



April 2, 2018

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 'I Matter' Assembly - April 6th at 1:30 p.m.
- Pancake Day - April 10th at 10:15 a.m.
- Sub Lunch - April 11th
- Crazy Hair Day for YMCA - April 12th
- Dental Screening in Kindergarten - April 16th
- Sound of Music for Grade 1 to 8 - April 18th
- Gymnastic Showcase for K to Grade 6 - April 18th at 1:30 p.m.
- Pita Lunch - April 25^h
- Track and Field - April 30th

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 Email: wes@dsbn.org



NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE



With us entering the month of April, we look forward to a lot of exciting events and engaging learning activities. Welcome to Miss Turney and Mrs. Egan who are both Educational Assistants and are new to the Westdale team! We are lucky to have you at Westdale.

Our main focus continues to be Math. As a result of our EQAO mid-year assessments the teachers of Grade 3 and 6 have set individual "next steps and goals" for each of their students to hopefully improve their results on the official assessment in May/June.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next scheduled Westdale School Council meeting is set for **Tuesday April 24th at 6:00 p.m.** If you would like to take a more active role in your child's school, please consider coming out. We encourage any and all interested parents to attend.



PARKING LOT SAFETY

Before and after school our parking lot seems to be quite busy. We are asking parents to please be patient and careful while driving through the parking areas around the school. We want to see every child arrive safely to school. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE LANEWAY.**

DREAMBOX

We continue to encourage students using DreamBox at home if they are able to do so. The recommended number of lessons is between 5 to 7 lessons per week. On average, 1 lesson takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. It is also important to have your child work on the program independently. DreamBox should adapt to how your child answers questions (right or wrong). If you have any questions and/or concerns please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.




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APRIL'S 'I MATTER' WINNERS

As an Individual

Katie T. Violet R.

Avary B. Mira Q.

Gage V. Payton Y.

Mohammed E. Shaylene Y.

Jacob C. Grace B.

As a Learner

Katelyn L. Aidan D.

Batoul A. Gabrielle D.

Justine L. Jaime C.

Samir M. Tyler G.

Cameron W. Emilee G.

As a Community Member

Parker G. Madison L.

Deepshi S. Georgia A.

Austin S. Colin M.

Nathan L. Favor H.

Hailey J. Landon W.



I Matter At Westdale

CHOCOLATE BAR FUNDRAISER & PRIZE WINNERS

Thanks to all of the students who participated in our recent chocolate bar fundraiser. The fundraiser was a success! Thank-you to all the Westdale families that were able to participate in the fundraiser.

Grand Prize Winner

Hayleigh Cooper

Winning Classes

Mrs. Hildebrandt (Grade 2)

Mrs. Hansen (Grade 6)

Mr. Nevar (Grade 7)



KEEP YOUR CHILD'S TEETH HEALTHY

Children can receive a free fluoride varnish application from the Niagara Region Public Health dental program. Fluoride varnish is a protective coating that is painted onto the teeth with a tiny brush. It helps reduce cavities if applied twice a year.

Why do we recommend fluoride varnish?

Tooth decay is the number one chronic disease of children

In the 2015/2016 school year over 25,000 school-aged children were screened by Public Health. 39 per cent of those school-aged children were identified as having cavities.

Untreated cavities can lead to difficulties eating and sleeping, self-esteem issues, decreased school performance and attendance, pain, discomfort, infection and poor overall health

Fluoride is not added to Niagara's drinking water

Tips to keep your child's teeth healthy...

- Brush teeth **two times** per day
- **Use** a pea-sized portion of **fluoride** toothpaste
- Spend **two minutes** brushing each time with help from an adult
- Floss daily
- Provide a healthy diet and limit sugary drinks, sticky candy and snacks. **Water is best.**
- Schedule regular dental checkups at least once a year (cleaning, fluoride varnish application and sealants).

For more information on dental services and programs please call the Dental Health Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399 or visit www.niagararegion.ca/health.

REMEMBER TOOTH DECAY IS A PREVENTABLE DISEASE!

WESTDALE ROBOTICS

In February, the Westdale Robotics Jr. and Intermediate teams traveled to Brock University to compete in the 2018 Robotics Challenge.

All members displayed great perseverance, cooperative team skills, creativity in their robot designs and represented our school well! Way to go Wildcats!



RANKIN CANCER RUN

We are once again organizing a Westdale Wildcat team for the Rankin Cancer Run. The Rankin Cancer Run is a 5K or 1K walk or run that is clearly focused on funding immediate cancer care, for all cancers in the Niagara community.

Did you know that the Rankin Cancer Run has raised \$7.5 million dollars in 12 years, and all of that money has been returned to Niagara. Together, we are making a difference. So come with everyone you can! Don't miss out on the opportunity to be a part of such a wonderful community event.

Registration information will be sent home shortly. Watch for the bright orange sheet!



YOUNG AT ART

DSBN ART SHOWCASE

WHERE: DSBN Education Centre, 191 Carlton St., St. Cath

OPENING NIGHT: April 16th at 5:00 p.m.

Come out to the DSBN Education Centre to see some amazing artwork from our very own Westdale students - **Rfef Arebi** (Mrs. Philip), **Autumn Richardson** (Mrs. Kornelsen), **Asseil El Sahli** (Mrs. Hildebrandt), **Ava Ruzic** (Mrs. Guitard), and **Christina Ogunfadebo** (Mrs. Petro).



**APRIL 16 TO 27,
2018**



YMCA STRONG KIDS CAMPAIGN

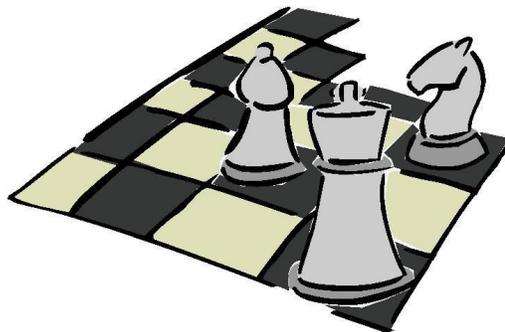
The YMCA Child Care Centre at Westdale has kicked off their annual YMCA of Niagara Strong Kids Campaign. The YMCA Child Care Centre is asking Westdale families to consider donating \$2 for their child to participate in a "Crazy Hair Day" at Westdale happening on Thursday, April 12th, 2018. Through your donation children will have the opportunity to participate in YMCA programs and ensure that every child gets the opportunity to learn and grow at the YMCA.

WESTDALE CHESS UPDATE

The Westdale Chess club had a successful season. We had 36 participants who met 3 times a week for the months of January, February, and March to learn the game and work on strategy! Twenty-two students were selected from Grades 2 to 8 to represent Westdale in the Area 3 chess tournament in March.

Congratulations to the following students who won medals in their age categories: Evy Apostolakis - Gold, Rylan Poirier - Silver, Simon Dobrovolski - Gold, and Kiarsen Ellis - Bronze.

Congratulations also to Aaron Suderman, Easton Poirier, and Mira Qubaja for placing in the top 6 of their respective grades. All of those students will be going on to compete in the DSBN championship tournament in April Well done!



SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

School Cash is an online portal that allows you to pay for any school service, product, or event all online. The system is active and we recommend that you can register by visiting our school website on the School Cash Online button.

Registration should take less than five minutes.

Register:

- Visit www.dsbn.org/schoolcash and select "Register Now"
- Complete the three registration steps
- **NOTE:** *You must create your profile using your name and not your children's*

Confirm Your Account:

- You will receive a confirmation email from School Cash Online
- Click on the link provided
- Sign in to your account using your email and password



UPDATES USING REMIND

We are asking our parents to join the "Westdale Families Remind" group.

Instructions:

- Using your cell phone, enter this number - 289-812-3838
- Text this message - @westdalef

The "Remind" app will keep you informed of upcoming events happening at Westdale.



WESTDALE'S TWITTER PAGE

You can also follow Westdale events on Twitter. Follow us at - @westdale_ps



FINAL THOUGHT

"Don't count the days. Make the days counts".