

# Princess Elizabeth Post

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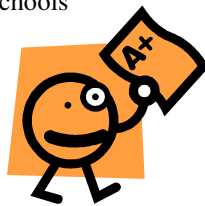
## From the Office...

*It is hard to believe that we are already approaching our third month in school! New in all Ontario schools are progress reports sent home in November. We are looking forward to seeing you during our Parent/Teacher interviews on November 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.*

*November is also when we take the time to honour our veterans and at the same time, celebrate our peace and freedom. Please consider joining us at our Remembrance Day assembly.*

## Progress Report Cards

Elementary schools across Ontario now have two formal reporting periods. The first term is completed at the end of January. To



maintain communication with parents, progress reports are sent home on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Parent-Teacher interviews are held that same week on either the evening of Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> or on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Soon, you will be receiving a form for you to indicate which time is best for you!



## Don't Miss the Great Programs offered by the Welland Neighbourhood Project!

Students are invited to the FREE recreational programs offered during the evenings at Princess Elizabeth:

### Fun & Games

Fun & Games is a free activity based program for children ages 5-10, **every Tuesday and Thursday night from 6:00 pm-7:30 pm.** Parents are invited to attend the Read to Feed part of the program at 7:15 pm.

### Family Days

These are free monthly outings for families to explore the Niagara Region to support family and community connections. Transportation and admission are provided.

## Parent-Teacher Interviews

Soon you will be receiving a notice indicating available times to schedule a parent-teacher interview. As in the past, these are student-led conferences so students, parents and teachers are all involved.

We have such a committed staff that they will make themselves available for eight hours of interview time during the week of November 14<sup>th</sup>, with most interviews being scheduled on the evening of Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> and during the day on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Student Photo Retake Day!

On the morning of **Thursday, November 3rd**, our photographer will be coming back to take



photos of students who were absent on photo day or whose photos did not turn out well. Students who wish to have retakes done should have a note from home indicating their parents' direction.

**AFTERNOON JK/SK STUDENTS:** Please note that retakes will be in the morning only

## Remembrance Day

During an assembly, Princess Elizabeth School will recognize and show appreciation



for those who served and paid the supreme sacrifice in all world conflicts.

We will hold our Remembrance Day assembly on **Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**, starting at 10:45am We invite all Princess Elizabeth citizens belonging to community service groups to wear their uniforms that day. The Royal Canadian Legion will be bringing poppies to the school for all students.

A small donation for the poppy is requested but not required. Parents are welcome to attend this ceremony, but please understand that seating is limited.

**Thank You to  
Farm Credit Canada**



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A BIG thank you goes out to Farm Credit Canada for their generous donation to our Breakfast Program!!

Donations such as these allow us to provide healthy and nutritious breakfast items to our students!

As a reminder, our breakfast program is open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday starting at 8:30am.

**Pointsettia Sales**

Pointsettia sales will begin later this month. Continue the tradition of decorating your home or workspace with these beautiful flowers! Look for more details later this month.



**Lost & Found**

The lost and found bins are already heaping! The items will be displayed during this month so students can claim any lost items.

It's a great idea to put your name on any jackets, sweatshirts, hoodies, shoes or other pieces of clothing that students might leave lying around.

The LOST & FOUND box is the blue box just inside the door of the staff workroom.

**Inclement Weather!!!**

It won't be long for the cold weather to arrive. We continue to expect rain and cold temperatures during the fall. **Please dress your children appropriately for the weather!** We will attempt to allow students outside during as many recesses as possible. If there is heavier rain, the following procedures will be followed:

At 8:35am – students will be allowed in the hallway using their **normal** entry door. A teacher on duty will supervise the students until the bell rings, and then will direct students to their classes.

Fitness Breaks – students remain in their classrooms and are involved in suitable quiet activities.



**Birthday Book Program**

We are continuing our successful program called 'Birthday Books'! What a wonderful way to commemorate your child's special birthday with a lasting gift to our school library.

During the month of your child's birthday, a note will go home asking if parents/guardians want to participate. If they do, they will choose a book to purchase from a long list and:

- Their son/daughter will have the book for the first two weeks – after which, the book will go into circulation of the library.
- An inscription will be put in the book's front cover.
- At an assembly during the month, all students who participate will be recognized with their book.

**Most Recent Birthday Book Recipients:**

- Jared Banta
- Kristen Burtch
- Emily Fortin
- Ashley Gibson
- Wesley Janzen
- Dakota Kennedy

**School Closings**

There may be times during the school year where inclement weather or other situations could cause transportation cancellations or school closures. At times when student transportation has been cancelled and schools remain open, the decision of whether or not to have children in school on that day rests with the parent or guardian.

**Should you decide not to send your child to school in the event that transportation is cancelled but schools remain open, or if your child is ill or late, please ensure that you call your child's school to inform them of your child's absence.**

Information about transportation cancellations and school closures will be available as soon as it is available through the following channels:

**Websites:**

[www.dsbn.org](http://www.dsbn.org) [www.nsts.ca](http://www.nsts.ca)

**Subscription Features:**

DSBN Facebook or Twitter

**Phone:**

NSTS 905-346-0290 Voice Auto Attendant

**Radio Stations:**

CKTB (610 AM) St. Catharines  
CHAM (820 AM) Hamilton  
CHML (900 AM) Hamilton  
CKOC (1150 AM) Hamilton  
GIANT FM (91.7 FM) Welland  
WAVE (94.7 FM) Hamilton  
CHTZ-FM (97.7 FM) St. Catharines  
K-LITE-FM (102.9 FM) Hamilton  
CKEY (105.1 FM) N. Falls/Fort Erie  
CHRE (105.7 FM) St. Catharines  
Y-108(107.9) Hamilton

**Radio Stations:**

CHCH – Hamilton  
CityTV – Breakfast Television  
CTV – Toronto  
Cogeco Channel 10

### Parent Advisory Council

Check out the School Advisory Council minutes on our school website!

Our last meeting was on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Highlights included:

- Petition to get a stoplight at Scholfield Ave. & Lincoln St.
- School Lunch program
- Fun Fair reflections
- Parental Involvement
- School Improvement Plan
- Snow Days

#### Next SAC Meeting:

**Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm**

### Junior Volleyball Houseleagues

Our houseleagues will be beginning soon. We are looking forward to some fantastic fun!



12 staff members will each be taking a group of junior students and working with them throughout the volleyball houseleague. Skill development, participation and fun are the focus of this league. ALL junior students are encouraged to attend!

### Intermediate Volleyball

Our season is well underway, and both teams have shown wonderful sportsmanship, continued effort and dedication to our team.

Good luck in your future playoff games. Thanks to Mr. Manuel for coaching the boys and Mr. Clarke-Louie for coaching the girls.

### No Child Without



Princess Elizabeth has been selected as one of the schools in the DSBN to participate in the “No Child Without” program. It is run through the non-profit organization Medic Alert and funded to provide free Medic Alert bracelets to students (aged 4-13). MedicAlert suggests that an Alert bracelet be worn by any student with:

- Severe allergies to drugs, food or insects
- Asthma
- Autism
- Epilepsy (or other seizure disorders)
- Diabetes
- Hemophilia

More detailed information is at [www.nochildwithout.ca](http://www.nochildwithout.ca). Pamphlets are available at the office. Please mail the forms **DIRECTLY TO MEDIC ALERT**.

### Absences / Lates

To help out our secretary, Ms. Sager, parents are reminded to call the school prior to 8:40am if your son/daughter will be absent or has an appointment first thing in the morning.



**Students who are repeatedly late will likely be detained after school and/or during breaks to compensate for lost class time.**

### Dental Screening

The Public Health Department dental staff is scheduled to visit Princess



Elizabeth from Wednesday December 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

They will assess students in grades JK, SK, 2, 4, 6 and 8 and other children as necessary.

During this time a Registered Dental Hygienist will conduct a visual assessment of each child to determine his/her dental needs. Parents will be contacted if their child exhibits any condition requiring immediate attention. **If your child is not in one of the targeted grades and you would like him/her to take part, please call the Health Department at 1-800-263-7248.**

### Can't Afford Dental Care?

The Niagara Region offers free dental programs for eligible kids 17 and under.

#### CINOT:

For urgent dental care such as cavities and toothaches.

To be eligible, a child must:

- Be a resident of Ontario
- Have an urgent dental condition
- Not have dental insurance (such as Ontario Works)

#### Healthy Smiles Ontario:

For regular dental care such as cleanings and fillings.

To be eligible, a child must:

- Be a resident of Ontario
- Not have dental insurance (such as Ontario Works)
- Live in a household with an adjusted family net income of \$20000/year or lower.

**For more information, call the Dental Health Info Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399.**

[www.niagararegion.ca](http://www.niagararegion.ca)



**Thank YOU for a Successful Fun Fair !!!**



Our Fun Fair from September 23<sup>rd</sup> raised approximately \$4100.00 profit! Thank you to all the parents/students for attending and all the students, parents and volunteers for their time in organizing and running the event. In addition, we want to thank all of our Welland community businesses for donating money and/or products for our fun fair. Please extend a big thank you as well by visiting our local sponsors:

Archie's Subs (Pt. Colborne)  
Arcuri Cheese World  
Audcomp  
Avondale  
Benedict's Restaurant  
Best Western  
Ball Hockey International  
Bick's  
Bird Kingdom (N.Falls)  
Blue Star Restaurant  
Boston Pizza  
Classic Cuts (Pt. Colborne)  
Clay Creations  
Coins Unlimited  
Commisso's Fresh Foods  
David Chevrolet  
Donna Lee Deline – RMT  
Rehabilitation Institute Inc.  
Elite Products  
Emerald Pines Golf Club  
Flying Saucer Restaurant  
Fort Erie Golf Club  
Galaxy 2000 Health Studio  
Golden Razor  
Green Acres Restaurant  
Hamilton Tiger Cats Football  
Hedden  
Hick's Lumber  
ICI Paints  
Java Joes (N. Falls)  
Kapersky  
La Famiglia Biscotti  
L.A. Tan  
Liquidation World  
Little Caesar's  
L.V. Nails  
Maid of the Mist (N. Falls)  
Malibu Beach Tanning  
Marineland (N. Falls)  
McDonald's  
Metro  
Moda Hair Salon  
M.T. Bellies  
Nexterra Substructures Incorporated  
Niagara Helicopters

No Frills  
Northwest Goju Ryu Karate  
PAC Heating & Air Conditioning  
Paul's Garden Centre  
Pen Financial  
Pet Valu  
Pizza Hut  
Port Colborne Golf Club  
Quickservice  
Quizno's  
Remarkable! Custom Renovations  
Rexall  
Ripley's Believe It or Not (N. Falls)  
Robbynz Nest  
Rolling Meadows Golf Club  
Sambo's Restaurant (Pt. Colborne)  
Santto's Pizza  
Scotiabank  
Skylon Tower (N. Falls)  
Smucker's Home of Bicks  
Sue's Seafood  
Sugar Me Sexy  
Sugar Me Sweet  
Suntastic Tanning  
Swiss Chalet (N. Falls)  
Swiss Chalet (Niagara St., Welland)  
Tail Wagging Depot  
Ten Thousand Villages  
The Artful Cookie  
The Keg  
The Lazy Loon  
The Pita Pit  
The Wine Source  
Thorne's Cycle  
Tim Hortons  
Toronto Zoo  
Travelin' Suds  
Water Depot  
Water Fountain  
Welland Plaza Barber Shop  
Wetland Wine & Supplies  
Whiskey Run Golf Course  
World's Finest Chocolate  
Young Automotive Professionals  
Zooz

## HELPING YOUR CHILD AT HOME!

*Ideas to help you help your child in Language, Math & More!*

### Reading Strategies We Can Share with Children

When we read we:

- Determine what we already know about the topic.
- Establish a reason for reading.
- Predict what the reading will be about and continue to make and adjust these predictions as we read.
- Use all of our senses to help us see, hear, and imagine what we are reading.
- Check our understanding as we read.
- Make connections between what we are reading and our own experience.
- Decide what information is important as we read.
- Ask ourselves questions before, during, and after we read.

### Higher Order Thinking

Research indicates that effective literacy instruction emphasizes higher order thinking, something which we are focusing on. Students are given the opportunities to discuss, evaluate and compare ideas and information. Some ways that you may see this occurring in your child's classroom are:

- areas for small group co-operative learning activities
- students of varying abilities working together
- teacher modeling of thinking and questioning processes
- individual accountability
- both teacher and students asking and responding to higher-order thinking questions
- more than one answer heard

### Communication Matters

*Smart Talk from the DSBN Speech-Language Pathologists:*

An estimated 10 - 15% of all school-aged children have some type of hearing loss. While some children are born with a hearing problem, others can develop hearing loss as a result of frequent ear infections, infectious diseases like measles, chicken pox, meningitis, or flu, head injury, and exposure to loud noise or music. Most children with hearing impairments can develop good oral language skills if there is appropriate intervention. When hearing is problematic, children may show any or all of the following:

- fail to pay attention when spoken to;
- give the wrong answers to simple questions;
- frequently ask for repetition of words or sentences;
- talk in an unusually soft or loud voice;
- turn up the television or CD player louder than usual;
- confuse sounds that are alike, and have problems with spelling and phonics;
- function below potential in school;
- be withdrawn and moody;
- have behaviour problems at home and at school.

If you or your child's teacher suspect that your child has a hearing problem, first visit your family doctor or pediatrician. Ear infections require immediate treatment. Your doctor may then refer you to an Audiologist who will determine the severity of the hearing loss. Appropriate therapy objectives and teaching methods can then be identified.

### Math Problem Solving- Then and Now

When many of us were taught Math, problem solving was an activity we did after we were taught a procedure. Today, following current research, we often use problem solving at the beginning. The problem is open ended, solved many different ways. Children develop their understanding of the topic using their prior knowledge, skills, experiences and interests to produce, explain, reflect and adapt their thoughts as they solve problems independently and collaboratively. Solutions are shared class-wide to identify relationships in the solutions and deepen the collective mathematical knowledge.

### P.E.'s Library @ Home!!!

We are pleased to state that DSBN Libraries are providing at home, 24/7 digital access to the school library catalogue. By connecting to the following website, <http://destiny.dsbnet.on.ca>

and clicking on your school name, you will have full access to the resources available in your school's library. Students are able to view the entire library collection, along with a brief synopsis of every resource and additional features such as student-created reviews.

In addition, Destiny Quest will allow you to easily find the newest library purchases and a list of the Top Ten most popular materials among library patrons. We hope that you will find DSBN Destiny Library Manager to be helpful when completing assignments or when exploring library materials for leisure reading. This is just one more way that we are achieving success together through access to our school library collections!