

# The Cougar Chronicle



**Martha Cullimore  
Public School**  
3155 St. Andrew St.  
Niagara Falls, ON L2J 2R7

Principal:  
T. Chilcott

**Important Dates:**

**November**

- 01 Photo Retake Day
- 01 Volunteer Mtg at 5:30pm
- 10 Progress Reports Go Home
- 11 Remembrance Day
- 12 Vendor Fair 10am – 2pm
- 14 Cougar Cave Assembly
- 17 Family Movie Night
- 18 PD Day
- 22 School Council Mtg
- 29 Celebration Assembly
- 30 Gr 4 & 4/5 to

## Messages from the Principal

Remembrance Day, November 11th is a day on which we all take time to honour those who have sacrificed their lives to defend the rights of all people to be free. On November 11<sup>th</sup>, an assembly will take place for all students at 11:00am to help our students recognize the importance of this day in the lives of all Canadians. Parents are welcome to attend. For a small donation, students will receive a poppy in support of the Royal Canadian Legion.



**Lest We Forget.**

## Progress Reports (Kindergarten Year 2 to Grade 8) and Parent-Teacher Interviews

On November 10<sup>th</sup>, your child will bring home their Elementary Progress Report. The format was created after years of consultation with parents, teachers, principals and students across the province. Although it looks much like the Report Card, the Progress Report has a very different intent. The purpose is to share early and specific feedback on your child's development of work habits and learning skills as well as progress towards achieving the curriculum standards by the end of the school year.

Reporting on the Progress Report is about looking forward and setting a course for the learning journey ahead. Based on the evidence that teachers see, as well as what teachers know about learning at this grade level, the report communicates the path your child is on towards achieving the grade level expectations by the end of the year. The Progress Report does not include letter grades or percentage for academic subjects; it instead identifies whether your child is progressing *very well*, *well* or *with difficulty*. For subjects in which your child is Progressing with Difficulty, the teacher will discuss specific next step plans needed for success. We look forward to partnering with you and your child for a year of great learning and growth.

## Congratulations to students who made some amazing accomplishments and reached personal bests this month!

TEACHER	STAR OF THE MONTH
K – Brennan	Serafina S, Spencer O
1 – Carnegie	LaraG, Evie L
2 – Reid	Carmen A, Hudson G
4 – Semerjian	Rylee H, Thomas M, Lindsay P
4/5 – Fortuna	Reegan H, Deniz O, Kalley Q
6 – West	Julia A, Nathan S, Roberta S
FR – Michaud	Ethan A, Johnny B, Brianna C, Alex D, Deniz G, Reegan H, Rylee H, Caden H, Emma M, Lindsay P, Denice P, Abby P, Nathan S, Danielle V, Ryan W, Broden W

We are looking forward to gathering together as a community in the months of November and December. Mark the following dates on your calendar:

## November 12<sup>th</sup> Vendor Fair & Bake Sale

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2<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
**Martha Cullimore**  
**Vendor Fair**  
 Saturday,  
 November 12,  
 2016  
 10:00-2:00

FEATURING

- \*DOTERRA
- \*THIRTY-ONE
- \*SCENTSY
- \*THE CROCHETING NANA
- \*J.R. WATKINS
- \*WINEY GIRL DECOR
- \*YOUNIQUE
- \*SWEETLEGS
- \*ARBONNE

- \*WICKID WEAR
- \*ARTS & CRAFTS
- \*STITCHM'S CARDS AND GIFTS
- \*ALOETTE
- \*BOTTOMS UP LEGGINGS AND MORE
- \*BAKE TABLE

PLUS  
 DOOR PRIZES, RAFFLE  
 TABLE, AND  
**Photos with  
 Santa**

Please see the Bake sale tear-off at the end of this newsletter.

## November 17<sup>th</sup> Family Movie and Pizza Night

Let's get together and enjoy each other's company with a movie and pizza! The free feature movie will be Ice Age: Collision Course by 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox and Blue Sky! Doors open at 5:45pm.

Bring:

- a picnic blanket
- whatever you need to keep comfy during the movie

Available at Our Concession Stand:

- 12 slice pepperoni or cheese pizzas (\$14.00 – must be pre-ordered but paid for on Movie Night)
- square slices of pizza (\$1.00 pre-ordered)
- water or juice (\$0.50)
- popcorn and candy (\$0.50)



See the Pre-order  
 form at the end of  
 this newsletter!

## December Celebrations

We are offering two different holiday celebrations in the month of December, one during the day on December 22<sup>nd</sup> and one in the evening on December 20<sup>th</sup>.

The daytime event on December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30pm will be a quaint concert of songs by students showcasing different festivals and holidays around the world, **called December in our Town**. Parents are welcome to attend.



The evening celebration on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 to 7:30pm, will be a **Bring-A-Mug Hot Chocolate Social and Sing Along**. Cozy up and wear your favourite holiday hats, scarves and mittens to our outdoor Christmas Carol Sing! Bring your family mugs to fill up on creamy hot chocolate and savour some tasty sugar cookies. Each class will lead a carol so we can sing along! There will also be a basket raffle on this night!



## School Advisory Council

Our second School Council meeting was held on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at AN Myer Secondary School. This joint meeting with our family of schools focused on Mental Health and Wellness. Presentations were made by Susie Palumbo, DSBN Student Achievement Leader – Well Being, and a DSBN Social Worker. Martha Cullimore's School Council met afterwards to discuss EQAO results and upcoming fund-raising and community engagement events.

## Photo Retake Day

Picture retakes will be taken at Martha Cullimore on **Tuesday, November 1, 2016**. Students who were absent for the September picture day should be prepared for this day along with anyone who would like to try again!



## Cross Country Finalists Go To DSBN Meet

Congratulations to our team of finalist runners who made the Cougars proud in their amazing efforts at the DSBN meet. Way to go, boys and girls! Our 2016-2017 Cross Country Finalists were: Jayke A, Julia A, Joshua B, Madison D, Keira J, Manuel M, Rylan P.

## Junior Volleyball Teams

We were impressed by the enthusiasm and participation shown by students for our upcoming volleyball season. The following students will represent the Cougars through the month of November.

**Girls Junior Volleyball:** Julia A, Brianna C, Madison D, Reegan H, Riley H, Shayleigh L, Megan N, Denice P, Kalley Q, Jenna S, Roberta S, Danielle V, Jenna O.

**Boys Junior Volleyball:** Ethan A, Gabe A, Joe B, Johnny B, Mani M, Evan M, Nathan S, Jeffrey V, Ryan W,

Thank you to Mr. West for coaching the boys and to Mr. Fortuna for coaching the girls.

## Shrek: The Musical on December 15th

On Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, the students at Martha Cullimore (Grades 1 through 6) are invited to attend the performance of **"Shrek"** at the Scotiabank Convention Centre, in Niagara Falls. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to experience the performing arts at a local venue. The show begins at 10:30 a.m. and is approximately 135 minutes in length, including one intermission. See the permission form coming home soon!

YOU & YOUR CHILD ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A

# KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

\* Thursday, February 2, 2017 - 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. \*



During your visit you will:

- See a Kindergarten classroom
- Meet the Kindergarten Team
- Register for school
- Get a fun goodie bag with learning resources

**JUST WATCH ME!**  
KINDERGARTEN AT THE DSBN

Children who will be turning 4 before December 31, 2017 are eligible to start Kindergarten in September 2017.




## Hey Super Parents!

# IT'S TIME TO REGISTER!

Join us for an evening of learning with **FREE** workshops for DSBN parents

**REGISTRATION, FOOD & CHILD CARE are FREE!**



**PARENT POWER!**  
DSBN PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE CONFERENCE 2016

**Mark It On Your Calendar:**  
**WED. NOV. 2, 2016**  
4:00 pm - 8:15 pm at Eden High School  
535 Lake St., St. Catharines

Register online at [www.dsbn.org/pic](http://www.dsbn.org/pic)  
OR speak to someone in your school office for assistance

**Early Bird Draw**

Register Before October 3, 2016  
and you could WIN \$500 of support  
for your School and School Council!




**The DSBN Parent Involvement Committee invites you to join us for an evening of learning, sharing and networking with a focus on ideas for all DSBN parents and School Councils.**

**Session Topics Include:**  
Mental Health, Special Education, Mathematics, Kindergarten, Transitions to Secondary & Post Secondary... and so much MORE!

4:00 - 5:15	Light Dinner and Vendor Fair <i>Cafeteria and Gym AB</i>
5:15 - 5:25	Opening Remarks <i>Cafeteria</i>
5:45 - 6:45	1st Session
6:45 - 7:15	Vendor Fair and Refreshments <i>Gym AB and Cafeteria</i>
7:15 - 8:15	2nd Session

**Information about Child Care:**

**PRESCHOOL CHILDREN:** Certified Early Childhood Educators will be available at Sven H. Dohnberg Centre. Enter the Eden High School parking lot (facing Lake St.), the child care centre is on the right.

**SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN:** Children will be supervised by qualified teachers in the Eden Gymnasium.

★ **CHILD CARE IS AVAILABLE BY PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY.** ★

★ Child care will be provided from 4:00pm to 8:15pm. ★

★ A light dinner will be provided for the children. ★



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## Staying Healthy This Season



Although we usually encourage children to share, there is one thing that we'd prefer that doesn't get passed around this year - germs! While being back at school gives children more opportunity to interact with each other and play together, there are some simple steps we can all take to help each other avoid coughs, colds and more serious types of infections.

**Wash those hands!** We recommend that students, and even parents, wash their hands with soap and water regularly. If there isn't a sink nearby, using a good hand sanitizer should do the trick.

**Cover all coughs and sneezes.** This will cut down on the number of icky things floating around in the air and landing on surfaces, making it less likely that children will breathe them in or touch them. If you have to cough or sneeze, do it into a tissue or onto your upper sleeve.

**If you're sick, stay home.** Although it's important to be in class, don't be a superhero. Take some time, feel better and then come back when you're healthy, alert and ready to learn!

### WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME

Please keep your child at home and away from others if he or 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 or go to [www.niagararegion.ca/health](http://www.niagararegion.ca/health)

## Inclement Weather

There may be times during the school year where inclement weather or other situations could cause transportation cancellations or school closures. At times when student transportation has been cancelled and schools remain open, the decision of whether or not to have children in school on that day rests with the parent or guardian. **Should you decide not to send your child to school in the event that transportation is cancelled but schools remain open, or if your child is ill or late, please ensure that you call your child's school to inform them of your child's absence.** A key resource in any emergency is the DSBN Emergency information form that you filled out at the beginning of the school year. Please let the school know of any changes in contact information or procedures you wish to be followed throughout the school year. Information about transportation cancellations and school closures will be available as soon as it is available through the following:



### Websites:

[www.dsbns.org](http://www.dsbns.org)

[www.nsts.ca](http://www.nsts.ca)

**Subscription Features:** DSBN Facebook or Twitter

**NSTS Transportation Delay or Cancellation Alerts**

**Phone:** Niagara Student Transportation Services 905-346-0290 Voice Auto Attendant

### Radio Stations:

CKTB (610 AM) or CHRE (105.7 FM) or CHTZ-FM (97.7 FM) in St. Catharines

WAVE (94.7 FM) or CKOC (1150 AM) or K-LITE FM (102.9 FM) in Hamilton

CKEY (105.1 FM) Niagara Falls/Fort Erie GIANT FM (91.7 FM) Welland

### Television Stations:

CH – Hamilton, CityTV Breakfast Television, CTV Toronto, Cogeco Channel 10

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While we cannot guarantee a nut free school environment, we work diligently to minimize risk to individuals with allergies. **We require that all baked goods coming into the school be baked without nuts or peanuts. However, we cannot guarantee that these baked goods are nut free or have been made in a nut-free environment.**

We encourage all parents to support this initiative by baking treats and sending them in before the Vendor Fair on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. If you bake, please send in this slip with your baked goods on the Friday before the sale. Thank you so much for your support!

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**FOR THE BAKE SALE**

From the home of: \_\_\_\_\_  
Baked Good: \_\_\_\_\_



This was baked with no nuts, peanuts or peanut products.

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**November Newsletter Draw**

Congrats to the Labelle family who won October's draw! Their children have won a prize from the office. What are the ways you can sort geometric shapes? What sorting rule can you use?

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\_\_\_\_\_

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Children's Grades: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Remind App**

**Please return to school by Friday, November 11th.  
FAMILY MOVIE AND PIZZA NIGHT**

Student & Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ people are coming to the movie night!

Pizza Order:

\_\_\_\_\_ 12 slice pepperoni pizza x \$14.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 12 slice cheese pizza x \$14.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ square pepperoni slices x \$1.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ square cheese slices x \$1.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

