

Literacy	Numeracy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Let your kids read the mail: ads, brochures, sales, coupons, and letters. • Subscribe to the newspaper. Share and discuss articles, cartoons and columns. • Bus, train, or plane trips are for reading too. Put a bag of books and comics on board. • Notice <i>life print</i> around you – ads, signs, menus – and point out examples of word play. • Kids love to collect things. Help them arrange and label each artefact they collect during their holiday. • Ask your kids to write out the shopping list, address an envelope or help make a calendar of weekly activities. • Sing songs with your kids. Share the lyrics. • Have kids check the internet to answer questions that arise. • Let kids plan for and read maps on an excursion. • Exercise everyone’s mind doing crossword puzzles, word jumbles and word searches. • Write a letter, short story or a song together. • Question your child about the story you’re reading together - What do you think happened next? • Read all the descriptions on exhibits and displays on outings to the zoo, museums or galleries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the car, estimate how many kilometres or how much time it will take to get to your destination, estimate how many cars you will see in 5 minutes, or how many licence plates it will take to see all the numbers from 0 to 100. • Play Tic-Tac-Total by drawing a tic tac toe board and having each player print the numbers 1 to 10 off to the side. Players take turns crossing out one of the numbers and writing it in the board. The player who makes 15 first wins. • Play Buzz Buzz as follows. Players generally sit in a circle. The player designated to go first says the number "1", and each player thenceforth counts one number in turn. However, any number <u>divisible</u> by three is replaced by the word <i>buzz</i> and any divisible by five by the word <i>bizz</i>. Numbers divisible by both become <i>bizz buzz</i>. You may change the numbers to counting by 2’s and 10’s or divisible by 6 and 2 etc., for variations. Players may either be eliminated if they make a mistake or you may play co-operatively. • Bake with your child. Have them work with you to halve or double a recipe. • Play card games and board games. • Build with blocks, found materials or a model kit.
The Arts	Media and Library
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search through your family’s recycle bin for items to make an instrument. Join with your friends/family to create a band. Accompany your favourite songs. • Many of the local museums and art galleries provide March break camps. Check out these links to a few of them: http://brocku.ca/rodman-hall/education/studios http://niagarapumphouse.ca/youth_program.htm http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/wo_agh_kids.php#2 Grimsby Art Gallery is running two March Break Camps, one for 5 – 8 year olds and another for 8 – 12 year olds. Contact the gallery by emailing gpag@town.grimsby.on.ca or call 905-945-3246 • Today’s <i>Parent</i> website has game ideas for a road trip at http://www.todayparent.com/craftsactivities/article.jsp?content=20080602_105740_5700&page=1 • Texture Hunt. Arm yourself with pieces of scrap paper and crayons (with paper removed so you can use the ‘belly’ of the crayon). Place paper over various surfaces & rubs over the paper firmly with a crayon. Experiment with different colour combinations. When you’ve collected a variety of rubbings, use them to create a collage by tearing them into shapes and gluing them onto a large sheet of paper. • Use some recycled materials and your imagination to make puppets. Create a puppet show or write a story about your puppets. Check out this website for some ideas http://www.play-script-and-song.com/easy-to-make-puppets.html • Play games and learn about art at http://cybermuse.gallery.ca/cybermuse/kids/index_e.jsp 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take a trip to your local public library. Find out about their March break programs for children. • Download an eBook from your school library. Go to http://destiny.dsbn.edu.on.ca and click on the link for your school. Students can login using their school username and password. • Enjoy a little Canadian film culture by accessing NFB’s online film library www.nfb.ca and click on Explore. • Hear your favourite actor read a well-loved story at www.storylineonline.net • Have fun and learn at the same time with www.tvokids.com/games/ • Read books in many different languages from the International Children’s Digital Library at http://en.childrenslibrary.org/ • Find digitized photos and documents from local area museums at http://search.ourontario.ca/search (Do some early exploration to prepare for the War of 1812 Bicentennial Celebrations!)

March Break Ideas



BOTTLED WATER FREE DAY

Take Action

- Promote the use of reusable bottles.
 - View the video “The story of bottled water” by Annie Leonard, <http://storyofstuff.org/bottledwater/>. Hold a discussion with the students about bottled water issues.
 - Have the school or green committee logo printed on stainless steel bottles: sell these bottles as promotional items or fundraisers. Give as prizes for activities or draws.

Statistics

Only 23 percent of the water bottles that Americans use are ever recycled. This means that 38 billion water bottles are filling up landfills instead of being reused.

Decomposing

It takes a plastic water bottle 1,000 years before it will even begin to start decomposing.

Danger to the Environment

When water bottles are not recycled, they can do serious damage to the environment. If a water bottle is burned, it releases toxic smoke which destroys the ozone layer (which we need to protect us from UV rays and skin cancer).

Uses for Recycled Bottles

Recycled water bottles can be turned into many useful items such as carpet, clothing, new bottles, electronic parts and car parts.

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STATS OR FACTS

1. Bottled water is 2000 times more energy intensive than tap water.
2. It takes 3 litres of water to produce 1 litre of bottled water.
3. Bottled water is 240 to 10,000 times more expensive than tap water.
4. Between April 2008 and April 2009 only 6% of bottled water producers in Canada were inspected by health authorities. And what about tap water? Municipalities often test public water 24 hours a day, and conduct thousands of sample tests for bacteria every day.

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.



ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH OPPORTUNITY

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



**Applications are due Thursday, March 10.
Please see your Principal for an application form.**



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YOU CAN BECOME A FRESH AIR FUND HOST!

It doesn't take much to be a host family for The Fresh Air Fund - just a little room in your heart and your home – but the experience creates friendships and memories that last a lifetime! Since 1877, New York City children growing up in low-income neighborhoods have been able to experience simple summer pleasures in rural and suburban communities in 13 Northeastern states and Canada through The Fresh Air Fund's Friendly Town program. "You see different colours and places. I went to a farm...it was so much fun!" remarks seven-year-old Sidney from Queens.

Last year, close to 5,000 New York City children experienced the thrill of summer pastimes like roasting marshmallows over a campfire and flying kites in backyards and open fields. **The Fresh Air Fund is seeking more host families in the Niagara region to open their home to a New York City child for up to two weeks this summer.**

Fresh Air host families can choose the gender and approximate age of their visitor. First-time Fresh Air children are between the ages of six and twelve. Many families find their hosting experiences so rewarding that 65 percent of all children are re-invited to stay with the same host families year after year. In 2011, The Fund will be celebrating its 135th summer of serving children!

For more information on how you can share the simple joys of summer with a city child, please contact Laura-Ann Morris at 905-835-2896 or Laura_ann_morris@hotmail.com or Eileen Lucas at elucas@cogeco.ca. You can also call 800-367-0003 or visit The Fresh Air Fund's website at www.freshair.org.

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CREATE SUMMER MEMORIES: HOST A FRESH AIR CHILD!

Summer vacation, that special time of year for all children, is not far away, and you still have the chance to make it memorable for a child from New York City! Thanks to many families in the Niagara region and throughout 13 Northeastern states, more than 1.7 million New York City children from low-income neighbourhoods have experienced free summer vacations in suburban and small town communities through The Fresh Air Fund. The Fresh Air Fund is seeking more families in the Niagara region to give inner-city children a two-week vacation this summer. By volunteering as a host family for The Fund's Friendly Town program, you can help give a child a break from the heat and noise of the crowded city streets.

"I got to swim in a lake," exclaims Marquita, an 11-year-old girl from Brooklyn. "I felt the fish nibbling at my toes!" Last summer, 150 Fresh Air children visited volunteer hosts in the Niagara region.

This year, The Fund needs more host families to carry on its 135th summer tradition of sharing the joys of suburban and small town life, like picking fresh flowers, casting a fishing pole for the first time or hearing the crickets chirp. The friendships that develop between hosts and their Fresh Air visitors often last a lifetime.

There are no financial requirements for hosting a Fresh Air child. First-time visitors are six to 12 years old, and reinvited youngsters may participate in the Friendly Town program through age 18.

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