



# VICTORIA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## Winter 2018

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy New Year! On behalf of the Victoria School staff I wish each of you a happy and healthy 2018. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday.

As we begin the new year, our students are heading toward the end of the first term and your child's Term 1 report card will be issued on February 9th.

This month we will have Kathie Maves returning to lead dance classes for our students. All students will take part in 5 sessions as part of their curriculum this term.

***The cost for these lessons is \$7.00 per student. This cost has been met with funds from our Bingo fundraising.***

Normal gym shoes are the only requirement for these lessons.

We look forward to your support to continue to make this year a successful one for all of our students.

Mrs. Tulloch

### GRADE 1 FRENCH IMMERSION

On line applications began January 8th. Go to [www.dsbni.org](http://www.dsbni.org) and click on the French Immersion button. Programs begin in September 2018 at John Marshall

## GO WILDCATS !!

for students going into Grade 1. Registration closes February 20th at 9 am. If you have any questions please contact Principal, Janice Slade at 905-358-3711.

### PROJECT SHARE NEWS

From December 4th through to December 15th, the students of Victoria School once again had their annual food drive for Project Share. Many thanks to all the families in the Victoria community for their generous support of the Project Share Food drive again this year.

In addition to all of the donated non-perishable food items and toys, we raised \$416.85 in cash.

Special thanks go to Lief-Gillies and her Gr. 5/6 class for coordinating the many special events we enjoyed to support our drive.

Way to go Wildcats!!

### P.A. DAY—FRIDAY, JANUARY 19TH

There will be no school for students on this day.



## **GOOD NEWS ASSEMBLY**

We will continue to recognize the great work and attitudes of our students at our monthly Good News Assembly. The assembly for January will be on Wednesday, January 31st at 2:30 p.m. Please feel free to join us!

## **PROJECT SHARE—CLASS VISITS**

Project Share will be visiting the Kindergarten room on January 11<sup>th</sup> and the Grade 1-2-3 room on January 25<sup>th</sup>!

Workshops

### **Kindergarten**

**What's the buzz?** In this workshop the students will become bee experts, learning all about the essential process of pollination and our very own local food heroes...bees! Oh yeah, did we mention tasting some delicious honey?

### **Grade 1-2-3**

**Roots, Fruits, Seeds and Leaves** Students will actively learn to identify the different plant parts as well as their functions. The best part of this workshop is our FEAR FACTOR plant tasting!

## **BINGO**

Victoria School has been fortunate to be allocated twelve Bingo times at Delta Bingo. These twelve events will generate some much needed funds for our students in order to offset the costs of transportation, performances, educational presentations and extra resources. During the first 4 months of this school year, Bingo has been used to subsidize field trips and other activities and events including dance lessons.

We are still looking for more people to help in order to continue this program. Please contact the school if you are able to volunteer and for further information.

Volunteers (including parents, grandpar-

ent, family and friends), are required to attend a 1 1/2 hour training session prior to volunteering.

The next training dates are January 10th and 24th at 6:30 p.m. at the Gale Centre, Thorold Stone Rd., Niagara Falls.

The Bingo sessions that volunteers attend are usually on Saturday afternoons from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. At each of the twelve Saturdays we have been allocated, two volunteers are required. Even if you might only be able to help with Bingo occasionally, we would appreciate your help.

Please call the school office (905)354-1321 if you are interested.

Bingo is our main fundraiser for the school. We need your support in order to continue to be able to raise these funds..

## **BOOK EXCHANGE**

We will be holding a Book Exchange in February. Students are encouraged to bring in any gently used books from home that they would like to exchange with other students from Victoria School. Students will bring in their used books to the office, during January. For each book they bring in, they will be given one "credit" to pick another book during the exchange, during designated times. Books will be displayed and students will be allowed to come down and for each credit they will be able to pick an available book from the display.

Please know that your child might not get a book for each book brought in depending on the number of books available. In order to try to give everyone an opportunity to find something to their liking each student will only be able to pick one book on the first day. Students will pick their "new" books during the week of February 5 to

9th, 2018. Thank you for your support!  
Mrs. Piazza

### **BUS PARKING**

During the school day, all drivers need remember that the area in front of the school entrance is to be used only for bus parking, deliveries and in particular for emergency vehicles. We ask that you not use this area as a drop off/pick up zone for your children as it is not a thoroughfare.

In addition, now that we have a large bus coming and going to Victoria from the Boys' and Girls' Club, the area directly east of the school cannot be used for parking so that the bus can turn into to bus lane directly in front of the school.

Thank you for your assistance and understanding. If you have questions, please call the office.

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

Thanks so much to our School Council for raising \$242.00 at the bake sale that they held on December 18th. The funds raised will be used to support technology for Victoria students.

Thanks to all of the parents and family members who donated baked goods and to those who supported the event by purchasing items.

The next meeting for School Council is Thursday, February 8th at 6:00 p.m. and all parents are invited to come out to join us.

### **EXTENDED FRENCH VISITATIONS/ PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT**

The French Immersion program offered at John Marshall School is open to all students in Senior Kindergarten.

If you want your child to develop high proficiency and fluency in Canada's two official languages, French Immersion has a great deal to offer.

Features of the French Immersion program:

- Develops French language skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing from Grades one to twelve;
- Designed to be a second-language program for children whose first language is **NOT** French;
- Current enrolment of over 2,000 elementary students;
- Certificate of French Immersion Studies awarded upon successful completion of the elementary and secondary immersion programs;
- Promotes understanding of different cultures;
- Provides additional opportunities for employment using French as the working language;
- Increases the ability to communicate and interact with confidence in French.

**Online Registration will open on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at [www.dsbns.org](http://www.dsbns.org)**

For more information about French Immersion in the District School Board of Niagara visit [www.dsbns.org/fi](http://www.dsbns.org/fi) or speak to your school principal.

**A Parent Information night will be held on Thursday, January 11th at 6:00 p.m.**

at **John Marshall Public School** for all those students interested who are currently in Senior Kindergarten.

### **INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES**

There may be times during the school year where inclement weather or other situations could cause transportation cancellations or school closures.

Information about transportation changes and school closures will be on the websites, radio and television stations as soon as it is available.

Please **DO NOT** phone the school for transportation or school closure information. If early dismissal becomes necessary, we will use the emergency numbers you provided on the confidential form, which was sent home. If numbers have changed, please call the office with your updated information.

PLEASE NOTE: The school may be open even though student transportation has been cancelled. The decision to send children to school is always at the parent's discretion.

### **COUNTDOWN TO KINDERGARTEN**

Children who will be four years of age or older by December 31, 2018 are eligible to enroll in Kindergarten starting September 2018.

Going to school for the first time is a major step for children and their parents. At the DSBN, families start that journey together at the "Kindergarten Countdown" open houses. Families can visit our school, meet the kindergarten teacher and receive a gift bag filled with fun learning resources and information that will help children develop school readiness skills.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, February 1st, 2018 for our Kindergarten Countdown open house. The event will take place throughout the day (from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.) and families are encouraged to attend with their child for a visit at a time convenient to them. Visit [www.dsbnschools.org](http://www.dsbnschools.org) and click on the "Kindergarten Registration" for all the details.! Please tell your friends, relatives and neighbours if they have children born in 2014.

### **METRO GREEN APPLE GRANT**

We are so pleased to once again be one of the schools to benefit from the \$1000 Green Apple grant from Metro grocery stores. The healthy snack program was so popular with Victoria students over the last three years that we decided to reapply. Mrs. Piazza is providing the healthy snack program with fresh fruits and vegetables being offered to our students during nutrition break once a week. Within this program, students are encouraged to try fruits and vegetables they may not have tasted before. Canada's Food Guide recommends that children eat 5-6 servings of fresh fruits and vegetables per day and it is our hope that this program will help students achieve this goal

### **LATES**

The entry bell in the morning rings at 8:45 a.m. and classes begin at 8:50 a.m. If you are driving your children to school, please ensure that you arrive at least 5 minutes ahead of the bell. We have supervision for Grades 1 through 6 students 15 minutes before that bell. Please remember that a child entering late to class is disruptive to the others in the room.

Regular lates make it more difficult to deliver a consistent program to a student. Thank you for your assistance with this serious matter.

