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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents & Students,

After a restful and enjoyable holiday with family & friends, we are ready to take on the challenges of the New Year. As 2011 begins, we encourage our students to revisit their goals and to strive for success in all aspects of their school life! A fresh year and some fresh goal setting with your kids is a great opportunity to create some exciting goals for yourself, and show your children how to do the same. Children learn by example and what better example can you set than by showing them how to set goals?

It is an amazing responsibility to recognize that you also hold tremendous influence over your child's desire to learn. For years now, studies have shown that children who participate in setting their own learning goals in the classroom are consistently more motivated and self-directed. They take learning more seriously, in part because they recognize the personal benefits of their efforts.

Making resolutions for the New Year can be a fun activity led by parents and teachers alike. After all, everyone has goals for improvements for the New Year, and talking about them and then working to make sure they're achieved is a great way to measure success.

What if I don't get my goal the first time? It doesn't matter. Did you know that Walt Disney was fired by a newspaper editor because "he lacked imagination and had no good ideas." He went bankrupt several times before he built Disneyland. In fact, the proposed park was rejected by the city of Anaheim on the grounds that the location was not appropriate. Walt Disney was turned down 302 times before he got financing for his dream of creating the "Happiest Place on Earth". Every time you do something you learn from it, and therefore find a better way to do it the next time.



Happy New Year,

J.M. Roberto
Principal

FROM THE OFFICE

DENTAL ASSESSMENTS

A Public Health registered dental hygienist is schedule to visit our school January 17th and 18th to assess students in grade JK, SK, 2,4,5,6 and 8.

During this time the registered dental hygienist will perform a visual assessment for each child to determine his/her dental needs. Parents will be contact if their child requires immediate dental care. Public Health dental programs may financially assist children who do not have access to required dental care. If your child is not in one of the targeted grades and you would like him/her to take part, please call the Public Health dental program at 905 688 8248 ext. 739 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7188 or email dental@niagararegion.ca



SAFETY REMINDERS

Parents, please be advised that our school yard is not supervised prior to 8:30 a.m. We would ask that students not arrive at school prior to that time.

At the end of the school day, students are asked to go straight home. It is getting darker outside sooner and we want all students to be safe. We ask that parents and students please use the sidewalks at all times. Walking through the parking lot is extremely dangerous. Snow forts and snow tunnels may collapse and suffocate a child. Throwing snow can lead to injuries, especially to the eyes. Hats and hoods help keep the body warm because most body heat is lost through the head. Drawstrings can get caught and cause strangulation. Neck warmers are safer than scarves. See www.caringforkids.cps.ca for more information to keep your children safe.

SNOWBALLS

Snowballs can be dangerous, so we have a "Throw No Snow" policy. Such activity could result in permanent injury to a student. We treat snowball throwing very seriously and make safety our first priority at Sheridan Park. We ask that students refrain from kicking snow, throwing snowballs and rolling or pushing others down the hill.



The first offence, students will receive a warning notice. The second offence will result in the loss of recess. The third offence will result in informal and/or formal school suspensions. These consequences may appear harsh, but we need to make a clear statement that endangering other students is not acceptable. Please discuss the rules with your children at home. We need to work together in order for our children to understand the risk involved with this kind of play at school.

Thank you for your assistance and co-operation in this matter.

Please remind your children of the dangers of throwing snowballs, ditches and snow banks as they walk to and from school, too.

APPROPRIATE DRESS

With the arrival of colder weather, comes the need for warmer clothing. Please remind your children to dress properly for the colder, wetter conditions. All students are outdoors for fresh air and activity at least twice a day unless it is raining. They should have warm coats, hats, mittens and neck warmers to keep warm.

LATES

A reminder to students that school begins at 8:45 a.m. Late reports are created at the end of each month. Students with 3 or more lates will serve a detention after school or during a break. A letter or call will be sent home prior to the detention to arrange for after school transportation. We appreciate your support in this matter! Let's try to be on time!



ECO

Congratulations to our **Gold bin** winners: Grade 5/6 Ms. Leip and the **Energy** winners: Grade 2 Ms. Kamendy.



UP CYCLING

We have been re-cycling, reducing and re-using like eco heroes here at Sheridan Park. As a gold Eco School we wanted to find a way to bump it up for this year so we are starting a new initiative for 2011. We will now begin 'Up cycling'. We are registered with TerraCycle.net, a company that takes recycled materials and turns them into brand new products such as tote bags and lunch kits. So we will be taking products that used to go into the garbage and forwarding these items on to TerraCycle. They will in turn give us 2cents per item toward our school's fund-raising efforts.

If you use Kool-aid Koolers or Capri Sun drink pouches we are happy to collect those from your child's lunch. We will also be collecting sandwich baggies of all sizes, any Mr. Christie individual snack pouches such as mini Oreo cookies and Teddy Grahams and finally we will collect empty Elmer's glue sticks. All

of these items will be sent to TerraCycle and they will send our school a cheque. Please help us by encouraging your child to put these items into the Giant Juice Box at our front office or in the classroom 'up cycling' bin that will be collected by members of our Eco Team.

GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE UPDATE

Ms. Osborne is requesting any used bath towels that you will be throwing away, please drop them off to room 20. Ms. Osborne will make a donation to the Lincoln County Humane Society.



CURRICULUM UPDATES

THE NEW PROVINCIAL REPORT CARD

The new provincial report cards for grades 1-8 will be arriving home on February, 9, 2011.

On this report card, students in grades 1-6 will receive letter grades (e.g., A, B, C, D) and students in grades 7 and 8 will receive percentage grades (e.g., 84%, 72%, 67%) to indicate how well they are achieving the curriculum in each of their subjects.

The Learning Skills and Work Habits are the same as the ones that are on the Progress Reports. These are essential skills that will help students to be successful in both school and also as an active member of their community.

The new Learning Skills and Work Habits are:

- Responsibility;
- Organization;
- Independent Work;
- Collaboration;
- Initiative;
- Self-regulation.

There are a few changes that you will notice in the subject-specific boxes.

- Language (English) - Oral Communication and Media Literacy are now two separate marks
- Health and Physical Education – students will receive both a Health mark and a Physical Activity mark
- The Arts – Drama and Dance are being reported as two separate marks

If a particular subject or strand is not part of a student's program this term, then the NA box will be checked. This subject or strand will be reported on in June.

Finally, we hope that you are also pleased to see the excellent work that our teachers are doing to ensure that the comments are written in parent-friendly language. Each comment will identify strengths that your daughter or son is demonstrating and some next steps that will help their learning during the next term.

At any time throughout the year, parents/guardians are invited to communicate with the school about their child's progress and achievement.

2010-11 SCHOOL YEAR TIMELINE

- February 9, 2011 Grades 1-8 Term 1 Elementary Report Card
- Junior Kindergarten Progress Report
- Senior Kindergarten Term 1 Report Card

MATH AT HOME

Mathematical literacy is just as important as reading literacy and just as you support your children by reading together you can also do math together. Model a positive attitude towards math.

Advocate how a good understanding of mathematics will help make sense of the world in the same way that effective reading does. Math will turn up in the most unexpected places; learn to use those opportunities to help your child understand mathematics with young children. Identify the interesting math that lies in many of the stories that you read together. How many ducks are there now?

How long would it take to drive 80 km? Are there enough chairs for everyone? How did you know? Help your child to understand how numbers can be taken apart and recombined, I can't carry all 12 books. If I

make 2 trips how could move the books? (6 and 6, 7 and 5, the 4 big books and then the 8 small books) Look for opportunities to have your child estimate time. How long will it take for us to clean your room together? Let's guess and then see how close we are. Encourage your child to explore money, I have 10 dollars. Will that be enough to buy a card that is \$4.95 and wrapping paper that is \$4.75? How do you know? With older children play board and card games with your child. Look at sports statistics and discuss them, share them when you use mathematics; cooking, building, measuring, shopping Estimate time and distance with your child. Have your child share in discussions about money How long will it be before you can save enough money to buy a skateboard if you use your allowance and the money from your paper route?

COMPREHENSION STRATEGY: RETELL THE STORY

When parents ask their children what happened in school that day, the response is usually one of two things. Either they are given a play by play synopsis or they are given the single word answer "nothing". The strategy of retelling is similar. Retelling a story helps readers recall what is happening in the story they are reading. It allows a reader to stop and monitor their understanding. A retelling usually includes characters, setting problems, and the solution or the main ideas of the text. It involves telling what is important without telling too much. Many times children struggle with the concept of weeding out what is important. Often they will provide every single detail or they give a vague description that is hard to follow. Use the following strategies to help your child be successful in retelling. How can you help your child with this strategy at home? 1. When reading with your child, stop to think about what you are reading. Model this process aloud. Stop and reread if you can't remember. 2. When reading with your child, stop and have your child tell you what is happening in the story using the words: first, next, then, last and finally. 3. Use the following questions to prompt your child to think about the story being read: Who were the main characters? What problem did the main characters experience? How was the problem solved? How did the story end? What happened first, next, and last? 4. Allow your child to become comfortable with the strategy of retelling by retelling events they are familiar with. This is where you can help your child focus on weeding out minor details by centering their attention on what's important. Use some of the following prompts or come up with some of your own: Tell me about the last time our family went out to dinner. Tell me about what you did at school this week. Tell me about a time when you went to a birthday party. Tell me about the first time you lost a tooth. Thank you for your continued support at home! Ideas and strategies are taken from: The CAFÉ book, written by Gail Boushey & Joan Moser

EVENTS

CURRICULUM NIGHTS

On Wednesday, January 26th we will be hosting a Junior/Intermediate Curriculum Night.

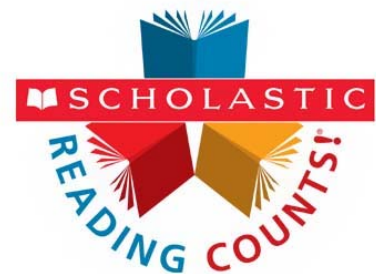
Our Primary division has scheduled a Pyjama Night for parents and students on Thursday, January 27th. Both events will run from 6:15-7:30 p.m. and will be filled with interactive activities, snacks and door prizes. A separate flyer will be sent home.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book fair is scheduled for January 25-28th. More details to follow.

SECONDARY OPEN HOUSE DATES

- Eden Monday, January 17 – 7:00 p.m.
- Governor Simcoe Wednesday, January 19 - 6:30 p.m.
- Kernahan Park Tuesday, January 18 – 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Laura Secord Tuesday, January 18 – 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Sir Winston Churchill Monday, January 17 – 6:30 p.m.
- St. Catharines Collegiate Thursday, January 20 – 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.



SECONDARY VISITS

Mrs. Hernder and Mr. Thompson from Eden will meet with the grade 8's on January 10th and Governor Simcoe will meet with the grade 8's on January 13th. Intention sheets, study skills and academic /extra-curricular options will be part of the presentations.

FRENCH IMMERSION OPEN HOUSE

In January, a group of students from Dalewood will visit our grade six students to inform them of the expectations of a student enrolled in the French program. Open House at Dalewood will be held on Jan. 15 at 7:00 pm.



KINDERGARTEN COUNTDOWN

Do you know a child who is turning 4 or 5 in 2011? Help them get ready for their big first day of school with the DSBN's Kindergarten Countdown Open House!

Parents and children are invited to our KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE on Thursday, January 27, 2011 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Families can tour our school, meet the kindergarten teacher, receive a gift bag filled with fun learning resources and information that will help children develop school readiness skills, and register for the coming school year.



Go to www.dsbns.org/kindergarten for more information.

YOUTH COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Welcome back Mrs. Crummey from her maternity leave. Farewell to Mrs. Naundorf. **Plan G** will continue to run every Wednesday and Friday.

BREAKFAST CLUB

We serve breakfast Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 am in the foyer. Donations are welcomed!

MAD SCIENCE

The program will begin on Thursday, Jan. 27th at 2nd break.

REGAL GR 7/8 FUNDRAISER:

The Holiday Season is around the corner. We have teamed up with Regal to provide you with an on-line shopping opportunity. This is a fundraiser for the grade 7/8 trip to Quebec City. We have our own secure website where you can view the Regal catalogue, place your order and it will be delivered directly to your home. Regal offers more than 500 gift ideas under \$20.00. They also have cards and wrapping paper. Everything is done in the privacy of your home. If you want a catalogue, please pick one up at the office for a loonie. A percentage of all sales will go towards the trip. The website will be open from Nov. 1- Jan. 5th 2011. Please check out the catalogue at www.sheridanpark.shopregal.ca

BOTTLE DRIVE

Mr. and Mrs. Langelaan are still collecting bottles, thank you to our families for dropping them off at the office!! We will continue to collect after the holidays and into the New Year!

STUDENT COUNCIL

Students continue to help the Breakfast Club. Ryan & Tyler are running intramurals. Student Council organized an afternoon of activities for Dec. 23rd, donations collected went to Community Care and they also promoted Disco Day & Red, White & Green Day!



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Congratulations to our top cookie dough sellers: Grace L., Noah & Emily S. & Asia & Jaidyn S. Thank you to Mrs. Sabourin for organizing the babysitting night and poinsettia sales. Thank you to Mrs. Graham for delivering our Santa letters. Thank you to Mrs. Massalis for delivering snacks for the Intermediate Holiday party. Parent support for the Curriculum Nights in January is greatly appreciated. Please call the school if you are interested in helping out. The parade was a hit!

SPORTS & CLUBS**BASKETBALL**

Senior girls' and boys' basketball season will begin in January. Mr. Diorio is the coach for the girls' team. Thank you to Mr. MacIsaac and Mrs. Bashford are the boys' coaches. We truly appreciate your efforts. Mr. Langelaan will be the junior boys' basketball coach.



Congratulations to the following students who will represent Sheridan Park in Girls' Basketball this season: Faith N., Emily P., Kristin R., Chantal G., Nadine W., Victoria K., Allison W., Niki M., Emily E. and Brianna V.

LEGO ROBOTICS

Bi-weekly meetings are held in the Learning Commons with Mrs. Janzen! Go Robohawks!

**CHESS CLUB**

The club will begin in January for junior and intermediate students. Announcements will be made over the P.A. system. Interested parents are invited to assist, please contact Mlle Hedemann.

PALS

Our PALS program will be up and running during breaks. At each PALS session approximately 25 primary students make their way to our gym to take part in some unique and fun activities during the winter months.

FITNESS CLUB

Mrs. Mongelluzzo will be hosting a Fitness Club; announcements will be made over the P.A. system.

GAMES CLUB

The primary division will run games club during breaks, reminders will go out to the primary students.

CHARACTER EDUCATION**CHARACTER TRAIT**

The character trait for January is **OPTIMISM**.

The power of positive thinking! Always look for the best in any situation and expect good things to happen.

Indicators:

- Reflect and think of the good things in life
- Be grateful and thankful
- Try not to complain when bad things happen, make the best of it
- Remember nothing can stop you from being successful
- Be confident!



TRIBES TEAM POINTS TERM 1 UPDATE

Yellow Hawks 327	Blue Hawks 354	Orange Hawks 340	Green Hawks 292	Purple Hawks 338
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PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Our Principal's Awards assembly recognized students for their fine efforts, dedication and commitment to school during the month of December. Our character trait was caring.

JK/SK	Theo F., Kaleb T.
Grade 1	Trinity D., Jaidyn S.
Grade 2	Devin G., Jacob M.
Grade 3	Evan N., Meghan F.
Grade 4	Grania M., Nicholas L., Carter P., Victoria P., Tiffany P., Ben V.
Grade 5/6	Thomas S., Jaimie- Lynn L.
Grade 7/8B	Chelsea P., Brendan L., Emily P., Chantz R., Dylan E. P.
Grade 7/8D	Kristin R., Lauren W., Emily E., Victor P.
Grade 7/8 O	Nicole W., Grace L., Riley Z., Cassidy M., Aaron O., Michael C.

CONGRATUALTIONS SKYHAWKS

Hats off to our teal tickets winners for the month of December, Eco winners and to our Random Acts of Kindness runners. Congratulations to our Silver Sneaker winners, 7/8B with 95%! A huge thank you goes out to Philip R., Chantal G, Dylan P.E. and Brendan L. for helping at the Holiday concerts. Also thank you to our Student Council Breakfast Club helpers and intramural leaders, Sign Crew, Sport Council, Kindergarten and Pizza Helpers, Lunch Bunch, Attendance Crew and Milk Monitors.

KUDOS

- To Mrs. Downs, Mrs. MacTavish, Mr. Haines, Mrs. Whittaker, Mlle Hedemann, Mrs. Langelaan, Mrs. DeLuca, Mrs. Trussell, Ms. Kamendy, Mrs. Mawson, Miss Kent, Mrs. Kent and Mrs. Breadner for an amazing concert!
- To Niki M. for raising \$260 for Community Care, her bracelets were a hit!
- Cassidy F. for helping with the Breakfast Club!
- To our new lunch monitors; Chelsea P., Kelsey N., Cassidy F., Nadine W., Elysha M. &
- Ms. Osborne and Mrs. MacTavish for looking after Community Care.
- Philip R., Chantal G., Dylan P.E. and Brendan L. for helping at the Holiday concerts with the poinsettia sales and Mr. & Mrs. Goertz for their help with the Community Care bins.
- Mr. Langelaan for capturing some great Sheridan moments on camera.
- Mrs. Sabourin for organizing the poinsettia sales.
- Mr. & Mrs. Alcott, Mrs. Goertz and Mrs. Burdon for organizing and delivering the cookie dough orders.
- Kristin R. in 7/8Diorio for distributing the new dog tags!
- Mrs. Robinson and Niagara College for their gift to the grade 7/8 girls.
- May Court for the food donations and Christ Lutheran Church for the food baskets.
- Mrs. VanSlageren for her ongoing support with the breakfast Club and Mrs. Penfound too!
- To our staff for donating all of their dress down funds to the Quebec trip.
- Ms. Osborne for donating the volleyball tournament funds to the Quebec trip.
- Mrs. Graham for the ice skates donation

**JANUARY 2011 MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- Breakfast Club Monday, Wednesday & Friday
- January 10th Eden presentation & January 13th Governor Simcoe presentation to gr.8s
- January 11th Regal Campaign ends
- January 17th & 18th Dental Clinic grades K, 2,4,6,8
- January 17th 7:00 pm Eden Open House & January 19th Governor Simcoe Open House
- January 26th Quebec payment is due: \$233.00
- January 28th P.J Day