



Prince Philip Public School

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Prince Philip December 2017

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Bell Times for September

8:30 Duty Begins

8:45 Entry Bell

8:45 Block 1

10:25—11:05 Nutrition/Fitness

Break

11:05 Block 2

12:45—1:25 Nutrition/Fitness

Break

1:25 Block 3

3:05 Dismissal



From the Office

December is here! The upcoming weeks can become quite busy as families prepare for the holidays and all their special traditions. At this time, we would like to wish all our students and their families a healthy and relaxing winter break. Enjoy your time together and make new memories that will last a lifetime. Please visit the calendar on website for the dates and times of our special events.

Kindergarten Sip 'N' Sing

Our Kindergarten Classes would like to invite parents into the class for a festive Sip 'N Sing event on Thursday December 14th from 2:15-3:00 p.m. It will be a time to share some hot cocoa, sing some carols together and play with some festive activities.

Holiday Open House

Please join us on Thursday December 14th, from 5:00-6:30 p.m. for our Holiday Open House. Take a walk through all of our classrooms and learn about Holidays from around the world.



GIVING BACK THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Dear Prince Philip Families:

Prince Philip has a long-standing tradition of helping those who are less fortunate during the holiday season. This year, we have taken on three projects to help those in our community that are less fortunate.

1. Community Care Food and Clothing Drive. We have a number of bins in our front foyer. We are asking all Prince Philip family members to consider making a donation of canned goods or winter clothing to Community Care during our Kindergarten Sip & Sing and Holiday Open House or at any time over the next three weeks.
2. Kindergarten to Grade 4 Pajama Drive. We have set a goal of collecting one hundred pairs of new pajamas for children in St. Catharines. Sizes needed are from 4 to 7.
3. Our Grade 5 - 8 classes have adopted families in need. Students will be supporting these families by purchasing small gift cards or grocery cards to help these families over the holidays. Parents also have the option of making a small donation using Cash On Line.

We thank everyone in advance for helping to make the holidays brighter for a number of families and children in our St. Catharines community.

Me To We Club

In December our club is hosting the following events:



1. **Gingerbread cookie decorating (ingredients are nut free):**
Tuesday, December 12th for Primary Students
Wednesday, December 13th for Kindergarten Students
Friday, December 15th for Junior and Intermediate Students

Cookies can be purchased on School Cash On-line.

All proceeds will go to purchase Water Stations and Lunches for children in Africa.

2. **Candy Cane Grams (nut free)**

Candy canes will be purchased here at school from December 18th through December 21st. Candy canes will be 25 cents each. Candy canes will be delivered to the classrooms throughout that week.

All proceeds will be donated to Hurricane Relief.



Thank you to all of our students and families for sending in their milk bags. Our students have been busy collecting and putting together mats made from the milk bags.



School Council Meeting

Our next School Council Meeting is on January 22 at 6:30 pm. All parents are welcome to attend the meeting. Please see our website for the minutes from our meetings.

French Immersion

The French Immersion program (offered at French Immersion sites) is open to all students in Senior Kindergarten interested in enrolling for the 2018-2019 year. If you want your child to develop a high proficiency and fluency in Canada's two official languages, French Immersion has a great deal to offer.

Features of the French Immersion program:

- Development of French language skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing from grades one to twelve;
- Designed to be a second language program for children whose first language is NOT French;
- Current enrolment of over 2,500 elementary students;
- Certificate of French Immersion Studies awarded upon successful completion of the elementary and secondary Immersion program;
- Promoting understanding of different cultures;
- Providing additional opportunities for employment using French as the working language;
- An increased ability to communicate and interact with confidence in French.

Registration will open January 8th, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. and will close February 20th, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Dalewood French Immersion Parent Information Night will be on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

For more information about French Immersion in the District School Board of Niagara visit www.dsbni.org/fi or speak to your school principal.

Is DSBN Academy a good fit for your child?

The DSBN Academy is a Grade 6 to Grade 12 public school designed to support and empower students to be the first in their family to graduate from college or university.

The faculty and student body are committed to excellence and the belief that, with hard work, they can achieve their dreams. Come learn how our unique program prepares students to succeed at college and university and how your child can benefit from the opportunities offered at DSBN Academy. All families are invited to attend a parent information session in your community. Please see below for dates, times and locations.

Parent Information Sessions

<u>January 15, 2018</u>	<u>Harriet Tubman, St. Catharines</u>	<u>6:30 - 7:30pm</u>
<u>January 16, 2018</u>	<u>Diamond Trail, Welland</u>	<u>6:30 - 7:30pm</u>
<u>January 18, 2018</u>	<u>Valley Way, Niagara Falls</u>	<u>6:30 - 7:30pm</u>
<u>January 23, 2018</u>	<u>Dewitt Carter, Port Colborne</u>	<u>6:30 - 7:30pm</u>
<u>January 25, 2018</u>	<u>Senator Gibson, Beamsville</u>	<u>6:30 - 7:30pm</u>
<u>January 30, 2018</u>	<u>Peace Bridge, Fort Erie</u>	<u>6:30 - 7:30pm</u>
<u>February 6, 2018</u>	<u>Open House at DSBN Academy</u>	<u>6:30 - 8:00pm</u>

Admission Requirements

DSBN Academy recruits and enrolls students from all 12 municipalities within the Niagara Region. Eligible applicants must meet the following requirements, both at the time of application as well as at enrollment:

- Student must be entering Grades 6, 7 or 8 in September.
- Student would be the first in their family to graduate from a college or university program. If a sibling of the student has attended a post-secondary institution but the parent(s)/guardian(s) have not, the student is still considered a First Generation Student.
- Student must be achieving current grade level expectations or just below.
- Student has demonstrated the potential for achieving "good" or "excellent" learning skills, particularly initiative, independent work and responsibility.
- Student must be willing to attend a school location that may be out of his/her community.

- Student understands that there is a mandatory after-school program which includes enrichment opportunities and academic supports.
- Families must understand that it is a single track pathway beginning in grade 9 (Academic Level Only).
- Families understand that there is a parent engagement requirement of 15 hours each year.
- Applicants must submit a completed application to their current school by February 9, 2018.