

# Steele Street Buzz

Mr. M. Piazza, Principal

Dear Parents,

*On behalf of our enthusiastic staff, I would like to welcome our new families as well as our returning families to the Steele Street learning community.*

*Creating and delivering a comprehensive academic and social program for every student is a team effort. We look forward to building positive relationships with students, parents, and community to provide children with maximum support.*

*We encourage parents to be active in their child's education. There are many ways in which you can reinforce what students are learning. We encourage you to read your child's agenda, assignments, and notes that come home. Please feel free to visit Steele Street to learn more about what we do. We would be happy to give you a tour of your school!*

*Throughout the year, there will be opportunities for parents to help out at Steele Street. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please contact the school at 905-834-4333.*

*If you should have any questions or would like to share your ideas, please contact the school.*

*Together, we **will** make a positive difference in the lives of our children.*



## Steele Street Staff

Below is a listing of the tentative Steele Street Staff and their teaching assignments. As you are aware an increase or decrease in student enrollment may change teaching assignments and your child's homeroom teacher. We appreciate your patience as we work through the staffing process here at Steele.

Mrs. C. Winger	ELP
Mrs. L. Climenhage	DECE
Mrs. J. Lukascy	Gr. 1/2
Mrs. T. Schedler	Gr. 2/3
Mrs. J. Barrick	Gr. 3/4
Mrs. L. Jensen	Gr. 5/6/FSL
Ms. T. Furry	Gr.7/8/LRT
Mr. P. Lorenz	Prep
Mrs. M. Cymbalisty-Davis	Prep
Mrs. A. Kohut	Prep
Mrs. K. Copeland	E.A.
Mr. N. Binfield	Instructional Coach
Mrs. T. Carpenter	Caretaker
Ms. N. Landry	Youth Counsellor
Mrs. B. Weaver	Lunch Supervisor
Ms. A. Upshon	Lunch Supervisor
Mrs. C. Pahowski	Secretary
Mr. M. Piazza	Principal



## Forms, papers and more ....

During the first week there will be many forms coming home. Please take a moment each evening to fill them in and return them the next day. The verification form that came home today needs to be signed (both sides)

and returned tomorrow to ensure that we have the correct information to contact you in an emergency situation. We are asking for first day packages to be returned to the school by Friday, Sept. 9th.

## Insure Your Child

Is your child insured for medical or dental costs in case of an accidental injury? The District School Board of Niagara does not provide medical payments coverage for students. If you have no other coverage, it is important that parents/guardians purchase this coverage to ensure that medical or dental costs are covered in case of accident. Reliable Life Student Accident Insurance forms have been sent home with each student to assist you in getting coverage. Or you can visit [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com) to apply online. It costs as little as \$8 per student for one year of basic school day/school activity coverage.



## Elementary School Dental Screening Program

### Free Dental Screening Coming to Steele Street

A Public Health registered dental hygienist is scheduled to visit Steele Street Nov. 1 & 3, 2016 to provide dental screening to students in grades JK, SK, 2, 4, 6 and 8 and other children as required under the Health Protection and Promotion Act.

During this time the registered dental hygienist will perform a visual inspection 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.

Please contact the Public Health dental program for any of the following:

- If you do NOT wish your child to participate in the dental screening.
- If your child is not in one of the targeted grades and you would like him/her to participate.

Call the Dental Health Information at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399 or email [dental@niagararegion.ca](mailto:dental@niagararegion.ca).

## Niagara Regional Health Department Updates

### Ontario's HPV Immunization Program – Expanded to now include Boys

For the past nine years, the HPV vaccine has been offered free of charge in Ontario schools to girls in grade 8 to help protect them from Human Papillomavirus (HPV) infection and related cancers.

Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, the program will expand to offer this cancer fighting vaccine to all **boys and girls** in grade 7. If you have a son or daughter entering grade 7 this year, they will be offered the HPV vaccine through a school-based clinic. For the majority of students, this vaccine will be given in a series of two injections, one in the fall and one in the spring.

This will be the last school year that girls in grade 8 will be offered the HPV vaccine because in future years the vaccine will only be offered in grade 7.

The HPV vaccine is considered very safe, and is highly effective. To learn more about HPV, the HPV vaccine, and catch-up programs for older children please call:

Niagara Region Public Health at 905-688-8248 ext. 7425 or visit:

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

[www.ontario.ca/hpv](http://www.ontario.ca/hpv)

## Entering and Exiting the School

All students in grades ELP thru 8 will be required to go to the back of the school upon arrival and to line up with their class to meet their teachers when the entry bell rings. Upon dismissal, students are also expected to exit through these doors through the back of the school. For safety reasons, we will be entering and exiting by using the walkway on the left hand side of the school or through the back walkway. Students are also reminded that they are not to enter and exit the school through the main office doors or through the parking lot doors. Parents are asked to check in at the main office when they visit the school. Student safety is a priority here at the school and all adults are required to sign in before

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proceeding into the school. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Our school parking lot is a very busy place. If the parking lot is full, please be courteous to other drivers by not blocking them into a spot. If you are unable to find a parking spot, we ask that you park your vehicle on a side street. You are welcome to greet your child on property by waiting near your child's exit door until dismissal and then safely escorting them back to your vehicle.

If you have any questions regarding our procedures, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

### Nutrition Break

All students ELP thru grade 8 will be out on the yard together this year. All students will eat for the first 20 minutes of each break and then will be outside for the remaining 25 minutes.

### Port Colborne Regional Daycare Centre

The Niagara Regional Daycare had a successful first year here at Steele Street. The daycare has been approved for before and after school care. If you are interested in this for your child, please see Mrs. Robin Cotton in the daycare office.

### Cell Phones/iPads/Electronic Devices

Students are reminded that they are not to have cell phones, iPods or any other electronic devices on the school yard during the school day. Students may be given permission to use electronic devices during class time from their homeroom teacher. Staff will review the acceptable use of technology regularly through the school year. Students are not permitted to use or wear personal earbuds or other personal electronic devices while walking through the hallway between classes. Cell phones/iPads/Electronic devices must be

turned off and in the student's backpack when they arrive on school property. Students are responsible for their own items that they bring to school.

### Pets on School Property

In order to maintain a safe environment for our students and staff, we would like to remind all families that pets are not allowed on school property. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a healthy and secure environment for all at Steele Street Public School!



### School Council Committee



The Steele Street School Council Committee is a group comprised of parents, staff, and community members. The School Council Committee helps to organize and plan student activities, provided guidance with educational programs, and offer input with school routines and procedures.

We encourage parents to attend school advisory meetings; it's a great opportunity for people in our school community to share information and ideas.

Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 27th at 6:00 p.m. in our school staff room. Please feel free to join us for this meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Piazza at the school.

### From the desk of Mrs. Pahowski

Students and parents are reminded to return forms to the school as soon as possible so that we can



have complete records of student information. Please remember to always inform us of any changes to your child's emergency contact information.

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!

### Terry Fox Marathon of Hope!

Students and staff will be involved in the Terry Fox walk on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. More information about this initiative will come home with students early in September.

### Students of the Month

Each month, the staff at Steele Street takes time to recognize students who demonstrate excellence in a particular area. Our first assembly day will be Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:20 a.m. Please feel free to join us.

### Reading and Parents (RAP)

Parent volunteer readers are needed to help our Primary students to become more fluent readers. Please consider donating your time (one hour a week) to this important initiative. If you are interested in helping out and/or would like more information, please fill in the slip at the end of this letter and return it to school with your child.

### Computers

Once again, Steele Street will be hosting an excellent school website. Please visit our website to learn more about our programs and events. Our school's website address is as follows:

<http://www.dsbn.edu.on.ca/Schools/SteeleStreet/>



### School Pictures

School pictures date will be on October 13th. Lasting Images will be our photography company once again this year. Reminder notices will be sent home.



### Early Release Day

Please note that on Friday, September 16th, staff will be involved in professional activity sessions. Students will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m. on this day.



### Public Health Reminder

It is important to keep your child's immunization up to date. Also, be sure to contact the Public Health Department following your child's immunization to keep their records current. 1-800-263-2748.

### Spirit Wear

We plan to have clothing samples and order forms ready in September for any families that would like to purchase Steele Street Spiritwear. Stay tuned for more updates.

### Milk Program

We will be starting the milk program on September 12th. September and October orders are complete. November and December orders will be in the on line ordering in October and if you are not registered for on line ordering the office will have paper orders ready in October. If you have any questions about the milk program, please contact the school office.





### Special Lunch Days

Over the next few weeks you will be receiving information on the various lunch days we will be having throughout the year - pizza, Smokin' Buddha, PitaPit, burger/hotdog lunch and The Lunch Lady. The Lunch Lady program offers a variety of choices for students. The Lunch Lady will be serving lunches on Fridays. Please look for the information flyer outlining the program to come home soon with your child. Special lunch days will begin early in October.

### Keeping our School Environment Clean

As an Eco-Friendly school, Steele Street is encouraging students to be as litter free as possible with their lunches and snacks. With parental permission, some of our students leave the school property for lunch at our second Nutrition Break. In the interest of maintaining a clean environment, students are reminded not to bring food back onto the playground when they return to school from their lunch break. Once students have returned to school, they are expected to remain on school property.

### Did you Know?

Smoking anywhere on school property including sitting inside a vehicle could cost you \$305.

Selling, supplying or sharing cigarettes with anyone under 19 can result in a minimum fine of \$365.

This law applies to:

**EVERYONE:** Staff, students, parents, visitors

**ANYTIME:** 24/7

**ANYWHERE:** Including school parking lots, cars in the parking lot, sports fields, driveways and courtyards

The *Smoke-Free Ontario Act* is designed to reduce the number of youth who start smoking and to protect Ontarians from second-hand smoke. Know the law and protect yourself!

Questions?

Call the Tobacco Hotline, 905-688-8248, ext.7393, or 1-888-505-6074.

### Six Simple Steps to Help Keep You and Me Healthy

Wash your hands often using soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Ensure hands are washed:

After coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose

After shaking hands

Before eating

Before putting in contact lenses

Before touching your face

Avoid touching your face as much as possible.

Cough and sneeze into a tissue or your elbow. Throw out used tissues right away.

Do not share objects that have been in other people's mouths, eg. toothbrushes, drinks and water bottles, unwashed utensils, lip products, and mouthpieces of musical instruments.

Stay home if you feel sick and talk to your doctor. Staying home will help prevent the spread of infections.

Frequently clean common surfaces such as keyboards, doorknobs, countertops, etc.

### Calendar Reminder

Please check the calendar for a list of most activities.



**VOLUNTEERS:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I am interested in helping with the Reading and Parents (RAP) program or Volunteering in the school, I would like more information about this initiative. Mr. Piazza, our Principal can call me at the following daytime phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ . My name is \_\_\_\_\_.

**NEWSLETTER DRAW:**

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

The \_\_\_\_\_ family has read the *Steele Street Buzz*.

Student(s) Names

Teacher

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

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

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

**Please return this page by Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016**



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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	LABOUR DAY	First Day of School Welcome Back!			Please Return all Forms	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Milk Program begins	Meet The Teacher 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.			Early Release Day	
	Cross Country starts				Hansel and Gretel Presentation in a.m.	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Port Colborne Terry Fox Run/Walk 1 p.m. - H.H. Knoll			Intermediate Co-Ed Soccer Tourney	Jr. Co-Ed Soccer tourney	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
		Day 5	Day 6	Cross Country Meet #1 in the a.m. School Terry Fox Walk/Run in p.m.	Recognition Assembly 11:20 a.m. - Gym	