



# Prince Philip Public School

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## Prince Philip January 2018

### Principal

Mr. B. Baranoski

### Vice Principal

Mrs. C. Hodson

### Website

<http://princephilipn.dsbni.org>

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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

Please visit our website and click on 'Calendar' to see a list of school events.

### *From the Office*

#### **Goodbye**

We would like to say goodbye and thank you to Mrs. Hodson. We wish her all the best in her new role as Principal at Fitch Street School starting Monday January 15th.

#### **Welcome**

We would like to welcome Mr. McNamara as our new Vice Principal. Many of you will know Mr. McNamara as one of our our amazing Instructional Coaches and now we are lucky to have him as our Vice Principal.

#### **Thank You For Your Generosity**

Thank you to all of our families who joined us for the Holiday Open House on December 14th. The students and staff did an outstanding job of sharing the customs and holidays around the world. It was wonderful to see how enthusiastic the students were while learning and preparing their projects and activities. We greatly appreciate all of the positive feedback we received from the our families. We're glad you enjoyed our special evening. As well, thanks to our Kindergarten families who joined their children during our Sip & Sing! There were some very exciting activities and songs shared as well as some yummy looking treats were created.

We have many exciting learning opportunities planned and 2018 promises to be an eventful one. We would like to thank all our wonderful families for their ongoing support and look forward to continuing to work closely with all of you in the New Year. We also want to thank all of the amazing staff at Prince Philip for their hard work and dedication in ensuring the success

of all students. We are truly thankful for the wonderful Prince Philip Community that we work in!

### **GIVING BACK THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**

Thank you to all of our Prince Philip Families for their generosity in supporting all of our Christmas projects.

1. Community Care Food and Clothing Drive. We filled several barrels with winter clothing and food!
2. Pajama Drive - We surpassed our goal and were able to donate 125 sets of pyjamas!
3. Gift cards or grocery cards - We raised \$400 in grocery and gift cards to support several families in need!

#### **Me To We Club**

In December our club is hosted the following events:

1. **Gingerbread cookie decorating (ingredients are nut free):**

Thanks to the wonderful response to our Gingerbread cookie decorating, we were able to purchase 4 water filtration stations and provide 3 children with lunches for a year in a third world country.



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

We also had a very successful candy cane gram program. This year we raised over \$461.80 that will be donated to hurricane relief!



Thank you Prince Philip School for your support!

### **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.



**Forest of Reading Clubs** are coming to Prince Philip School! This is where students get to vote for the book that they enjoyed listening to or reading the most.

Students in Kindergarten to Grade 2, will have the opportunity to listen to the books nominated for the Blue Spruce Award, during their library visits or with their own teacher.



There will be a Silver Birch Express Club, that is open to any student in Grades 3 and 4 that love to hear new books being read. Students should listen for the announcements for when they will be invited to the library to hear these stories being read aloud.



The Silver Birch Club is open to students in Grades 5 and 6 that love to read. Participants in this club will have the opportunity to sign out a variety of fiction and nonfiction books to read during the next few months. This club will begin in mid January.

The Red Maple Club is open to students in Grades 7 and 8 that love to read. Participants in this club will have the opportunity to sign out a variety of fiction books to read during the next few months. This club will begin in mid January.



## SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

DURING YOUR VISIT YOU WILL:

See a  
Kindergarten  
classroom

Meet the  
Kindergarten  
Team

Register for  
school

Get a fun  
goodie bag  
with learning  
resources



KINDERGARTEN  
KICKSTART

Thursday, February 1, 2018  
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### 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](http://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><a href="#">Harriet Tubman, St. Catharines</a></u>	<u>6:30 - 7:30pm</u>
<u>January 16, 2018</u>	<u><a href="#">Diamond Trail, Welland</a></u>	<u>6:30 - 7:30pm</u>
<u>January 18, 2018</u>	<u><a href="#">Valley Way, Niagara Falls</a></u>	<u>6:30 - 7:30pm</u>
<u>January 23, 2018</u>	<u><a href="#">Dewitt Carter, Port Colborne</a></u>	<u>6:30 - 7:30pm</u>
<u>January 25, 2018</u>	<u><a href="#">Senator Gibson, Beamsville</a></u>	<u>6:30 - 7:30pm</u>
<u>January 30, 2018</u>	<u><a href="#">Peace Bridge, Fort Erie</a></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.