

The Cougar Chronicle



Martha Cullimore Public School

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Important Dates:

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House
- 30 Celebration
Assembly at
9am

Message 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 9th, an assembly will take place for all students at 10:15am 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 to Grade 8)

On November 8th, your child will bring home an Elementary Progress Report. 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.

Booking Parent-Teacher Interviews

We will be holding Parent-Teacher Interviews at the school the week of November 12th – 15th. This year, you will be able to schedule your Parent-Teacher Interviews online. You will be able to make appointments beginning November 1st at 12:01 am until November 8th at 11:00 pm.

1. Go to the Martha Cullimore scheduling webpage at <https://mcps.parentinterview.com>
2. Enter the Parent Code (printed below) and click "Sign In"
Please make a note of your Confirmation #
3. Fill in your contact information and click "Continue to Make Appointments"
4. Click on the name of a teacher with whom you wish to schedule an appointment
5. Click on "Available" for a time at which you wish to meet to have your meeting
6. Repeat Steps 4 and 5 until you have scheduled all the teachers you wish to meet
7. Click on "My Schedule" (top left of the page)
8. Print out, email or copy down your schedule and bring it with you

Should you wish to delete an appointment you have made, click on "Delete" beside the meeting you wish to have removed from your schedule. If you decide to delete an appointment, that time slot will become available for other parents. There are no guarantees that you will be able to reschedule that appointment.

If you misplace your schedule, you may use your Confirmation # to retrieve your schedule from the website at any time. If you need help using the service, please email support@parentinterview.com

DSBN *Insta Fame* ★

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES



SHINE LIKE THE STAR YOU ARE!

NOVEMBER 26 - 29, 2018

A.N. MYER Nov. 29 6:30 pm	BEAMSVILLE Nov. 28 6:00 pm	E.L. CROSSLEY Nov. 27 6:30 pm	EASTDALE Nov. 29 6:00 pm	EDEN Nov. 29 6:30 pm	GREATER FORT ERIE Nov. 27 6:00 pm
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GRIMSBY Nov. 27 6:00 pm	GOVERNOR SIMCOE Nov. 26 6:00 pm	LAURA SECORD Nov. 28 6:00 pm	PORT COLBORNE Nov. 27 6:00 pm	SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL Nov. 26 6:00 pm
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ST. CATHARINES COLLEGIATE Nov. 27 6:00 pm	STAMFORD Nov. 27 6:00 pm	THOROLD Nov. 27 6:30 pm	WESTLANE Nov. 28 6:30 pm	WELLAND CENTENNIAL Nov. 29 6:00 pm
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I Matter At DSNB

dsbn.org/highschoolopenhouses

#DSBNHighSchool

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



TEACHER	I MATTER STUDENT OF THE MONTH	GROWTH MINDSET COACH OF THE MONTH
K – Hollemans Empey	Amelie P., Clara S.	Weston G.
K – Brennan, Lopez & Camillo	Addison T., Payton D., Mila D., Mia T.	Madyson I.
1/2 – Edwardson	Olivia G., Maddy H.	James H.
1/2 – Reid	Sawyer H., Lucas W.	Matilda S.
2/3 – Folino	Lanah A., Charlie K., Theoni R.	Apollonia R.
3/4 – Jane	Livia B., Izzy H., Tabitha R.	Declan P.
4/5 – Dinga	Taylor H., Sean L., Kyla H.	Ale R.
5/6 – Bootsma	Rylan P., Lindsay P.	Ashton G.
6 – Hopkins	Liam G., Deniz G., Nic R.	Danielle V.
7/8 – Fortuna	Caleb E., Jenna O., Ryan W.	Megan N.
7/8 – Ibey	Gabe A., Roberta S., Zen T.	Nate S.



The character trait for November is Respect.

DSBN Parent Involvement Conference

Join us for an evening of learning & FREE Workshops!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2018
4:00 - 8:15 PM at Eden High School

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Comptimentary dinner & childcare available by pre-registration

Nov 16
PD Day
No School

Hold the Date!

December 12th
Hot Chocolate
Social and
Open House

See details
below.

School Advisory Council

Our second School Council meeting was held on Tuesday, October 26th. Martha Cullimore's School Council met to discuss EQAO results and upcoming fund-raising and community engagement events.

Treaties Recognition Week

Ontario has designated November 5-9, 2018 as Treaties Recognition Week with the goal of promoting education and awareness about treaties. DSNB joins with other school boards across Ontario in encouraging schools to support learning about treaties as an important aspect of our province's history.

Photo Retake Day

Picture retakes will be taken at Martha Cullimore on **Friday, November 2, 2018**. Students who were absent for the October picture day should be prepared for this day along with anyone who would like to try again!



GRADE 7 IMMUNIZATION CLINICS FOR THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

All grade 7 students will participate in Immunization Clinics hosted by Public Health this year on the following schedule: Round #1 November 8, 2018 – Hepatitis B (HB), Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Menactra; Round #2 May 9, 2019 – HB, HPV. Grade 8's who started a vaccination series during the previous school year, but missed a dose, will be offered the vaccine needed to complete their series. K. Kekich, the school's health nurse, will do a pre-clinic teaching on October 23rd.

Rainbow Fish Musical Presentation

On November 22nd, the kindergarten to grade two students are travelling to the Performing Arts Centre to enjoy Rainbow Fish!

Beauty and the Beast: The Musical on December 6th

On Friday, December 6th, the students at Martha Cullimore (Grades 3 through 8) are invited to attend the performance of **"Beauty and the Beast"** 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.

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.

We Scare Hunger – A Big Success!

We'd like to thank the community for their overwhelming support of our We Scare Hunger food drive. We filled over two barrels to overflowing with food that will be distributed to those in need. Way to go, cougars!

Congratulations to our Student Parliament Members

The purpose of our elementary school Student Parliament is to encourage student voice and engage all students within a healthy and vibrant school culture. Every student has a valued contribution to make to their school. It is important that they be given the opportunity to express their views on issues of concern to them. It is equally important that they are listened to and encouraged to take an active part in promoting the aims and objectives of the school. The duties may include organizing spirit days, events, programs and projects; encouraging democratic participation; and striving to promote good citizenship by example.

Congratulations to the following student leaders this year:

Karter S, Taylor H, Bailey C, Abi D, Olivia P, Ashlee W, Nic R, Olivia V, Liam G, Aleks P, Jordan C, Zen T, Roberta S, Nathan S, Jennifer Z, Julia A



December 12th Bring-A-Mug Hot Chocolate Social and Open House

We are planning on having a simple Christmas celebration open house where families come, bring their mugs to fill with hot chocolate, enjoy some baked goods from the bake sale, and spend quality time participating in some festive activities.

- Relax and enjoy musical selections at the Cookie Café. Students will present special poems, instrumental music and songs. Kindergarten students will kick off the line up of talent. A program of presentation times will be published closer to the event.
- Visit the North Pole Bakery to decorate sugar cookies
- Visit the Reindeer Workshop to make reindeer candy cane crafts
- Make beautiful giant snowflakes in the Winter Wonderland Room
- Holiday Math & STEM Challenge Room
- Visit Rudolph's Robotics Barn
- Junior and intermediate students can take on the Great Christmas Escape Challenge in one of our Escape Rooms! Schedule to be announced.



Many thanks to our School Advisory and Council and martha Cullimore Staff for organizing this event!

Holiday Bake Sale on December 12th

There will be a student bake sale during the school day and a community bake sale on the evening of the Hot Chocolate Social on December 12th.

During the day, students can purchase single-size treats to enjoy. Sale items will range from 50cents to \$2.00. There are always commercially packaged and labelled "nut-free" items available at the bake sale table as an alternative for students with allergies. Parents are also welcome to send in labelled baked goods from their own home for their children with allergies. These are recommended for students with allergies or anaphylaxis.

The community Holiday Bake Sale in the evening is a time when you can purchase some goodies for holiday get-togethers! Last year, the show of care and creativity at the holiday bake sale was show-stopping! Don't miss out. **The bake sale will be open from 6:15pm to 8:00pm. The café and festive activities will be open from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.**

We encourage all parents to support this initiative by baking treats and sending them in on Tuesday, December 11th. Items requiring refrigeration can be dropped off before school on the 12th. If you bake, please let us know by returning the slip at the end of this newsletter as soon as possible. Thank you so much for your support!

December 12th Bake Sale

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.**

TAG FOR BAKED GOODS

From the home of: _____
Baked Good: _____

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



RSVP FOR BAKED GOODS (please send in as soon as possible)

From the home of: _____

- We are able to send in _____ for the bake sale.

___ singles ___ 6 packs ___ dozens