Victoria

October 2018

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Mark Your Calendar

October 1– Orange Shirt Day (Every Child Matters)

October 1-- Assembly for Sept. Student of the month-RESPECT

October 2—School Council Meeting @ 6:00pm

October 3—Cross Country

October 5—P.D. Day No School

October 5—World Teacher 's Day

October 8—Thanksgiving Day

October 19—Pizza Lunch

October 22—Election Day Victoria Public is a Polling Station

October 23—Picture Re-take Day

October 31—Hallow'een

Greetings,

It was great to see so many of you at the Open House on September 13th. Thank you for arranging to stop by the school for a classroom visit. As I watched families gather outside for pizza and conversation, it seemed like a great big picnic happening. I was happy to meet so many of you. If you were not able to make it, I encourage you to use your child's organizer to communicate with their teacher or call with any questions or concerns.

On October 5th, all schools in the DSBN will have a Professional Development day. There will be no classes for students. The staff at Victoria will examine our Assessment data and EQAO results to develop a plan for addressing the student needs as indicated by our school data. Included in this newsletter are the EQAO results for 2017/2018 school year.

We will begin our monthly Sharing Assemblies where students are introduced to one of the DSBN character traits and students are recognized for their outstanding demonstration of the monthly trait. At our first assembly, on Monday, October 1st, at 12:15pm, students will be recognized for an exemplary demonstration of the trait; RESPECT-"We show positive regard for and acceptance of others' thoughts, opinions and feelings. We are inclusive and fair in our treatment of others". October's assembly will also acknowledge Orange Shirt day-Every Child Matters. Parents are welcome to attend. I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving weekend and hope you are able to enjoy some family time during the long weekend.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Linda Oakes, Principal

SAVE THE DATE!

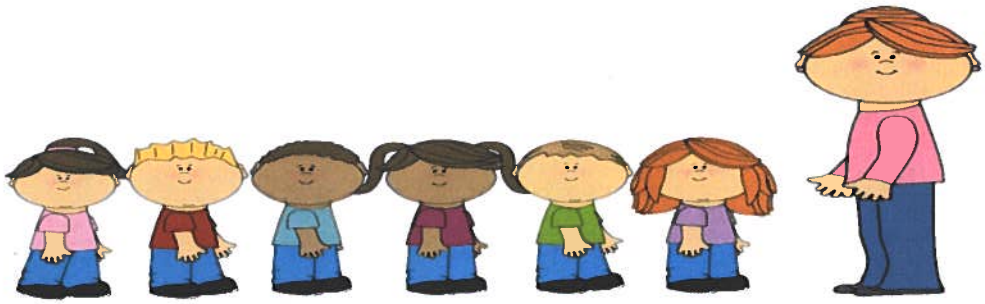
The DSBN Parent Involvement Committee is once again excited about our upcoming conference being held on November 7th at Eden High School. This is a free event of learning, sharing and networking for all DSBN parents/caregivers.This wonderful event runs from 4:00pm to 8:00 and it includes free child care. For Registration to go www.dsbn.org/pic/.

VICTORIA PUBLIC SCHOOL STAFF 2018 -2019

Principal- Mrs. L. Oakes
Secretary- Ms. Benny
Head Caretaker- Mrs. Cyr
Night Cleaner- Ms. Jones
Youth Counsellor- Ms. Y. Horton
Learning Resource, Arts and French Teacher, - Miss. Sandercock
Junior/Senior Kindergarten- Mrs. Piazza
DECE – Mrs. Goulet
Grade 1/2 – Mrs. Quaranto
Grade 3/4 – Ms. Triantopoulos
Grade 5/6- Mrs. Liefl-Gillies
Library – Mrs. Oakes
Educational Assistant – Miss. Cote
Instructional Coach – Mrs. Theodore
Lunchroom Supervisor- Ms. Labatte
Lunchroom Supervisor- Mrs. Irwin
Lunchroom Supervisor-Mrs. Weibe
Lunchroom Supervisor-Mrs. Miller

BELL TIMES

8:30 a.m. – Outdoor Supervision
8:45 a.m. Entry Bell
8:50 a.m. Period 1 Start
9:40 a.m. Period 2 Start
10:30 - 11:10 a.m. FITNESS/NUTRITION BREAK
11:10 a.m. Period 3 Start
12:00 p.m. Period 4 Start
12:50-1:40 p.m. FITNESS/NUTRITION BREAK
(40 minutes long - children who go home for lunch go home at this time)
1:40 p.m. Period 5 Start
2:30 p.m. Period 6 Start
3:20 DISMISSAL



ATTENDANCE

If your child is ill or going to be absent from school, it would be much appreciated if you would call the school before 8:30 a.m. For your convenience leave a message on the answering machine any time, stating the child's name, reason and teacher.

Victoria School Council

On Tuesday October 2 at 6:00pm we will be holding our first School Council meeting of this school year. All parents are welcome to attend. We will discuss future events and outings planned for our students and our school goals.

Victoria School has a Bingo event at least once a month. The proceeds from these Bingos allow us to subsidize trips and offer special activities here at the school. We need two volunteers to attend each of these Bingos. Please consider offering your time. It is only 2 1/2 hours. Each time you volunteer your child's trip account is credited with $10. Contact the office if you would like to volunteer. Here are the dates for the reminder of 2018…..October 6th, October 21st, November 10th, December 15th.

If we do not have the required two volunteers for these dates we will lose the funding. WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!!

Halloween at Victoria

Halloween activities for students in JK/SK through 6 will commence after the second break (1:40 p.m.), at which time they are welcome to dress in appropriate costumes-those with a non violent theme. Weather permitting, we will have a parade of costumes around the school yard. Please come out and take a picture of your child!!! Alternately if it rains, we will hold the parade through the school. Students not taking part in these activities will have an opportunity to participate in an alternative program, (computers, the arts or physical education.).

Parent Volunteer Drivers

We often need drivers to transport students to sports, tournaments, or special events. I would like to create a list of potential drivers I could contact prior to an event to see if they are available on a specific date. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the office and we will send home the necessary paperwork so it can be filled out and brought back to the office. This way we will be able to arrange transportation well in advance of an event. Hoping you can help us out. Thank you, Mrs. Oakes.

VISITOR SIGN IN & SCHOOL SECURITY

Should you have to pick up a student early, or drop something off for your child, during school hours, we ask that you enter through the front door, using our security system, and then check in at the office. Items which you are dropping off may be left with the office and we will call your child down at the next class break. Please write a note in the student agenda for the teacher if you need to pick up your child early. We will make every effort to have your child at the doors waiting for you. All volunteers/visitors who wish to enter the school will need to sign in at the office and wear a Victoria tag. Wearing the visitor's tag signifies to staff and students that you have stopped by the office before entering the school.
At regular entry times, we ask that your child wait outside their assigned entry door and refrain from entering the building before the bell rings. If your child arrives late they should enter using the security buzzer and report to the office prior to going to class. We cannot dismiss students with someone who is not listed as one of your contacts without written or verbal permission from you so we ask that your contact information is always up to date. Please remember to send back the Student Verification form as soon as possible.

NUT ALLERGIES

We are asking students to bring nut free snacks and foods only to school. Victoria Public School is a Nut-Free Zone for several reasons. Peanut and nut allergies are usually severe and can be fatal. Even tiny amounts of nut particles or residue can cause someone with a nut allergy to have a strong reaction. Without treatment, this person could die within minutes. Victoria School can only be a nut free school with your commitment and co-operation. Please read labels to see if peanut or nut products are present. Please try to avoid products that do not carry a list of ingredients. Thank you for your help.

Professional Development Day

Friday, October 5 is P.D. Day, no school for the students. It is also World Teacher's Day. Monday, October 8th is Thanksgiving. School is Closed. Happy Thanksgiving to all.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

We may not administer medication to students without a written request by parents and a physician's authorization indicating the name, dosage, frequency and time along with the method of administration of the drug. This includes any "over the counter" medication (aspirin, etc.) Medication must be sent in the original container from the pharmacy, clearly marked with the student's name, medication and dosage. Medication **must** be kept in a secure location.

THINGS TO KNOW:

1. This year, our school photographer will be *Edge Imaging*. Our school picture retake day will be Tuesday, **October 23rd**.
2. Pink Shirt Order forms will be available on line for you to order. Bully Awareness and Prevention Week is **November 19-23, 2018**. Show your support by wearing a pick shirt. Students will have another opportunity to wear their pink shirt on February 27th.
3. **October 22,** is Election day. Victoria Public is a Polling Station.
4. **October 2,** School Council Meeting at 6pm.

Mrs. Piazza offers nutritional snacks, which include fruits and vegetables every week for the students, compliments of a Metro Grant that the grocery store generously provides for us.

MILK ORDERS

Once again milk white or chocolate, will be available for purchase daily. You can purchase milk online. No more searching for change in the morning. Milk is available to order on line for the month of October.

STOP THE SPEAD OF INFECTION

Stay home if you are sick and return when you are well.
Wash your hands with soap and water or use a hand sanitizer.
Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or in your sleeve
Keep your distance
Get a flu shot
For more information talk with your school nurse or go to www.niagararegion.ca/health

PREVALENT MEDICAL CONDITIONS

According to the recent Ministry of Education direction, each child with a Prevalent Medical Condition (such as: Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes, and /or Epilepsy, or other chronic conditions), is required to have a current Plan of Care on file at the school. The Plan of Care form is a new document that replaces the Emergency Action Plan. I have been meeting with parents of students who require a plan of care. If I have not contacted you and you feel your child has a prevalent medical condition please call and make an appointment.

When to Keep Your Child at Home?

Please keep your child at home and away from others if he/she has any of these symptoms: Fever, Diarrhea, Vomiting, Rash, Frequent Coughing or Sneezing, Yellow or Green discharge from the nose, ears or eyes, Sore throat.

Contact your family doctor for advice about care and treatment. For more information, talk to your school nurse.

To learn more about the school nurse call 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7379 or visit www.niagararegion.ca search school nurse.

SAFE DISMISSAL

We do have two buses that pick up some of our children at the end of the day. For the safety of our children, please enter the driveway/parking lot by the ENTER sign, drive through past the front of the school and exit by the EXIT sign. Thank you for helping make dismissal a safe time for all the students.

TERRY FOX

Thank you for your support or our Terry Fox run/walk. The Victoria community raised $250.50, to support cancer research. Thank you to Mrs. Piazza for organizing this event.

Student of the Month Assemblies

We will continue to host monthly assemblies where each class recognizes a student(s) for their exceptional demonstration of the monthly character trait. The student will receive a certificate. Their photo will appear on the bulletin board in our foyer. Parents are welcome to attend these assemblies. Please note the traits and their definitions below.

For the month of October we will focus on demonstrating "**RESPONSIBILITY**. Our DSBN definition is..We demonstrate self-discipline, self-control, reliability and are accountable for our choices, words and actions. We take care of others and our environment.

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Please fill in below and have your child return for a prize :

1. What does it mean when you wear your orange t-shirt?

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2. When are picture retakes?

Student Name: ----------

Teacher Name: ----------

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October 1, 2018

Dear Victoria Public School Parent/Guardian:

On October 22, there will be a Municipal and School Board Election during which our school's gym will be used as a polling station. The DSBN has been asking municipalities to consider options other than school for polling stations, but despite these efforts, there are still schools that will be used.

To ensure the safety of our students and minimize disruptions at the school, the municipalities have agreed to the following measures for Election Day:

Security:

Our school doors will be locked as usual and will be monitored at all times. The municipality will provide polling staff to monitor entrance and exit doors accessed for voting purposes. Polling staff will also be responsible for directing and ushering, voters from entrance doors to the voting locations and back to the exit door. The municipalities have committed to working with the school to select entrance and exit doors that will minimize travel within the school and that will be least disruptive to the school's regular daily routines.

Voters will not be able to access any area of the school aside from the polling stations.

Parking and Bus Zones:

All designated bus zones and parking will be for school use only and will be kept clear of traffic.

We are confident that the measures outlined above will keep our students safe and secure during the October 22 Election.

Sincerely,

Mrs. L. Oakes

Mrs. Linda Oakes,
Principal

October 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 DSBN Orange Shirt Day (Every Child Matters) Student of the Month Assembly 12:15pm	2 School Council Meeting @ 6:00pm	3 Cross Country Meet Round #2	4	5 World Teachers Day Professional Activity Day, No classes for students	6	7
8 Happy Thanksgiving Schools are Closed	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 DSBN Cross Country	17	18	19 Pizza Lunch 	20	21
22 Municipal Election Victoria is a Polling Station	23 Picture Retakes	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Hallowe'en Parade at 2:00pm Happy Hallowe'en				

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Grade 8 Open House Dates & Times 2018

AN Myer	November 29	6:30 pm
Beamvsville	November 28	6:00 pm
EL Crossley	November 27	6:30 pm
Eastdale	November 29	6:00 pm
Eden	November 29	6:30 pm
Greater Fort Erie	November 27	6:00 pm
Governor Simcoe	November 26	6:00 pm
Grimsby	November 27	6:00 pm
		Laura Secord November
28	6:00 pm	
Port Colborne	November 27	6:00 pm
Sir Winston Churchill	November 26	6:00 pm
St Cath Collegiate	November 27	6:00 pm
Stamford	November 27	6:00 pm
Thorold	November 27	6:30 pm
Westlane	November 28	6:30 pm
Welland Centennial	November 29	6:30 pm