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William E. Brown School NEWS



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Super Star Awards: Habits of Mind

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Finding Humour (Habit of Mind for the month of February)

Laugh a little!

Finding the whimsical, incongruous and unexpected; being able to laugh at yourself.

Finding humour means you.....

Can look at situations from original and interesting angles.

Look for humour in appropriate situations.

Appreciate the humour of others.

Play with words to find humour.

Can see the absurdness of situations.

Are able to laugh at themselves.

FAREWELL Mrs. Pietrangelo/ WELCOME Mr. Premi:

We bid farewell for the time being to Mrs. Pietrangelo. As you are aware, she is expecting twins, so we look forward to hearing about the birth of these two wee ones some time in April. All of us are glad that she is looking after herself as the date of the birth of her twins comes closer, however we are also sad to have her leave us. We welcome Mr. Thomas Premi to W. E. Brown and he will be the Grade 8 teacher, commencing Monday, February 14th until June 30, 2011. Mr. Premi is very familiar to students and parents, so we are expecting a very smooth transition.

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IMPORTANT DATES:

School Spirit Day: "Flag Day" Tues-
day, February 15th Assembly @ 10 a.m.

DSBN Academy Information Session:
Thursday, February 17, 2011 6 p.m. at
DeWitt Cater School, Port Colborne

School Advisory Council Meeting
-Thursday, February 24th 6 p.m.

Skating: Thursday, February 23rd
Jk-Gr.3 9:15-10:15 a.m.
Gr.3/4-8 11:15a.m. -12:45 p.m.

Family Day Holiday: Monday, February 21st

"Make Change for Children": February 22-25

Friday, February 25: School Spirit Day "Sports Day"
1:35 p.m. Sue Kanyo Free Throw Championship

Friday, March 11th:
2 p.m. Sue Kanyo Memorial Assembly

March Break: March 14-18, 2011

French Immersion Information Session: Tuesday,
March 22 7 pm @ McKay School

INTRAMURALS: Grades 4-8

The students in Grades 1 - 5 have enjoyed the opportunity to be involved in the Speedball Intramural again this year. Students who completed this intramural have shown enthusiasm, commitment and school spirit. They have had the chance to enjoy friendly competition in an active setting with fellow students. The Gr. 8 referees have done a fantastic job of keeping games fair and fun.

A new Intramural has started the last week of January for students in Grades 5 - 8. It is called Hoopball.

Hoopball is a cooperative game that requires no great athletic ability, but a lot of skill in team work. It is a "lead-up" game to basketball, minus the dribbling. You pass or carry the soft ball, (Elephant Skin), for no more than 3 steps until someone on your team shoots it into a hoop held by a teammate who is in a designated space. That's right! You try to score on your own hoop, which can be moved as far as the person holding it can move it while keeping both hands on it, without stepping out of their designated spot. There is even a "key" which cannot be entered on offense just to keep it challenging! The whole time your opponents guard you man-to-man, trying to steal or intercept the ball to score on their own hoop.

Lots of fun, lots of exercise and lots of learning about the spatial aspects and skill development in proper defence, and passing of a traditional basketball. It will have a different structure than past Intramurals. It will run twice per week and go until March Break.

Grades 7 and 8 are able to come any Thursday, no sign up necessary. Grade 4-6 voted and decided to play on teams that will compete on Tuesdays.

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES:

All decisions concerning school closings are made by the Board Office, not the individual school.

Bus and school cancellation information will be reported on local radio stations, television stations and websites. Attached to this newsletter is a list of those sites. Please detach this page and post on your refrigerator or a convenient spot for your family.

Please note that the name of the company providing transportation to William E. Brown School is the **First Student Canada** bus company.

Early dismissal during the school day, due to inclement weather, would involve the school using the emergency numbers you have provided on the confidential form which was sent home in September. We would ask that you review with your child what arrangements have been made in the event of early dismissal for their arrival home.

Free Dental Screening Coming to Your School

A Public Health registered dental hygienist is scheduled to visit our school, Feb. 22nd, 24th & 25th, 2011 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. If your child is not in one of the targeted grades and you would like him/her to take part, please call the Public Health dental program at 905-688-8248 ext. 7399 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7188 or email dental@niagararegion.ca.

WEB to World News

MAKE CHANGE FOR CHILDREN CAMPAIGN (February 21-25, 2011)

The Education Foundation of Niagara is the DSBN charity and all funds raised go directly back to our students for program enhancements and poverty relief. The Poverty and Emergency Relief Fund supports the extraordinary, emergency, personal and school related needs of individual students brought about by financial hardship.

Since 2008 over 3000 DSBN students have been assisted with \$65,000 in support.

We all know at least one of these children....torn windbreaker that is worn as a jacket throughout winter, worn shoes, no lunch, absent from every field trip. And, all too often, a tragedy touches one of our students by the way of fire, illness, or death in the family.

To continue to do our best at helping children in need we are engaging in this year's campaign and invite you to participate in a small way. During the week's campaign, please send a **Toonie** with your child or just **make some change** and do what you can to help us help the kids. Email efn@dsbn.edu.on.ca or visit www.efnonline.ca for more information on how they support our youth. We look forward to working with you to raise the funds needed to support students-in-need!

Make Change for Children Week Activities at William E. Brown School:

(Note: An information letter for "Make Change For Children" goes home next week and will include registration form for Sue Kanyo Free Throw contest \$5.00)

Tuesday, February 22nd

- AM recess - Free Throw contest (Junior/Intermediate) spectators 25 cents
- tickets on sale for "Principal for a Day", \$2, sold during each break

Wednesday, Feb. 23rd

- AM recess - Free Throw contest (Junior/Intermediate) spectators 25 cents
- tickets on sale for "Principal for a Day", \$2, sold during each break

Thursday, February 24th

- AM recess - Free Throw contest (Junior/Intermediate), spectators 25 cents
- tickets on sale for "Principal for a Day", \$2, sold during each break
- "Principal for a Day" draw in PM

Friday, February 25th Spirit day - "SPORTS DAY" (Donations encouraged)

- winner of "Principal for a Day" in the Main Office
 - "Sue Kanyo Free Throw Contest" championship 1:35 in gym, top female & male winners each grade
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Come celebrate Flag Day on February 15th with face painting and a draw for the best dressed Canadian. Also an assembly at 10:00 a.m. Hope to see you there!