



VICTORIA PUBLIC SCHOOL

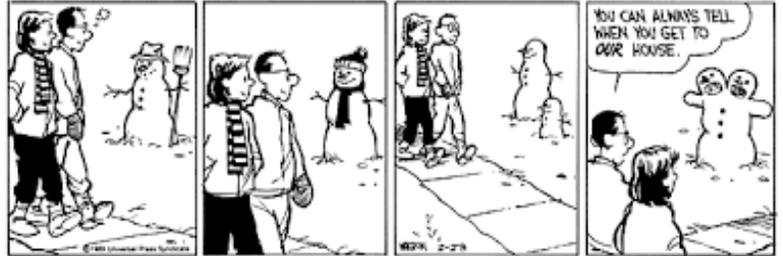
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MRS. NAWROCKI'S MESSAGE



We would like to thank all of our families for making such an effort to have their children engage in our remote learning programs. We know this transition has not been easy and that it has required your families to be patient, flexible and resourceful. At the Nawrocki house, there are usually five virtual classrooms happening at one time! We appreciate all that you are doing to keep your children moving forward in their learning and engaging with their class community.

As many of you know, Mrs. Cyr, our caretaker for many years, retired in December. The students had an opportunity to say goodbye to her during our virtual assembly, as well as send her off with cards of thanks and best wishes. Mrs. Barker is our new caretaker. We welcome her to Victoria and look forward to getting to know her when we are back at school.

Pink Shirt Day is an annual tradition that was inspired by an act of kindness in Nova Scotia. High school students David Shepherd, Travis Price, and their friends organized a protest to wear pink to show their support for a Grade 9 boy who was bullied for wearing a pink shirt. This year, the DSBN will commemorate Pink Shirt Day on Wednesday, February 24th, and we will continue our pledge throughout the year to create a positive school climate where every student feels valued. Staff and students are encouraged to wear pink on the 24th to show their commitment to bullying prevention.

Please look through the Newsletter for more information regarding Kindergarten Communication of Learning and Grades 1-8 Report Cards, Kindergarten Registration, the DSBN Academy, DSBN Forest of Reading Program, Black History Month, as well as some tips for mindful parenting and mindful kids.

Have a Covid Question ?

Contact the Niagara Region Public Health Information Line.

Monday to Friday: 9:15am-8:30pm

Saturday and Sunday: 9:15am-4:15pm

Call: 905-688-8248 Press 7, then 2

Toll-free: 1-888-505-6072 Press 7, then 2



I Matter At Victoria

Please visit our website at <http://victoria.dsbns.org> for updates.

Don't forget!

PD Day on Friday, February 12th.

Students will have the day off. The staff will spend the day involved in their own learning. Also, Monday, February 15th is Family Day. All DSBN schools will be closed.

*Enjoy the day with your **FAMILY***



Term 1 Report Card Update

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

Due to the extension of remote learning, the Elementary Provincial Report Card (Grades 1-8) and the Kindergarten: Communication of Learning will be issued over two days between February 18-19. Families can expect to receive additional information about the Report Card distribution process from their school administrator, once further information about the return to “in-person learning” becomes available.

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.

This year, the Ontario Ministry of Education updated the [math curriculum](#) for Grades 1 to 8 which started in September 2020. The new mathematics curriculum is part of a [four-year math strategy](#) designed to:

- * improve student performance in math
- * help students solve everyday math problems
- * increase students’ employability to attain the jobs of the future

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

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.

REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN



Hi! I’m Barkley. Your child’s Kindergarten sidekick. I’m here to tell you that it’s time to register for Kindergarten!

Normally I’d invite you inside one of our Kindergarten classrooms so you and your child could look around with me, but to keep each other safe, we have to wait to do that another time. What I can do is help you find all the information you need to register your child for Kindergarten at the DSNB! I put it on www.dsbns.org/kindergarten for you. It has important information like:



- ◆ How to register your child online
- ◆ A video about a typical day in Kindergarten
- ◆ A Kindergarten classroom 360° virtual tour
- ◆ An e-book about how I overcame my first day fears

Register today at dsbn.org/kindergarten. I can’t wait to meet you and your child at school!

FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

At <http://dsbn.org/fi>



**DSBN
Academy**

Virtual Open House

February 8, 2021 at 6:00PM

Watch this - <https://youtu.be/gOWi36cYPbc>

Register at <http://academy.dsbns.org/>

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month is a time to celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate, and prosperous nation we know today. It is also an opportunity for the majority of Canadians to learn about the experiences of Black Canadians in our society and the vital role this community has played throughout our shared history.

If you are looking to engage in online Black History Month learning and celebrations, here are some opportunities:

- ◇ Part 1 OBHS Black History Month Speaker Series, Part 2 OBHS Black History Month Speaker Series
- ◇ niagaraparks.com/blackhistory
- ◇ York Region Alliance of African Canadian Communities presents Black History Month Event

GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR PARENTS

The government is offering one-time funding to support children, youth, and students during the 2020-2021 school year. The deadline for applying is February 8th. Please visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-support-learners> to register.



- Feb 2 - Groundhog Day
- Feb 11 - Red, White or Pink Day
- Feb 11 - 100th Day of School
- Feb 14 - Valentine's Day
- Feb 24 - Virtual Assembly

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Are you interested in becoming more actively involved in your child's education as a member of our school advisory council, you can still join us! Our next meeting date has not been set yet but if you would like to be a part of it, please email laura.nawrocki@dsbn.org. We welcome new members!

Mindful Parenting, Mindful Kids

Mindfulness involves being fully present and accepting of our moment-to-moment experiences, without becoming lost in thought about the past or future. Life as a parent is busy and as a result it's easy to operate on auto pilot. Being a mindful parent means taking the time the time to enjoy the everyday moments with your children.



As parents, mindfulness is especially important because it allows you to role model mindfulness practice, allowing your entire family to reap the benefits.

Some examples of daily mindfulness activities you can do with your children include:

- ♥ Going for a walk and giving everyone the task of finding 5 things that they hear, see or feel/touch during the walk and reporting back to the family upon return
- ♥ Spending time unplugged and together as a family. Take turns sharing stories about your day and listen to each with kind attention.

Practicing daily mindfulness activities prepares you to respond thoughtfully to situations rather than react to them. For example, if your child is showing sign of anger, rather than reacting with discipline, take time to think about why they are upset. Connecting in this way, with compassion can help defuse the situation. Being more attentive, mindful parent can help you feel more confident and content within your family!

COMING SOON: DSBN VIRTUAL FOREST OF READING PROGRAM

DSBN has developed a website for families and educators with information and resources to help them take part in the program in a virtual environment. Here is a link:

[DSBN Forest of Reading 2021](#)

THANK YOU DELTA BINGO!

Victoria School is grateful to Delta Bingo for their continued support. During the month of December, proceeds were used to offer students in grades 1-6 virtual art lessons, Amie Talbot's Coloured Pencil Creations.