

# Steele Street Buzz

Mr. M. Piazza, Principal

Dear Steele Street Families,

*This is a very exciting time of year for Steele Street School. Many positive initiatives have begun both academic and extracurricular. We invite students and parents to get involved wherever possible!*

*Our focus this year will be on small group instruction in all of our classes in math and language. Staff and students will also 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 students with their language skills here at Steele Street. We would like to thank those parents and volunteers and all staff members for their tireless efforts and leadership to enhance our school's literacy program.*

## Progress Report Cards



Progress report cards will be coming home with your child on November 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 **Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.** 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 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> to assess students in grades JK, SK, 2, 4, 6, 8. 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.



## Holiday Vendor Fair

The Steele Street Holiday Vendor Fair (Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>) is quickly approaching. Our School Council members have been working extremely hard organizing the day for our Steele Street families and the Port

Colborne Community School Council is looking for some help to make the day a success. Volunteers are needed for the day. If you have a few hours to spare and lend a helping hand between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., please contact the school office. Crock pots are needed! If you have a crock pot you can spare for the day, please feel free to drop it at the school on the PD Day (Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>). Crock pots can be picked up around 4 p.m. on the 17<sup>th</sup> or drop in to the school on Monday. If you are able to help out with any of these requests, our school would be extremely grateful.

### **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. Pahowski**

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 Tuesday, 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: Hannah Ricker, Brooke Bodner, Ayla Morden, Emma Rodrigue, Tally Simons, Eoin Fraelic, Tori Audet, Logan Sammons, Sophie Lavallee, Cheyenne Duquette, Calvin Fokkens, Owen Caldwell, Aidan Crawford, Max Ramsey, Ella Lagace, Dylan Spoehr, Kalan Napper, Hailey Labrie, Rylan Masotti, Emma Gravelle, Lauren Bodner, Elliott Fraipont, Dhillyn Richardson and Ava Rigby. Congrats to all our winners. We look forward to seeing everyone at our November 30th Recognition assembly.

### **Sports Report – Cross Country**

Thank you to all of our cross-country participants in 2018. We had 30 participants this year and 16 of them qualified for the DSBN Final at Fireman's Park in Niagara Falls. Honourable mention goes out to Joey Fraelic (7<sup>th</sup>), Darien Gauthier, Evan Gravelle, Jack Lacelle, Brooke

Bodner, Taylor Namtzu, Rosie Luey, Ava deWaard, Kelsey Coers, Emma Gravelle and Elliott Fraipont.. Every one of you are winners for your perseverance, hard work and the sportsmanship you displayed here at school and outside of school. Way to go Stingers! A big thanks goes out to Mrs. Schedler for preparing our athletes and coaching the team!

### **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 your 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 of 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.dsb.edu.on.ca/Schools/Steelestreet/](http://www.dsb.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 21<sup>st</sup>, our Grade 8 students will be headed over to Port Colborne High School for Grade 8 Day. This will give our students the opportunity to experience a day in the life of a Grade 9 student. On November 27<sup>th</sup> Grade 8 students and their families are invited to Port Colborne High School's Open House. This evening 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.dsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.dsb.edu.on.ca)  
[www.nsts.ca](http://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 K-LITE-FM (102.9 AM) Hamilton FM) Hamilton

CHAM (820 GIANT FM (91.7 AM) Hamilton FM) Welland

Y-108(107.9) Hamilton

**Television Stations:**

CH – Hamilton

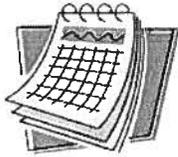
CityTV Breakfast Television

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this slip by Friday, November 9, 2018**



# November 2018



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 day 1	2 day 2 Random Act of Kindness Day School Photo Retakes am Lunch Lady	3 day 3
4 Daylight Savings Time ends	5 day 3 Treaty Awareness Week Pizza Lunch	6 day 4 Gr. 7s and 8s to DSBN Adventure Campus	7 day 5 PIC Conference for parents 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. Eden SS	8 day 6 Progress Reports go home	9 day 7 Lunch Lady Remembrance Day Ceremony - 10:30 a.m.	10 day 8 Lunch Lady Remembrance Day Ceremony - 10:30 a.m.
11 Remembrance Day	12 day 8 Pizza Lunch	13 day 9 Parent-Teacher Interviews - 3:30 p.m.	14 day 10 Int. Girls Vball Tournney	15 day 11 Int. Girls Vball Tournney	16 day 12 PA Day No School	17 day 13 Steele Street Holiday Vendor Fair 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
18	19 day 3 Bullying Prevention and Awareness Week Pizza Lunch	20 day 4 Gr. 5/6 class to Walker Living Campus	21 day 5 Gr. 8s to PCHS	22 day 6 Int. Boys Vball Tournney	23 day 7 Lunch Lady	24 day 8
25	26 day 8 Pizza Lunch	27 day 9 Gr. 8 Open House PCHS - 6 p.m.	28 day 10 DSBN Academy Presentation for 5s and 6s	29 day 11	30 day 12 Lunch Lady Recognition Assembly 11:20 a.m.	