND OTHER HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS LIVING WITH A SYMPTOMATIC CHILD

- If a test is recommended by a health care provider for the symptomatic child, or a decision is made to get testing at an assessment centre, all household members are to self-isolate, until the test results are back. If the test is negative, household members can leave self-isolation.
- If testing for COVID-19 is declined for any reason, your child and your entire household must stay home and self-isolate. The child is to self-isolate for 10 days (away from household members, when possible) and all household contacts are to stay home and self-isolate for 14 days.

NOTE: If self-isolation away from household members is not possible, household members are to remain in self-isolation for 14 days from last exposure to the symptomatic child. If household members become symptomatic, they should consult their health care provider and/or go for testing.

- If the test is positive, household members must stay in self-isolation and will receive further direction from Public Health.
- If a health care provider advises that a test for COVID-19 is not needed, household members can leave self-isolation.

SIBLINGS OF AN ISOLATING COHORT (Your child that has been sent home due to an exposure in their classroom setting)

- Siblings who are not contacts, but are household members of an isolating cohort, may continue to attend school as long as they, and all household members, remain symptom free.

For more COVID-19 information go to www.niagararegion.ca or you may contact the Public Health COVID-19 Info-Line at 905-688-8248, press 7.

EarlyOn Child and Family Centres

Let's start learning right now.

At this time we are providing virtual services only through our facebook platforms. See the link below for your local EarlyON site.

<https://www.dsbns.org/earlylearners/earlyon-child-family-centres>

Inclement Weather

Inclement Weather Message for Families

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.dsbns.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](https://www.dsbns.org), all school websites, DSBN social media, and local media share the news widely as well.

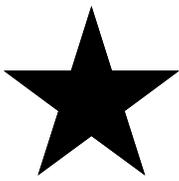
Student Work on School Closure and Transportation Cancellation Days:

For elementary students - On days where transportation is cancelled and 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.

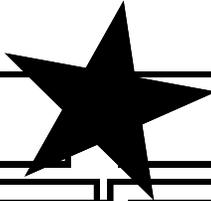
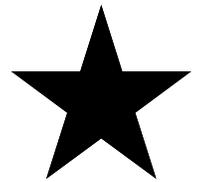
For secondary students – Students will be able to access online materials for their courses. If it is a culminating activity day, special arrangements will be made and communicated to students centrally.



March 8th - March 11th, Niagara Nutrition Partners will be holding their second annual virtual Little Big Crunch, in celebration of FoodShare's Great Big Crunch, in support of Student Nutrition and the universal access to quality foods in schools that every child deserves. With the help of Niagara Catholic District School Board, DSBN, Niagara Public Health, United Way and MANY others, NNP and their community partners will be sharing **little big crunches** all week long on their social platforms - Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Families can join in the fun by taking a quick video or photo of their own little big crunches and sharing them on their social media, tagging NNP @niagaranutritionpartners as well as @NiagaraCatholicDSB and / or @dsbn Niagara, using the hashtag #littlebigcrunch.



PEACE BRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL
"HONOURED" STUDENTS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY



Character Trait Award - Integrity	Academic Award
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Class	Student Name	Teacher Name
KDG1	Shane Sider	Mrs. Johnson Mrs. Nevinger
KDG2	Jacob Pennimpede	Mrs. Bell Mrs. Meli
KDG3	Narcy Eysa	Mrs. Mason
GR. 1	Makenna Hardison	Mrs. Nick
GR. 1	Rylee Crawford	Mrs. Groulx
GR. 2	Ava Valliquette	Mrs. Goodwin
GR. 2	Aria Smith-Davis	Mrs. Wright
GR. 3	Liv Briscoe	Mrs. Cameron
GR. 3	Wyatt Sanders-Fish	Ms. Teakle
GR. 4	Myah Cosby	Mrs. Eady-Nikkel
GR. 4/5	Dani Thomas	Mrs. Lindberg
GR. 5/6	Avery Webb	Mrs. Bardoel
GR. 5/6	Joshua Mollicone	Mrs. Sneek
GR. 6/7	Leana Hill	Mrs. Pegg
GR. 7/8	Greg Kucman	Ms. Babiy
GR. 8	Damien Thomas	Mr. Snyder
French	Hunter Lucas	Mme. Sally
French	Andres Perez	Mr. Bado-Lopez

Class	Student Name	Teacher Name
KDG1	Maverick Mcneil	Mrs. Johnson Mrs. Nevinger
KDG2	Madison Rowlands	Mrs. Bell Mrs. Meli
KDG3	Cohen Heise	Mrs. Mason
GR. 1	Abby Maguire	Mrs. Nick
GR. 1	Mackenzie Heise	Mrs. Groulx
GR. 2	Dusan Radisic	Mrs. Goodwin
GR. 2	Olivia Veltman	Mrs. Wright
GR. 3	Nicholas Cameron	Mrs. Cameron
GR. 3	Kason Campigotto	Ms. Teakle
GR. 4	Lila Veltman	Mrs. Eady-Nikkel
GR. 4/5	Tristan Schutt	Mrs. Lindberg
GR. 5/6	Boris Acevedo-Rosi	Mrs. Bardoel
GR. 5/6	Noah Waters	Mrs. Sneek
GR. 6/7	Jade Deveau	Mrs. Pegg
GR. 7/8	Grace Burnison	Ms. Babiy
GR. 8	Caden Roth	Mr. Snyder
French	Emily Wood	Mme. Sally
French	Kayleigh Campbell	Mr. Bado-lopez



Congratulations to all of our award

