

# The Cougar Chronicle

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## Message from the Principal

Remembrance Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 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>, a virtual assembly will take place for all students in the morning to help our students recognize the importance of this day in the lives of all Canadians.



**Lest We Forget.**

We would like to take this opportunity to honour all of the family and friends of our school community that have given of themselves to serve Canada. If you have a family member or a friend that you would like to honour during our assembly, please submit a photo (in uniform if possible) with the following information: name of the student, name of veteran or person currently serving and relationship to the student, rank (if known), years of service (if known), any other relevant information you are willing to share. This information is due by November 6 to be included in the assembly. Email [Tammy.Chilcott@dsbn.org](mailto:Tammy.Chilcott@dsbn.org)

## Progress Reports and Kindergarten Communication of Learning

On November 19<sup>th</sup>, 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.

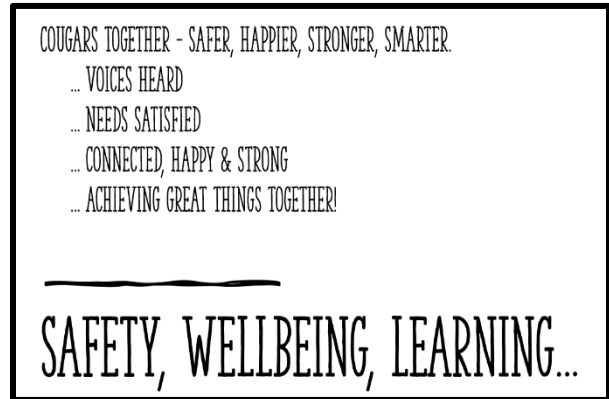
Reporting on the Progress Report is about looking forward and setting a course for the learning journey ahead. Based on the evidence that teachers see, as well as what teachers know about learning at this grade level, the report communicates the path your child is on towards achieving the grade level 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 by phone during the week of November 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>. The formal interview evening is on Wednesday November 25<sup>th</sup>. You will be able to make appointments beginning November 9<sup>th</sup> through Google Forms. Parents will receive an email letter outlining how to make your interview appointments with your child's teacher.

### Mark Your Calendars!

- Random Act of Kindness .....Nov. 1
- Treaty Week Begins.....Nov. 2
- International Inuit Day.....Nov. 7
- Remembrance Day Ceremony.....Nov. 11
- Raise the Flag for Louis Riel Day.....Nov. 16
- Bullying Prevention Week.....Nov. 16
- PA Day.....Nov. 18
- Progress Reports Home.....Nov. 19
- Interview Evening.....Nov. 25



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

TEACHER	I MATTER STUDENT OF THE MONTH	CARING CHARACTER AWARD
K – Hollemans & Whalen	Jack B, Carter B	Claire H
K – Brennan, Camillo & Nagy	Blake P, Weston L	Ben S
1/2 – Lopez	Clara S	Hunter G
2/3 – Cooke	Poyraz G	Olivia Y
3 – McGowan	Abby C	Rehan K
4 – Dinga	Tami R	Mila K
5 – Chubb	Conner H, Charisah S	Declan P
6 – Singer	Logan P, Jaelyn M	Ale R
7 – Jane	Brian U, Sophie B	Ben W
8 – Ibey	Bella Y, Nathan S	Joon L
8 – Fortuna	Zac H, Shailyn H	Alex D

### Character Trait for November - Courage

I face challenges directly. I speak up for myself and others even when it may be unpopular. I ask for help when necessary. I recognize risks and dangers and do not take unwise chances to please others.

### Dressing for the Weather

As cooler weather approaches, please be aware that children are expected to be dressed appropriately for the weather conditions every day. Rain coats, sweaters, boots and umbrellas allow us to enjoy the outdoors as long as rain is light or misty. Coats, hats, boots and mittens/gloves are soon going to be necessary for your child to enjoy the outdoor fitness breaks and gym classes. Students will continue to have gym classes outside during this time. Students that are well enough to be at school are expected to be outside with their friends during fitness breaks as indoor supervision is not available during this time. As the winter season approaches, classroom teachers will be opening up lockers for student use for outdoor clothing items. Backpacks, lunches, and other personal items will continue to be stored on the back of your child’s chair.

## Student Safety and Supervision

Your child's safety is very important to us at Martha Cullimore. In order to help us keep your child safe, we ask that you keep in mind the supervision schedule for students. Supervision for students in Grades 1-8 begins at 8:20 in the back of the school. Students should not be arriving prior to 8:20, as supervision is not provided. We request that once students arrive at school, they go immediately to their class designated space to ensure their safety, and remain there to ensure physical distancing. After school, supervision is provided for our students that take the bus home. Upon leaving school property, students and parents are encouraged to continue maintaining physical distancing.

## Inclement Weather Procedures

On rainy days, we ask that students who travel to school by walking or car arrive as close to the 8:35am bell as possible. Dress for the weather, as classes will continue to meet in their class community area outdoors all year for staggered entry. If it is very wet or stormy, students will be admitted early to report directly to their classrooms.

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 contact the school to inform us of your child's absence.** You can call Safe Arrival when your child will be absent or late to school. Use the automated phone system or use your mobile device by downloading the SchoolMessenger app.

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 channels:

### Websites and Subscription Features

[www.dsbns.org](http://www.dsbns.org) DSBN Facebook or Twitter  
[www.nsts.ca](http://www.nsts.ca) NSTS Transportation Delay or Cancellation Alerts

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

### Radio Stations:

CKTB (610 AM) St. Catharines	CHRE (105.7 FM) St. Catharines	CHTZ-FM (97.7 FM) St. Catharines
CKEY (105.1 FM) Niagara Falls/Fort Erie	WAVE (94.7 FM) Hamilton	K-LITE-FM (102.9 FM) Hamilton
CKOC (1150 AM) Hamilton	CHML (900 AM) Hamilton	Y-108(107.9) Hamilton
CHAM (820 AM) Hamilton	GIANT FM (91.7 FM) Welland	

## Treaties Recognition Week

Ontario has designated November 2-6, 2020 as Treaties Recognition Week with the goal of promoting education and awareness about treaties and treaty relationships. DSBN joins with other school boards across Ontario in encouraging schools to support learning about treaties as an important aspect of our province's history. For more information on treaties, go to <https://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties>

## Guidance from Niagara Region Public Health

We all appreciate guidance and reassurance as we need to make decisions that pertain to the health and wellbeing of our children, family and school community. We share this responsibility together.

When your child becomes ill or for more information:

- Niagara Region Public Health Info-Line at 905-688-8248 or toll-free at 1-888-505-6074
- Press 7, then press 2 if you're a parent or guardian

This line is available:

- Monday to Friday, 9:15 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday and Sunday, 9:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.



[healthyschools@niagararegion.ca](mailto:healthyschools@niagararegion.ca).

It is more important than ever to get your flu shot this year. The flu shot **won't** protect you from COVID-19. The flu shot **will** protect you from influenza and help keep people out of the hospital. Remember, the flu vaccine still prevents and reduces the severity of the flu, even if it's not a perfect match. Getting the flu shot won't increase your risk of COVID-19 illness.

Free flu shots will be available across Niagara. Please make a plan to get your flu shot with your health care provider. If you do not currently have one, see a list of family physicians in Niagara <https://www.niagararegion.ca/health/find-a-doctor.aspx> who are accepting new patients. Flu shots are also available at participating pharmacies (for children five years of age or over) and walk-in clinics. You can also monitor <https://www.niagararegion.ca/health/vaccinations/flu/flu-clinic-schedule.aspx> to see if there are any community flu clinics run by community health care providers.

**More Information:** Visit Public Health's [Flu Shot and Activity](#) webpage for more information about the flu.

## What to do if your child has COVID-19 symptoms

Anyone experiencing COVID-19 symptoms should NOT enter school or child care. They should return home to self-isolate. The next steps for children depend on what kind of symptoms they have. For information visit our website <https://www.niagararegion.ca/health/covid-19/reopen/schools.aspx> - scroll down to "Prevention and Protection" and click on "what to do when a child has COVID-19 symptoms." Adults with any one symptom of COVID-19 should always self-isolate and seek assessment by a health care provider or self-refer for testing. **It does not matter what kind of symptom they have.**

## Dreambox

DreamBox Learning Math is an online program with educational games that are individualized for your child, adapting the curriculum just for them. It's a fun, effective math learning environment. Unlike other math games that often sacrifice learning for entertainment, DreamBox delivers a rich, tailored learning experience. All of our students from Grades 1-6 have access to a DreamBox account. Please contact your child's teacher for further information.