

# William E. Brown Public School

## WEB GOES GREEN!!!

As you probably know, WEB has a “Green Team” comprised of students and staff. This team works tirelessly to educate, and collect recycling at our school. They also track how well the classes are doing in turning their lights off when they leave the room. In an effort to reduce the amount of paper being consumed at our school, we are pleased to announce that this is the last monthly newsletter and calendar being sent home in hard copy. Each month we post the monthly newsletter/calendar on the home page under “Recent Newsletter/Recent Calendar “ as well as under the “Newsletters” and “Calendars “ tab. We will email you each month once we have posted the newsletter and calendar as a reminder to be sure to check it out. Please email Mrs. Tye at [jen.tye@dsvn.org](mailto:jen.tye@dsvn.org) if you wish to receive a paper copy of the newsletter and calendar. Thank you.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### CAPP PRESENTATIONS - FEB. 3-4

Staff from the Niagara Sexual Assault Center will be coming to WEB to provide presentations to our grade 2-6 students. Students will develop an understanding of how to keep themselves safe and assist others. Additional information was emailed to parents last week.

#### YOUTH ISSUES PRESENTATION - FEB 5

Staff from the Niagara Sexual Assault Center will be coming to WEB to provide presentations to our grade 7&8 students. The Youth Issues Prevention Program focuses on personal safety issues for grade 7 and 8 students. Additional information was emailed to parents last week.

#### SKATING - FEB 6, 13, 20, 27

We are still hopeful that ETFO and the government will reach a settlement. If the work-to-rule has ended we will go skating at the Wainfleet area on these dates.

#### MAD SCIENCE CLUB

Over 40 students signed up to participate in our MAD Science clubs. We have a grade 1&2 class and a grade 3-6 club. These clubs run Wednesdays during first break.

#### PD DAY - FEB 14 & FAMILY DAY - FEB 17

There is no school on Feb. 14 and 17. We hope that you enjoy the long weekend.

#### WEB GOES TO SEE THE ICE DOGS

Families are invited to purchase tickets to see the Ice Dogs play against the Sudbury Wolves on Sunday, February 16 at 2 pm. Tickets are \$15.00 each. Students will be able to participate in the pre-game skate from 12:00 - 1:00 pm and they will be singing O’Canada before the game. All tickets must be purchased by February 7.

#### CUPCAKES BY GRADE 1 on FEB 19

Our grade 1 students will be providing yummy cupcakes on Wednesday, February 19.

#### PINK T-SHIRT DAY - FEB. 26

On Wednesday, February 26, we are encouraging all students and staff to wear a pink t-shirt as part of our anti-bullying initiative.

#### SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING - FEB 28

Our monthly school council meeting will be held in the library at 8 am on Friday, February 28.

#### ALL STAR ASSEMBLY - FRIDAY, FEB. 28

Our monthly All Star Assembly will be happening at 2:30 pm on Friday, February 28.

# BREAKFAST PROGRAM DONATION REQUEST

## NEEDED: FEBRUARY DONATIONS FOR THE BREAKFAST CLUB

### Cereal

- Quaker Life Multigrain
- Original Shreddies
- Multigrain Cheerios
- Special K Granola

### Granola Bars

- Chewy Apple Crumble
- Nature Valley Lunch Box  
Very Berry

### Crackers

- Original Triscuit
- Multigrain Breton
- Multigrain Wheat Thins
- Kashi Roasted Vegetable

Thank you for your support!



## CAPP and YOUTH ISSUES PRESENTATIONS



On February 3-4, a staff member from the Niagara Sexual Assault Centre will be coming to WEB to do presentations to our grade 2-6 students called the Child Assault Prevention Program (CAPP). It is an empowerment program that gives children skills and strategies they can use in potentially abusive and dangerous situations. This is done through age-appropriate discussions and role-playing to address bullying, strangers and abuse by someone they know. Their rights to be 'safe, strong and free' are emphasized.

On February 5, the presentation will be for grade 7&8 students. The Youth Issues Prevention Program focuses on personal safety issues for grade 7 and 8 students. Students learn how to recognize types of abuse, along with various skills and strategies they can utilize in these situations. It is done through a half day classroom workshop where common assault situations are presented via short scenarios, guided group discussions and the MTV video "Bullies, Loners and Violence".

An email was sent last Wednesday to families with additional information. If, for some reason, you do not wish to have your child participate in these presentations, please email Mrs. Tye at [jen.tye@dsbn.org](mailto:jen.tye@dsbn.org) and let her know and WEB will provide them with an alternate activity.

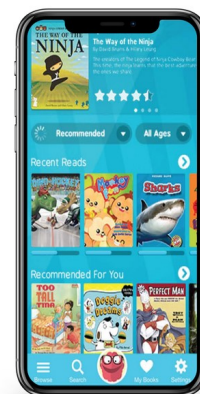
## APP OF THE MONTH - EPIC

**Epic!** is an app for kids with an e-book library that **contains over 35,000 children's books** (and it includes a read-to-me feature for little ones who are still learning to read). One of our parent testers says it's "a great app to have when the kids want screen time, but you don't!" This app is a perfect way to take reading wherever your device goes, and it's great for families with kids of various ages.

**Ages:** 2-12

**Cost:** one-month free trial, then \$8/month

**Get it for:** [iOS](#) or [Android](#)



## ALL STAR RECOGNITION - CARING

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized for “Integrity” at our All Star Assembly at the end of January.

### JK/SK - 1

Charlee, Avery, Alexis, Connor, Cooper, Ayden

### JK/SK - 2

Nash, Alyssa, Lincoln, Arija

### Grade 1

Brooklyn, Logan, Ashley, Amarri

### Grade 1/2

Cole, Hunter, James

### Grade 2/3

Mason, Nate, Eva, Willow-Mae

### Grade 3/4

James, Ryder, Mackenzie

### Grade 4/5

Bryson, Isla, Hanna, Kairi

### Grade 6

Scarlett, Makenzie

### Grade 6/7

Savannah, Alexis, Tori

### Grade 8

Coralie, Alexis, Rowan

## CONSIDERING FRENCH IMMERSION FOR GRADE 1?

The French Immersion program offered at McKay Public School is open to all students in Year 2 (Senior Kindergarten). If you want your child to develop a high proficiency and fluency in Canada’s two official languages, French Immersion has a great deal to offer.

### FEATURES OF THE FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM:

- Development of French language skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing from Grades one to twelve;
- Designed to be a second-language program for children whose first language is **NOT** French;
- Current enrolment of over 2,000 elementary students;
- Certificate of French Immersion Studies awarded upon successful completion of the elementary and secondary immersion programs;
- Opportunity to challenge the Diplôme d’études de langue française (DELF) exam in Grade 12;
- Promotes understanding of different cultures;
- Provides additional opportunities for employment using French as the working language;
- Increased ability to communicate and interact with confidence in French.



**Registration opened January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**For more information about French Immersion in the District School Board of Niagara visit [www.dsbni.org/fi](http://www.dsbni.org/fi) or speak to your school principal.**

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

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 report through SafeArrival or 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:

<http://www.dsbns.org/inclementweather/>

[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

2DayFM (105.1 FM) Niagara Falls/Fort Erie

CHML (900 AM) Hamilton

K-LITE FM (102.9 FM) Hamilton

CHAM (820 AM) Hamilton

GIANT FM (91.7 FM) Welland

Y-108 (107.9 FM) Hamilton

### Television Stations:

CHCH—Hamilton

CTV Toronto

CityTV Breakfast Television

Cogeco Channel 10 (Jack.Clusters@cogeco.com)





# Carousel Players

... THEATRE YOU NEVER OUTGROW ...

## AFTER SCHOOL DRAMA PROGRAM

*High energy drama games!*

- For Grades 1-6
- Begins April 2 for 8 weeks at William E. Brown Public School
- Every Thursday from 3:45-4:45pm
- Free for all registrations!



To learn more and register go to  
[www.carouselplayers.com](http://www.carouselplayers.com) under "Classes & Camps"  
Or email us at [education@carouselplayers.com](mailto:education@carouselplayers.com)

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## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Educational Facilities in the Niagara Region

**FROM:** Niagara Region Public Health and Emergency Services Infectious Disease program

**REFERENCE:** Novel Coronavirus (2019 – nCoV) Question & Answer

**DATE:** January 28, 2020

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Niagara Region Public Health and Emergency Services (NRPH&ES) is closely monitoring an outbreak caused by a novel (new) coronavirus first identified in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China. The total number of cases internationally are changing daily.

### **What is Coronavirus?**

- Coronaviruses (CoV) are a large family of viruses that cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS-CoV)
- The new (novel) coronavirus is a new virus in this family which we have not previously seen

### **What is the Risk from the New Coronavirus**

- Our assessment, and the consensus of international experts, is that the risk for Canadians is low
- Only those who have travelled to Wuhan City in China are at greater risk
- Canada has no direct flights from Wuhan City in China, and the number of travellers arriving indirectly from Wuhan City in China is low
- If you **have travelled to Wuhan City in China in the past 14 days and have recently developed respiratory symptoms**, avoid contact with others and contact your health care professional immediately. **Call ahead to allow health care staff to take appropriate precautions.**

### **What is the Severity of the New Coronavirus?**

- Across the globe, we are seeing the majority of cases having mild to moderate illness
- Elderly people and those with underlying medical conditions are often experiencing more severe illness

### **What is being done locally to protect from this New Coronavirus?**

- NRPH&ES is closely monitoring the evolving Novel Coronavirus outbreak in east Asia, and the developments in North America
- NRPH&ES is actively collaborating with local hospitals, primary care, emergency services, the Ministry of Health, Public Health Ontario, and other provincial and federal partners to protect Niagara residents

### **What Are the Symptoms of New Coronavirus?**

- Common signs of infection include respiratory symptoms, fever, cough, shortness of breath and difficulty breathing

- In more severe cases, infection can cause pneumonia, and rarely, death

### **How Can I Prevent Becoming Ill?**

- Wash your hands often
- Avoid contact with persons who are sick
- Practice proper cough and sneeze etiquette
- Keep your distance from people who are sick

### **How is the New Coronavirus Transmitted?**

- The virus transmits from person to person through coughing and sneezing, just like the common cold or flu

### **What Travel Precautions Should I Take?**

- If you are planning to travel you should consult the [Health Canada Advisory](#)
- Canadians should always tell their health care providers about their travel if they become ill after returning to Canada

### **What Airport Screening Protocols Have Been Implemented?**

- Canada has a number of standard border measures in place to prevent the entry of infectious diseases in Canada
- All international travelers arriving in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver international airports will be asked additional screening questions to determine if they have visited Wuhan City in China
- Those experiencing flu-like symptoms will be referred to the public health agency's quarantine officer

### **Is There a Vaccine That Protects Against Coronaviruses in Humans?**

- Currently, there is no vaccine that protects against coronaviruses in humans

For further information, please go to [www.niagararegion.ca/health](http://www.niagararegion.ca/health) or contact Niagara Region Public Health & Emergency Services, Infectious Disease program at **1-888-505-6074 or 905-688-8248 ext. 7330**