

PEACE BRIDGE
PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Home of the POLAR BEARS

February 2021



**I Matter
At DSNB**

Principal: L. Sauer Vice Principal: M. Ridgway Secretaries: K.Kirk/S. Dill

Principal's Message

Happy February Polar Bears! This year is flying by and hopefully Spring is just around the corner. We want to thank everyone for a great return back to school, even though it was different than we had planned for. As we look forward to this month there are many wonderful things happening at Peace Bridge Public School that we hope our students will enjoy. Our focus this month will be on **Integrity**. Students and staff will work through what this means and how to show it.

As Winter is still in full swing, we would like to remind all students to dress for the weather and make sure they have boots, gloves, and hats. Also, please make sure your child has a clean mask daily. If you have extra winter gloves that you would be willing to donate we could use some to give to students. We are always looking for water bottle donations too.

Our Student Parliament is selling **Cookie-Grams** to spread kindness in February, please check SCHOOL CASH online or School Messenger for more details. For Valentines Day, to adhere to COVID restrictions, please send in only store bought, individually wrapped items. Unfortunately, home made goods can not be accepted at this time.

Term 1 Report Cards will be coming home on February 17th.

Have a wonderful February, Mrs. Sauer and Mr. Ridgeway

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Upcoming Events

February 3rd	Virtual Award Assembly Kindergarten Virtual Q&A 6-7pm
February 4th	Olympic Day
February 11th	100th Day of School
February 14th	Red/White/Pink Day
February 15th	Academy Virtual Open House
February 17th	Term 2 Reports Go Home!
February 18th	P.D. Day!
February 21st	Family Day! No School!
February 22nd	Virtual Parent Council Meeting @5:30 pm
February 23rd	Pink Shirt Day

School Culture Survey coming February 7 – 22, 2022

We're working towards building an equitable and inclusive school culture across the DSBN, and hearing from you and your child is an important part of this work.

We are proud to be offering the **DSBN School Culture Survey** to students, families and staff. You and your child will have the opportunity to share how you experience your school to help us better understand how we can build and maintain a positive culture for all.



What is the School Culture Survey? The School Culture Survey is a valuable opportunity for students in Grades 4-12, their families and DSBN school staff to help us learn more about your experiences at school. The questions will be organized into five main factors that help create your school culture: Well-Being; Caring and Safe Schools; Sense of Belonging; Equity and Inclusion; Teaching and Learning.

When can Students Grades 4-8 and their Families do the Survey?

Students in Grades 4-8 will be asked to take the survey during class time between **February 7 - 22, 2022**. Families will be sent the survey to take within this time as well. This survey will be **entirely anonymous and confidential**. While it is voluntary to take, the more responses we receive, the more effective the DSBN can be in supporting your family moving forward.

Where Can I Learn More About This? Check out the Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism Team's website for more information and Frequently Asked Questions: <https://www.dsbns.org/equity/school-culture-survey>.

Please reach out to the school directly for additional questions. We're here to help!

Award Winners for January

Teacher	Initiative	Academic
Johnson/Nevinger	Violet M.	Henry C.
Harasty/Meli	Izaeah H.	Noah M.
Bell	Poppy E.	Kayden W.
Nick	Jayden P.	Cruz B.
Groulx	Nathan B.	Kenton L.
Wright	Jaxson G.	Madissyn M-D.
Marr	Kohen S.	Carson T.
Mason	Avery T.	Rachel C.
Cameron	Aaliyah P.	Ricky T.
Teakle	Charlotte C.	Evan B.
Lindberg	Everly D.	Saoirse C.
Clark	Alyssa W.	Jeremy K.
Sneek	Lila V.	Tristan S.
Bardoel	Avery W.	Jordyn G.
Jegg	Kayleigh C.	Madison L.
Snyder	Nate W.	Kaeden H.
Pegg	Kaylie Y.	Audrey F-M.
Glover-Sams	Connor S.	Emellia M.
Sally	Liam H.	Nicholas C.

Community Crew

We are thankful that the Community Crew delivers their free lunch program, twice a week, to our families. If you are interested in having this bagged lunch for your child(ren), it's not too late to sign up! Please give our office a call at 905-871-5962 or email pbr@dsgn.org

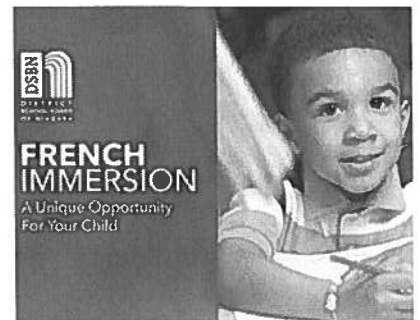


Grade 1 French Immersion Registration

The French Immersion program (offered at French Immersion sites) is open to all Year 2 Kindergarten students. 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.

The French Immersion on-line registration will be open from Monday January 10th, 2022 to Tuesday February 22nd, 2022

For more information about French Immersion in the District School Board of Niagara visit www.dsgn.org/fi.



Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration is Now Open

Our Kindergarten registration is officially open! And we're hoping you can help us share the news by telling your friends and family that they can now register their child for Kindergarten, for a September 2022 start. Online registration is at [www.dsbnschools.org/Kindergarten!](http://www.dsbnschools.org/Kindergarten)

Join Us for Kindergarten LIVE – February 3rd at 6:00 pm

As much as we want families to visit us, we're still not able to have families inside our schools this year for in-person open houses unfortunately. Instead, we are hosting a virtual, LIVE Q&A – Kindergarten LIVE! New parents have lots of questions about Kindergarten in general, and we're going to have experienced Kindergarten staff answer questions live on **Thursday, February 3rd at 6PM**. This is available to any parent or guardian with a Kindergarten-aged child.

Wait, there's more! Families who register for Kindergarten LIVE before January 31st will **receive a gift from Barkley**, our Kindergarten mascot. Go to www.dsbnschools.org to sign-up!

KINDERGARTEN
KICKSTART
LIVE!



February 3, 2022

6:00–7:00 pm

A live Q&A with DSBN
Kindergarten experts

To register –
go to [DSBN.org](https://www.dsbni.org)

–or–



Pink Shirt Day!

Anti-Bullying Day, also known as Pink Shirt Day, is recognized on the last Wednesday in February in Canada. On February 23, we encourage all members of the Peace Bridge Public community to wear something pink to symbolize that we at Peace Bridge will not tolerate bullying.

What is bullying?

Bullying is aggressive behaviour that is typically repeated over time. It is meant to cause harm, fear or distress or create a negative environment at school for another person. Bullying occurs in a situation where there is a real or perceived power imbalance.

Is conflict the same as bullying?

People may sometimes confuse conflict with bullying, but they are different. Conflict occurs between two or more people who have a disagreement, a difference of opinion or different views. Conflict between students does not always mean its bullying. Children learn at a young age to understand that others can have a different perspective than their own, but developing the ability to gain perspective takes time and the process continues into early adulthood (Stepping Stones: A Resource on Youth Development, page 26).

(The above information is taken from

www.ontario.ca/page/bullying-we-can-all-help-stop-it)



Term 1 Report Cards

Elementary Provincial Report Card (Grades 1-8) and the Kindergarten: Communication of Learning

The Elementary Provincial Report Card (Grades 1-8) and the Kindergarten: Communication of Learning will be sent home on Thursday, Feb. 17th. Report cards give a summary of student achievement at the end of each term. Teachers use their professional judgement and consider factors such as consistency, recent improvement and amount of evidence in order to determine students' grades or marks. Teachers and students work together to gather evidence of their learning over time from observations, conversations and student products.

Updates to Assessment and Evaluation in Mathematics (Grades 1 to 8):

To foster a cohesive approach to both instruction and assessment across the elementary mathematics curriculum, achievement in mathematics will be reported in the Elementary Report Card as one overall letter grade (Grades 1-6) or percentage mark (Grades 7-8), with supporting comments. Comments will describe significant strengths demonstrated by the student, and identify next steps for improvement. Teachers may also describe a student's growth in learning.

The Ministry has provided more information about the new math curriculum for parents on the following website:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/new-math-curriculum-grades-1-8>.

If you have any questions, please make arrangements to speak with your child's teacher.

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: 2nd time: 3rd time:

Warning with a detention: Warning with a detention; In-School 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 its 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.

PEACE BRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY FACEBOOK GROUP

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

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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](https://www.dsbm.org), all school websites, DSBM 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.

February 2022

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thursday.	Friday.	Sat.
		1.	2.	3. Virtual Award Assembly! Kindergarten Virtual Q&A @6-7pm	4. Spirit Day-Olympic Day	5.
6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11. 100th Day of School	12.
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27.	28.					

FORT ERIE COMMUNITY FOOD ASSISTANCE

FEBRUARY, 2022

ORGANIZATION / LOCATION	DATE AND TIME	WHO IS ELIGIBLE?	TYPE OF FOOD & HOW DELIVERED
St. Vincent de Paul, St. George's Church 36 Ridgeway Road Crystal Beach	CALL FIRST 905-894-8592 Mon & Thurs. 10 am – 12:00 noon Closed Mon. February 21st	Anyone in need in Crystal Beach, Ridgeway and Stevensville	Food Bank and Grocery Vouchers
Crystal Ridge Dream Center 385 Derby Road Crystal Beach	Tuesdays & Saturdays 11:00 am-1:00 pm	Anyone in need in the Community	Take out lunches – Drive-Through & Walk-by. Pickup Lincoln Road at exit door
St. Vincent de Paul, St. Michael's Church	CALL FIRST 905-394-0203	All in need are welcome	Grocery Vouchers
Community Lunches at St Michael's Church 310 Central Ave. Fort Erie Ridgeway Lions Club	Wednesdays Feb. 9 th , 16 th and 23 rd only 11:30 am – 12:30 pm Call for information 905-894-4848	All in need are welcome	Take out lunches. Pickup at Church Hall on right side of church at back lunches
The Salvation Army: 255 Gilmore Road, Fort Erie	Closed Mon. February 21st Mon. Wed. Friday 12:00 noon – 3:30 pm	All in need are welcome	Food Bank
COPE 32 Dufferin Street Fort Erie	Closed Mon. February 21st Mon.: Thurs. 8:30 – 4:00 pm Friday 8:30 - 3:00 pm	All in need are welcome	Food Bank
Meals-on-Wheels	Closed Mon. February 21st Call first 905-871-9366 Tuesdays 11:30 am - 1:00pm	Call for Information All are welcome	Delivering hot meals Mon. – Fri. & frozen dinners on Wed. Drop in lunch, either eat-in or take-out.
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E-mail : strongforterieneighbourhoods@gmail.com





DRIVE-THROUGH COMMUNITY LUNCHESES ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH HALL

FEBRUARY COMMUNITY LUNCHESES

WHEN: February 9th, 16th and 23rd 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

WHERE: St Michael's Hall, 310 Central Avenue, Fort Erie

Drive-through community lunches in Fort Erie will start again in February.

The lunches will be held three times a month on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesday of every month from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

PLEASE NOTE: These lunches were previously held at St Paul's Church but they are now **at St Michael's Church Hall.** *

ALL ARE WELCOME

* The lunches are sponsored by St Michael's Catholic Church and St Paul's Anglican Church.