

PEACE BRIDGE PRESS

PEACE BRIDGE
PUBLIC SCHOOL



Home of the
POLAR BEARS

SEPTEMBER 2017



Principal: C. Kohinski · Vice Principal: K. Libera · Superintendent: J. Dickson · Trustee: D. Schaubel

Welcome back Peace Bridge Families!

We are thrilled to start another exciting year here at Peace Bridge and would like to extend a warm welcome to our new and returning Polar Bear families on behalf of our Peace Bridge Staff. As you may have noticed already, we have many, many new students attending our school this year and we are very excited about the growth of our Polar Bear community.

As we begin the new school year, we would like to remind everyone that it is the people and programs that make a school truly successful and effective. Having a team of educators who help create a learning environment that focuses on student achievement, well-being and character development is our number one priority. Promoting positive relationships with all our families and educational partners is also essential to our daily work at Peace Bridge Public.

Wishing you all a great September!

Mrs. Kohinski & Mrs. Libera

OUR DYNAMIC DUO!

Have you noticed that Mrs. Oliver has a new partner in the office? Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Desilest as our second Administrative Assistant. She will be with us for the mornings throughout the school year and we are so excited to have her! Thanks to both Mrs. Oliver and Mrs. Desilest for ensuring a very smooth start for all of our families and staff here at Peace Bridge this year.

Medication



If a child requires medication at the school, the school must have a medical form (obtained at the school office) signed by the physician as well as by the parent/guardian. A prescription bottle must have a "doctor's" prescription label on it in order for the medication to be kept in the office. Please be sure to notify the office if your child requires any medication during the school day.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, Sept. 12th — Gr 8's to Walker Living Campus

Friday, Sept. 15th — Early Release Day (students dismissed at 12:30)

Tuesday, Sept. 19th — Open House: Meet The Teacher BBQ 4-6 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 26th — School Council Meeting 6p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 28th — Terry Fox Walk

Friday, Sept. 29th — Orange Shirt Day

Coming Soon...Photo Day (More info to follow)



Phone Calls to the Office

Our school office is a very busy place at the end of the day. Thanks in advance for making home-time pick-up arrangements for your child early in the day. Using your child's organizer is a great way to communicate if there will be changes to your child's schedule.

Thanks for your attention to this matter.



Student of the Month

Every student in the school has the opportunity to be chosen for one of two "Student of the Month" awards. We will continue with the "Academic" and "Character Trait" award assemblies this year.

A student from each class who has successfully displayed the month's criteria will be selected to receive an award. These students will be acknowledged at our monthly assembly which usually takes place on the first Thursday of each month at 10:20 a.m. The character trait for September is "Respect".

Respect.

Come on out to a School Council Meeting!

The first School Council meeting of the school year is on Tuesday, September 26th at 6:00 p.m. in the library. The primary item on the agenda will be the election of the Executive.

School Council is a great way to stay involved with the school community. It keeps you in touch with issues and events that affect your child and gives you and our students the opportunity to work together. For further information, contact the school. Hope to see you there!



Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is ready to begin! This year's start date will be *September the 11th*. Anyone interested in volunteering please contact the office at (905) 871-5962.



Morning Supervision

Staff begin outdoor supervision at 8:50 every morning. Students are reminded not to arrive earlier than the supervised time.

Meet the Teacher BBQ

You are invited to attend our Open House/Meet the Teacher BBQ on Tuesday, September 19th from 4-6 pm. Come meet your child's teacher and enjoy a bite to eat!



Also take this opportunity to touch base with our Parent Council and see what's up and coming for fundraising at Peace Bridge! Ever heard of *Fresh from the Farm*? Check out this "fresh take on school fundraising" at FreshFromFarm.ca

School Supplies

PRIMARY GRADE 1-3

- ** PENCILS AND ERASERS
- ** CRAYONS, CRAYOLA MARKERS
- ** PENCIL CASE
- ** PENCIL SHARPENER WITH LID
- ** GLUE STICKS
- ** BOX OF KLEENEX
- ** EARBUDS/HEADPHONES

JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE GR. 4-8

- ** PENCILS AND ERASERS
- ** PENCIL CRAYONS/ MARKERS
- ** PENCIL CASE
- ** PENCIL SHARPENER WITH LID
- ** GLUE STICKS
- ** BOX OF KLEENEX
- ** EARBUDS/HEADPHONES
- ** CALCULATOR
- ** LOCK FOR LOCKER

When Packing Lunches:

Please remember that when packing school lunches that students in our school have a life threatening allergy to peanuts and nut food products. Please refrain from packing foods that contain nuts in your child's lunch. Also please remember to pack cutlery when needed!



2017-2018 DSBN Elementary School Year Calendar

Please visit the DSBN website to view the 2017-2018 calendar at www.dsbn.edu.on.ca

Bell Times

9:05 a.m.	Entry
9:10 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.	Instructional Block 1
10:50 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Fitness/Nutrition Break
11:30 a.m. - 1:10 p.m.	Instructional Block 2
1:10 p.m. - 1:50 p.m.	Fitness/Nutrition Break
1:50 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Instructional Block 3
3:30 p.m.	Dismissal

Attendance Procedures

Please help us to ensure the safety of our students by calling when your child will be absent or late. Office hours are 8:00-4:00 pm. Outside of these hours you may call anytime and leave a message on our answering machine. The school number is 905-871-5962. We always need to know the whereabouts of each and every child. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



Kiss n' Ride and Parking

We are encouraging all parents to use the Kiss n' Ride at the front of the school. Remember Kiss n' Ride is a drop off lane.....no permanent parking. Staff supervision in the area will ensure the children make it safely to the tarmac.



NO Parking on Champlain Drive

To avoid bus congestion on Champlain, please park in the school lot or utilize the Kiss n' Ride.

Crossing Guard

Please be aware that Catharine Street remains under construction.
Crossing locations could change or be altered throughout this construction period.

BILL 31 AMENDMENTS - HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ACT

NEW ROAD RULES IN EFFECT!

A REMINDER TO ALL DRIVERS AND CYCLISTS!

As of January 2016, all motorists must stop and yield the whole roadway at:

- Pedestrian crossovers;
- School Crossings where there is a guard displaying a school crossing stop sign.

Motorists can **NO** longer turn left, right or proceed through a crosswalk on the clear half of the roadway.

You now **MUST** wait until the entire crosswalk is empty of both pedestrians and the School Crossing Guard.

- S**top, when you approach a School Crossing Location
Take notice of whether there is a guard on duty
Obey the Highway Traffic Act and wait for guard to completely exit the crosswalk
Proceed with caution

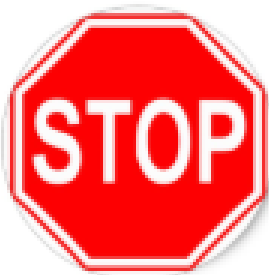


THIS REMINDER IS BROUGHT TO YOU ON BEHALF OF THE PARTNERSHIP OF SCHOOL CROSSING PROGRAMS ACROSS THE NIAGARA REGION:



Visitor Sign-In Procedure

Welcome Visitors to Peace Bridge School!



In the interest of the care, welfare and safety of our students, all visitors (including parents and guardians) are asked to check in at the main office when visiting the school. We have a sign-in book and visitor labels that will be issued to any visitor that will be staying at the school that has authorization to be in a classroom or working/volunteering in the school. Please let the office know of your arrival and we will gladly contact your child's teacher if you need to have an earlier pick-up.

We greatly appreciate your co-operation with this in order to maintain a safe and happy school environment for our students.



DSBN Continues Makerspace Revolution...

A new focus has emerged in elementary classrooms in the DSBN – Makerspaces. Makerspaces encourage invention, design, building, programming, tinkering, and creativity using products from all fields of technology, science and math. Innovation and discovery is happening at rapid speed and students are responding to this form of classroom delivery with enthusiasm and creativity. To nurture this new initiative the DSBN has decided to expand our elementary Technology programs, encompassing the Makerspace philosophy.

Previously grade 7 and 8 students were bussed to local high schools to participate in a Design Technology program. Now we will focus on bringing current skills and technology to all students, in all grades. Teachers will immerse students in an innovative and technologically enriched environment. Schools will be complete cross curricular projects and board wide challenges designed to foster the skills and creativity that are hallmarks of today's technological world. Stay tuned for more news about Makerspaces.

Adult Business and Computer Studies

A unique opportunity for students 18 years of age and older to acquire valuable computer skills for the workforce or to operate your computer at home with efficiency and effectiveness, as well as credits, if necessary towards a graduating Diploma using the latest software packages, is being offered at **Fort Erie Elementary School**. The adult course is offered in a classroom situation during regular school hours from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. daily. Courses begin twice a year, in September and February.

TUITION FREE CLASSES

Software offered includes Microsoft Office 2010 with Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Windows XP (Operating System), Internet, E-mail, Accounting with Simply Accounting, Career Skills, and Desktop Publishing with Microsoft Publisher 2010.

Adult students will be working with many peripherals including scanners and digital cameras, DVD RW, CD/RW, internet activities and more.

Sign up early as seating is limited.

Contact **905-871-5962**



DSBN Strategic Plan 2015-2020

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