

Steele Street Buzz

Mr. M. Piazza, Principal

I can hardly believe we have finished the first two months of school. Many exciting things have happened here at Steele. Our sports teams have represented our school with Stinger pride each time they have stepped on the court or field. Our Me to WE Club is coming up with ways to make a difference in Port Colborne and in the World. Our Students' Council has organized a fun-filled Halloween Day for the Grades 4-8 classes. Along with all these great initiatives, our staff has done an outstanding job of keeping kids focused on their academics as well.

Our focus this year will be concentrating on multi-step problem solving. When students are required to use their critical thinking and problem-solving skills, they are making conclusions, defending their ideas and opinions, evaluating, justifying, solving, judging, and debating ideas.

We have a number of parents and volunteers that are helping various classes throughout the school. We would like to thank those parents, volunteers and all staff members for their tireless efforts and leadership to enhance our school.



Progress Report Cards

Progress report cards will be coming home with your child on November 7th. Teachers will also be organizing times for Parent/Teacher interviews.

Please look for this information in the next few weeks. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.



School Council



If you are interested in becoming more actively involved in your child's education and the inner workings of Steele Street Public School, we encourage you to join our **School Council!**

This group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. to discuss current issues, educational trends, and the future of our school. We welcome new members!

Please consider joining us at our next meeting on **Tuesday, November 26th.**



School Parking Lot

Our school parking lot can be a very busy place both in the morning and at the end of the school day. We constantly remind students that they

should not enter or leave the school property using the parking lot unless being picked up by a parent. We hope that you can reinforce this message with your child. For our parents/family members that are dropping off/picking students, we hope that you will take extra caution and care when backing out or entering/exiting the parking lot. Thank you for your attention to this important safety matter.

School Photo Retakes

Picture retake day has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 6th, 2019. Lasting Images will be here in the morning for any retakes and any sibling photos. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Free Dental Screening Coming to Steele Street

A Public Health registered dental hygienist is scheduled to visit our school on December 10th and 12th to assess students in grades JK, SK, 2, 4 and 7. During this time the registered dental hygienist will perform a visual assessment of each child to determine his/her dental needs. Parents will be contacted if their child requires immediate dental care. Public Health dental programs may financially assist children who do not have access to required dental care.



Coaches' Corner
Nonfiction and Comprehension
Strategies:
Inferring with Nonfiction Texts

What Readers Do

When readers infer while reading nonfiction, they link what they already know about the topic to new information.

Why Readers Infer

Readers infer to understand what the facts and events of a text mean to them and their world. Knowing why facts are important can help readers understand how the facts affect their life and the lives of friends and family.

Readers ask themselves these questions as they infer:

What have I experienced or read previously about this topic that will help me here?

What big ideas is the author trying to help me understand?

What words, phrases, photographs, and diagrams give more information about the big idea?

How does this information connect with details the author gave me before?

From the desk of Mrs.
Serabian

Parents are reminded to please call the school prior to 8:40am if your son/daughter will be absent or has an appointment first thing in the morning!



Students of the Month



Each month, the staff at Steele Street takes time to recognize students who demonstrate excellence in a particular area. Our second

recognition assembly was held on Wednesday, October 30th. Students received a certificate and will have their pictures placed on a display board in the front lobby. We will continue to notify parent prior to assemblies. The students recognized for the month of October were: A.J. Graham, Willow Winger, Faith Dyck, Sophia Graham, Summer Davis, Emma Morden, Hudson Morningstar, Logan Coysh, Milena Munday, Quinn Labrie, Sage Radzikoski, Axel Radzikoski, Emma Rodrigue, Jack Lilley, Jaxon Yellow, Ethan Mills, Skylar Lilley, Izzyana Upshon, Russell Benson, Lucas Bell, Taylor Namtzu, Keara White, Lukas Leeuwenburg, Quynn Fraipont and Ava deWaard. Congrats to all our winners. We look forward to seeing everyone at our November 28th Recognition assembly.

Food Allergy Alert

Within our school community there are several students who have a potentially life-threatening allergy (anaphylaxis) to foods, predominately to peanuts and tree nuts (e.g. almond, cashew, hazelnut, pistachio).

We feel the best way to reduce the risk of accidental exposure to these students is to respectfully ask for the co-operation of the parents/guardians within the Steele Street community to:

-Please do not send any peanuts, peanut butter or foods containing peanuts or peanut butter to be eaten as snacks to school.

-We will not be doing any classroom projects that involve peanut butter (like bird feeders) or peanut shells (art projects). Please do not send any of these homemade projects into the classroom with your child.

-Birthday parties are a special time for children but can be a difficult time for the food-allergic child. If you would like to send in baked goods, please be careful about the

ingredients. Please list the ingredients on the outside of the package and when preparing "treats" please pay close attention to cross contamination in your kitchen. To prevent cross-contamination, it is necessary that cooking utensils and preparation surfaces be carefully washed after each food is touched. It would be especially helpful if you could let you child's teacher know a few days ahead of when you'd like to celebrate your child's birthday, so that the food-allergic child can provide his/her own safe treat.

-We will try to keep the food at holiday parties to a minimum. As with birthday parties, we must be extremely careful about the ingredients in all the food items. Please do not enclose candy or other treats with holiday cards.

-If your child had peanut butter for breakfast, we would greatly appreciate your making sure that his/her hands are washed with soap and water before leaving for school. Water alone does not do the trick!

This is a learning process for all of us, but we trust that you understand how deeply important it is to respect and adhere to these guidelines. If throughout the course of the year you have any questions or concerns about food-allergy-related issues, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

School Website

Thank you to Mr. Lorenz who submitted all the information to get our school website up and running. This website will be a continuous work in progress. It's a great place to get a copy of our newsletter and monthly calendar. Please take some time and visit us at: www.dsbn.edu.on.ca/Schools/Steelestreet

It's Getting Cold!!!

November brings the cold and wet weather. It can also bring some confusion to school routines.

We all expect cold temperatures and some rain during the fall. **Please dress your children appropriately for the weather!** We will attempt to allow students outside during as many Nutrition Breaks as possible. If there is heavier rain or cold temperatures, the following procedures will be followed:

At 8:30 a.m. – Students will be allowed in the hallway using their normal **entry** door. A teacher on duty will direct students to their classes.

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



Newsletter Draw

Congratulations to the lucky winner of our October Newsletter draw. The student received free pizza lunch. Don't forget to return the slip for November's draw.

Port High Connections

On November 27th Grade 8 students and their families are invited to Port Colborne High School's Open House. The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will give families an opportunity to see the awesome teachers, courses and activities PCHS has to offer our Grade 8s as they prepare for Grade 9.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

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.

A key resource in any emergency is the DSBN Emergency Information form that you filled out at the beginning of the school year. Please let the school know of any changes in contact information or procedures you wish to be followed throughout the school year.

For secondary schools it may become necessary to cancel late buses. Notice will be provided via school announcements and on the websites and subscription features by 11:30 a.m.

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

Websites:

www.dsbns.org

www.nsts.ca

Subscription Features:

DSBN Facebook or Twitter

NSTS Transportation Delay or Cancellation Alerts

Phone:

Niagara Student Transportation Services 905-346-0290 Voice Auto Attendant

Radio Stations:

CKTB (610 AM) St. Catharines	CHRE (105.7 FM) St. Catharines
WAVE (94.7 FM) Hamilton	CHTZ-FM (97.7 FM) St. Catharines
CKOC (1150 AM) Hamilton	CKEY (105.1 FM) Niagara Falls/Fort Erie
CHML (900 AM) Hamilton	K-LITE-FM (102.9 FM) Hamilton
CHAM (820 AM) Hamilton	GIANT (91.7 FM) Welland
Y108 (107.9)Hamilton	

Television Stations:

CH – Hamilton
CityTV Breakfast Television
CTV Toronto
Cogeco Channel 10

Calendar Reminder

Check the calendar for a list of most activities.



NEWSLETTER DRAW:

Please sign and return this section to indicate that you have read the *Steele Street Buzz*. One returned slip will be chosen randomly. That student will win a free lunch!

The _____ family has read the Steele Street Buzz.

Student(s) Names

Teacher

Parent Signature: _____

Please return this slip by Friday, November 8, 2019