District School Board of Niagara

February, 2021

William E. Brown Public School

WELCOME BACK TO IN-PERSON LEARNING

We are thrilled to be headed back to in-person learning on Monday, February 8. We want to update/remind you of some safety protocols for students when they return. All grade 1-8 students must wear a mask throughout the day. It is optional for kindergarten. Students will remain in their class cohorts during the day including during fitness breaks. Students are asked to bring reusable water bottles to school as the water fountains are still unable to be used. Assigned seats will remain on the buses to and from school. Additional cleaning of high traffic areas and classrooms continues throughout the day.

Parents are asked to complete a daily online covid assessment for each of your children **EVERY** morning. You can find the COVID Screening tool located at: https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/ Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

RED, WHITE AND PINK DAY - FEB 11

PD DAY - FEB 12 & FAMILY DAY - FEB 15
There is no school on Feb. 12 and 15. We hope that you enjoy the long weekend.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING - FEB 17
Our monthly school council meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, February 28 at 7 pm.

REPORT CARDS GO HOME - FEB 18

PAJAMA DAY - FEB 19

PINK T-SHIRT DAY - FEB. 24
On Wednesday, February 26, we are encouraging all students and staff to wear a pink t-shirt as part of our anti-bullying initiative.

ALL STAR ASSEMBLY - FRIDAY, FEB. 26
Our monthly All Star Assembly will be happening at 9:25 am on Friday, February 26.

CLASS BREAKFAST DAY—FEB. 26

ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF GRADE 5, 6 & 7 STUDENTS

The DSBN Academy, located in St. Catharines, is designed to provide educational supports for students who may be the first in their family to graduate from a post secondary institution. Students enter in either grades 6, 7 or 8 and remain at the school until the end of secondary school. Bussing is provided.

Check out the promotional video below:

DSBN Academy "Roadshow" Video:
https://youtu.be/DL_bgvlTZ5Q

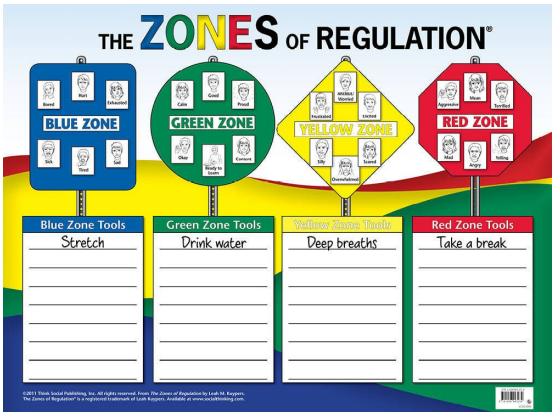
The Academy will be hosting a Virtual Open House on **Monday, February 8th** at **6 pm**, with program info, a virtual school tour, and a chance for families to ask questions.

DSBN Academy Virtual Open House:
https://add.eventable.com/events/5fac4791d3fd1700b582ac85/5ff747c72c055b00cbcd73ab

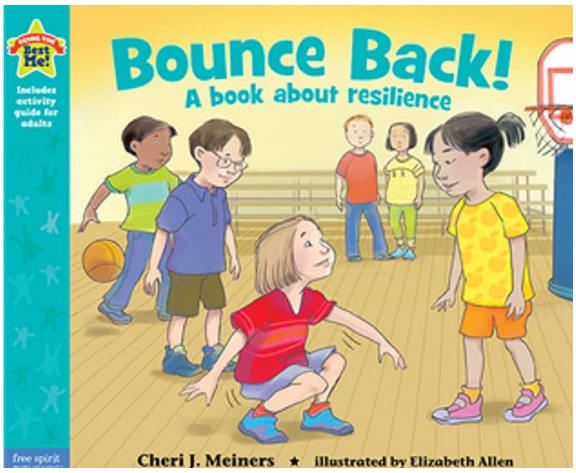
DSBN Academy

ZONES OF REGULATION IN K-2 & GRADE 1

Our youth counsellor, Mrs. Dobbin, has been working with our K-2 and grade 1 class the past few months using the Zones of Regulation program. Zones is a systematic approach used to teach self-regulation by categorizing all the different ways we feel and states of alertness we experience into four concrete colored zones. The Zones framework provides strategies to teach students to become more aware of and independent in controlling their emotions and impulses, manage their sensory needs, and improve their ability to problem solve conflicts.



BOUNCE BACK IN GRADE 3



Our youth counsellor, Mrs. Dobbin, has been working virtually with the students in grade 3 using the Bounce Back program.

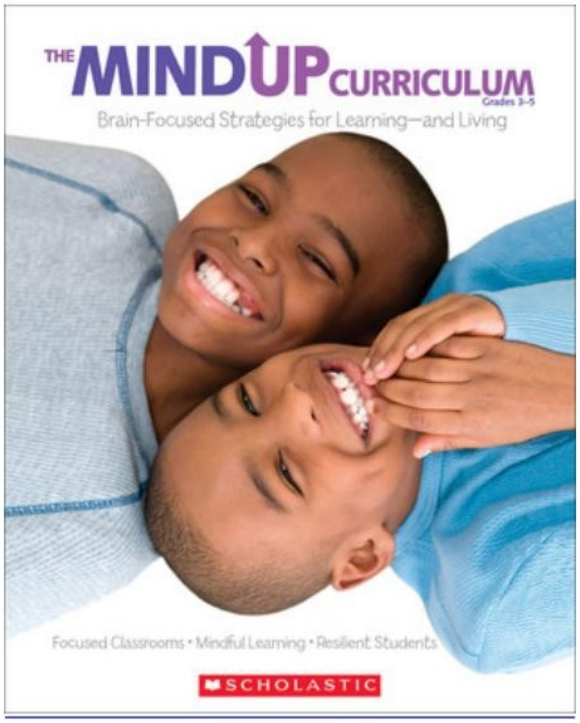
Bounce Back promotes positive mental health, well-being, and resilience by teaching students the skills to 'bounce back' when they experience sadness, difficulties, frustrations, and challenging times.

Lesson Topics: Core values, social values, people bouncing back, courage, looking on the bright side, emotions, relationships, humour, being safe, success (STAR).

MIND UP IN GRADE 2/3 AND 4/5

Our youth counsellor, Mrs. Dobbin, has been working virtually with the students in grade 2/3 and 4/5 using the Mind Up program . Mind UP is a comprehensive, classroom-tested, evidence-based curriculum framed around 15 easily implemented lessons that foster social and emotional awareness, enhance psychological well-being, and promote academic success. The Mind UP classroom is an optimistic classroom that promotes and develops mindful attention to oneself and others, tolerance of differences, and the capacity of each member of the community to grow as a human being and a learner.

Mind UP's expansive dynamic is built to a large extent on routine practices that are inherent to the MindUP Curriculum. Over the course of the Mind UP experience, students learn about the brain and how it functions, in the process gaining insight into their own minds and behaviors as well as those of the people around them.



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

Audrey, Arie, Everley, Ryker

JK/SK - 2

Audrey, Jack, Stella

Grade 1

Noah, Colton, Ugene

Grade 1/2

Cooper, Xander

Grade 2/3

Parker, Kenny

Grade 3

Travis, James

Grade 4/5

Joclyne, Victoria

Grade 5/6

Tucker, Skylar

Grade 6/7

Porter, Daxton, Kairi

Grade 7/8

Ryder, 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 in January!

For more information about French Immersion in the District School Board of Niagara visit www.dsbn.org/fi or speak to Mrs. Tye.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

There are times in Niagara when weather conditions are so poor that we must cancel student transportation, and/or close schools to preserve the safety of students and staff. The decision to cancel transportation and/or close schools is not taken lightly; a variety of factors are considered when making this choice. To learn more about how these decisions are made, please go to https://www.dsbn.org/inclementweather.

Transportation Cancellations:
Information about transportation delays and cancellations are posted to https://portal.nsts.ca/Cancellations.aspx. When transportation is cancelled, information is shared before 6:00 am on the day of the cancellation. There are times when transportation is cancelled, but schools remain open. If, on those days you feel it is best for your child to stay home, please report your child's absence https://dsbn.org/safearrival/ so we can make sure they are safe at home.

School Closures:

When the decision to close schools is made, it refers to all schools: both in-person and virtual schools. School closure information is shared before 6:00 am on the day of the school closure. You will find it on dsbn.org, all school websites, DSBN social media, and local media share the news widely as well.

Student Work on School Closure and Transportation Cancellation Days:

For elementary students - On days where transportation is cancelled and/or schools are closed, please visit your child's school website and click on the "Learn From Home" button. There you will find optional asynchronous learning resources.

Websites:

http://www.dsbn.org/inclementweather/

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

WAVE (94.7 FM) Hamilton

CKOC (1150 AM) Hamilton

CHML (900 AM) Hamilton

CHAM (820 AM) Hamilton

Y-108 (107.9 FM) Hamilton

CHRE (105.7 FM) St. Catharines

CHTZ-FM (97.7 FM) St. Catharines

2DayFM (105.1 FM) Niagara Falls/Fort Erie

K-LITE FM (102.9 FM) Hamilton

GIANT FM (91.7 FM) Welland