

PEACE BRIDGE PRESS

PEACE BRIDGE
PUBLIC SCHOOL



Home of the
POLAR BEARS

SEPTEMBER 2020



**I Matter
At DSBN**

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. We have certainly persevered through some challenges since we have last been together. The staff is very impressed by how the students have adapted to our "new" normal. The students have been positive and patient with our enhanced safety features like wearing masks and physical distancing. As a result of COVID protocols there has been several changes to our day to day operations. We will need families to consider signing up for SCHOOLCASH online (a paperless way to give parental consent as well as pay for school items), review new bell times and change our entry and dismissal procedures. Please remember that students should not be dropped off prior to 8:50am, as there is no supervision prior to that time.

*Wishing you all a great September!
Mrs. Sauer & Ms. Wilson
Principal & Vice Principal*

School Cash Online

School Cash Online is a secure portal where you can sign permission forms and make payments for items online. You can gain access by clicking on the School Cash button online on our school website. If you registered last year you do not need to register again.

Please make an appointment at the office if you require any assistance in registering.



NEW Bell Times

Time	Activity	Instructional	Break Time
9:05-9:25	Period 1	20 Minutes	
9:25-10:05	Period 2	40 Minutes	
10:05-10:45	Period 3	40 Minutes	KG, Gr. 1, Gr. ½,
10:45-11:25	Period 4	40 Minutes	Gr. ¾, Gr. 4, Gr. 5
11:25-12:05	Period 5	40 Minutes	Gr. 6/7, Gr. ⅞, Gr. 8
12:05-12:45	Period 6	40 Minutes	KG, Gr. 1, Gr. ½,
12:45-1:25	Period 7	40 Minutes	Gr. ¾, Gr. 4, Gr. 5
1:25-2:05	Period 8	40 Minutes	Gr. 6/7, Gr. ⅞, Gr. 8
2:05-2:45	Period 9	40 Minutes	
2:45-3:25	Period 10	40 Minutes	
DISMISSAL			

Staff List and Tentative Grade Assignments

Tentative Grade Assignments

Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Meli	ELP 1	Mrs. Mason	Primary Prep
Mrs. Johnson-Hellwig and Mrs. Nevinger	ELP 2	Mme. Glover-Sams	FSL
Mrs. Nick	Grade 1	Mrs. Fraser	LRT
Mrs. Groulx	Grade ½	Mme. Sally	FSL/LRT
Mrs. Goodwin	Grade 2	Mr. Lott	Library/LRT
Mrs. Cameron	Grade 3		
Ms. Teakle	Grade 3/4	Mrs. Brown	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Nikkel	Grade 4	Mrs. Bullock	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Lindberg	Grade 5	Mrs. Carson	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Bardoel	Grade 6	Ms. Cooper	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Pegg	Grade 6	Ms. Hasmatalli	Educational Assistant
Ms. Babiy	Grade 7		
Mr. Snyder	Grade 8	Mrs. Kirk	Secretary
		Mrs. Dill	Secretary
		Mrs. Beroud	Head Caretaker
		Mrs. Wilson	Vice Principal
		Mrs. Sauer	Principal
<p>* We will be reorganizing our school. Students who are affected will be getting a call from their new classroom teacher on September 17, 2020.</p>			

Upcoming Dates

September 21, 2020	New Organizational
September 25, 2020	Terry Fox
September 30, 2020	Orange Shirt Day
October 3, 2020	World Teacher Day
October 12, 2020	Thanksgiving

Student of the Month

We will continue with the "Academic" and "Character Trait" award this year.

A student from each class who has successfully displayed the month's criteria will be selected to receive an award.

The character trait chosen for September is "Respect".

At this time, all school assemblies will be held virtually.

Important Forms to Return

The following back to school forms will be available to sign through School Cash Online:

- Daily Parental Screening Form
- Extra Curricular Form
- Acceptable Use Agreement

If you would prefer a paper package to be sent home please contact the office for one to be sent home with your child.

Prevalent Medical Conditions

A prevalent medical condition (Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes and/or Epilepsy) requires a Plan of Care to both support and keep your child safe. All parents who have identified their child as having one of these conditions will be sent a new and updated form home to complete.

Daily Health Assessment

Outlined in the Parent Return to School Plan, it is necessary for parents to be completing a daily self-assessment of their child's health in order to maintain a safe and healthy learning environment.

Thank you for helping to keep our school community healthy & safe.

Orange Shirt Day

Sept. 30
is Orange Shirt Day.



On September, 30th, we encourage everyone to wear orange. Students will be learning about the residential school legacy in an age-appropriate way. Moving forward, we want to ensure that we honour the survivors and support the victims.

Terry Fox



As in the past, we will honour Terry Fox and support cancer research through our annual Terry Fox walk and will take place on the school grounds. Our students and staff will complete their walk in shifts to ensure proper physical distancing.

Entry and Dismissal Procedures

In keeping with Niagara Public Health requirements, we are unable to allow adults to gather or congregate on school property at morning entry or dismissal.

As a result, **ONLY STAFF AND STUDENTS** will be permitted on the school yard. If you drop off your child at school, we are asking that you say a quick good-bye on the sidewalk or at the school gates.

We kindly ask that you promptly leave the school property once your child is safely on school property.

Parent Access to School

At Peace Bridge we take pride in providing a welcoming and inclusive environment. Unfortunately, at this time, parents/visitors do not have access to the school without a scheduled appointment and having completed the COVID Visitor Self Assessment, located at the top of the DSBN website (red button) or on paper at the main office.

Return of Borrowed Devices

If you borrowed a Chrome Book from the school for online learning, please return it back to school with your child.



Orange Shirt Day September 30



On September 30, DSBN will join with others across Canada in honouring the memory of every child that had to attend residential school. Orange Shirt Day – Every Child Matters, reflects on the effects of Indian Residential Schools and is an affirmation of our commitment to ensuring that every child matters. Orange Shirt day has been marked in schools across Canada in a variety of ways, including Orange Ribbon campaigns, commemorative walks, and wearing orange shirts. DSBN recognizes Orange Shirt Day each year and our students and staff are encouraged to wear something orange on this day.

Orange Shirt Day began with a commemoration event held at St. Joseph Mission in Williams Lake, British Columbia, where years before, Phyllis Webstad had her new orange shirt taken away on her first day of residential school. She never saw the shirt again and the colour represented her loss of language and cultural identity. The end of September is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to attend residential schools and Sept 30 is the official Orange Shirt Day. Phyllis' story has become part of a national recognition event and wearing orange has become a symbol of the many losses experienced by thousands of students and families due to residential schools.