

Dear Parents/Guardians

On Monday, Feb. 14th we will be hosting a Valentine's Day Cake Walk. Traditionally, parents will donate a peanut/tree nut -free cake and each class will be called to the stage where a game similar to Musical Chairs will take place.

Students interested in participating pay \$1.00. All proceeds go towards School Council. If your child wins a cake, they will select it after their class participates and pick it up at dismissal.

If you are able to donate a cake please fill out the form below. We hope to have lots of cakes and lots of winners!

**Thank you for your continued support,
School Council**

Name: _____

Child's name: _____

Grade: _____

Yes, I will be able to donate a peanut/tree-free cake.

Please return this form by Thursday, Feb. 10th

All cakes can be dropped off at the office on Monday morning.

Please label your containers for pick-up.

SKATING DATES

Date	Division	Time	Cycle Day
Feb. 8	Primary	11:30	Day 7
Feb. 10	Junior	2:00	Day 9
Feb. 15	Primary	11:30	Day 2
Feb. 17	Junior	2:00	Day 4
Feb. 24	Primary	11:30	Day 8
	Junior	2:00	
Feb. 25	Intermediate	2:15	Day 9



Kevin Sylvester visits Sheridan Park Skyhawks

Kevin Sylvester is an award-winning illustrator, writer and broadcaster. His new series The Neil Flambé Capers is currently being published by Key Porter Books. Book #1 Neil Flambé and the Marco Polo Murders was released in spring 2010. Book #2 Neil Flambé and the Aztec Abduction will be released in fall 2010 and Book #3 Neil Flambé and the Crusader Curse will be released in spring 2011.

Neil is a 14-year-old super-chef from Vancouver who solves mysteries on the side for the Vancouver Police Department. Super-chef Gordon Ramsay calls the series “Good Fun” and it had garnered critical praise and sales!

2010 has been a busy year for Kevin. His first picture book Splinters will be published in fall 2010 by Tundra. It’s about a young girl who only wants to play hockey, but the mean coach and her daughters won’t let her. Can her fairy goaltender come to the rescue?

Game Day is a look behind the scenes at sporting events. Kevin interviewed twenty fascinating people – from Zamboni drivers to anthem singers. It was published by Annick in fall 2010.

Kevin also provided the illustrations for Catherine Rondina’s Don’t Touch that Toad, a book of weird wisdom parents pass on to their children. It’s out in fall 2010 from Kids Can Press.

He is a popular speaker and emcee and has visited nearly 100 schools and libraries in the past few years. Kevin has written three other best-selling books. Sports Hall of Weird and Gold Medal for Weird for kids and Shadrin Has Scored for Russia for bigger kids. Gold Medal for Weird won the 2009 Silver Birch for Non-Fiction. Sports Hall of Weird was the runner-up in 2007.

He has been a broadcaster on national radio in Canada for years and years and has covered eight Olympic Games. He also produced documentaries on topics ranging from racism in hockey to the history of church bells in Canada.

He now splits his time between his attic studio in Toronto and the radio. He was named a Massey Journalism Scholar in 2007 and used the time to study theology at the University of Toronto.



Selected Bibliography

Neil Flambé and the Marco Polo Murders

(Key Porter Books, 2010)

Gold Medal for Weird

(Kids Can Press, 2007)

Sports Hall of Weird

(Kids Can Press, 2005)

Shadrin Has Scored for Russia

(Stoddart, 2001)

Kevin's talks range from cooking related murder mysteries to the weird and wacky world of sports. The readings include: anecdotes from his books as well as personal reflections from his many trips to major sporting events, including the Olympics. He was a guest speaker at the DSBN Silver Birch conference in 2010.

Copies of books can be bought and autographed at Sheridan Park.

Thank you to School Council for supporting this family event!

Yes- we will be attending.

Child's Name _____

Grade: _____

Number attending: _____

PLEASE RETURN THE BOTTOM PORTION OF THIS FLYER TO THE SCHOOL BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18th.



FAMILY DAY



The Government of Ontario announced the creation of a province – wide statutory holiday know as Family Day in 2008.

This day will occur on Monday, February 21st, 2011 for the purpose of emphasizing and celebrating the importance of families taking time to be together.

As we get ready to celebrate Family Day, we would like to hear from our families. Tell us what is special about your family. What you like to do together, what makes your family unique. Tell us about the personalities, the quirks, the traditions.

Send us your submissions by Friday, Feb. 11th.

The Family Day winner will be announced on Friday, February 18th, a small token and Sheridan Park's Family plaque will be passed on.

Please join us at a

DSBN Academy information session

for families of grade 5 and 6 students who would like to learn more about the program.

DSBN Academy will be a Grade 6–12 public school that focuses on supporting and empowering students to be the first in their families to graduate from a post-secondary institution.

DSBN Academy Strategies for Success:

- School-wide shared beliefs focused on post-secondary preparation
- Committed and motivated students, families and staff
- Single track academic program
- Advisory program support
- After school “encore” programs
- Programming that encourages parent involvement
- Transportation

Families of children attending:

Dalewood, Meadowvale, Parnall, Port Weller, Prince Phillip, Sheridan Park, Pine Grove

Please join us on:

Wednesday,
February 16, 2011
6:00pm

in the library at:

Meadowvale School
63 Cecil St.,
St. Catharines



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905-641-1550
www.dsnb.org

For more information about the DSBN Academy or the information session, please contact your school principal.



MAKE CHANGE FOR CHILDREN CAMPAIGN 2011 – February 21 – 25.

The Education Foundation of Niagara is the DSBN charity and all funds raised go directly back to our students for program enhancements and poverty relief. The Poverty and Emergency Relief Fund supports the extraordinary, emergency, personal and school related needs of individual students brought about by financial hardship.

Since 2008 over 3000 DSBN students have been assisted with \$65,000 in support.

We all know at least one of these children....torn windbreaker that is worn as a jacket throughout winter, worn shoes, no lunch, absent from every field trip. And, all too often, a tragedy touches one of our students by the way of fire, illness, or death in the family.

To continue to do our best at helping children in need we are engaging in this year's campaign and invite you to participate in a small way. During the week's campaign, please send a **Toonie** with your child or just **make some change** and do what you can to help us help the kids. Email efn@dsbn.edu.on.ca or visit www.efnonline.ca for more information on how they support our youth. We look forward to working with you to raise the funds needed to support students-in-need!