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# William E. Brown School NEWS



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## Super Star Awards: Habits of Mind

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### Habit of Mind for the month of April:

#### "Taking responsible risks"

Venture out!

Being adventuresome; living on the edge of one's competence.

#### Taking Responsible Risks:

- Push themselves past where they feel comfortable to achieve goals.
- Accept that failure is part of learning and will give things a go despite the chance of failing.
- View setbacks as an interesting challenge that helps them to find out more about the way they learn.
- Are aware of the consequences of taking the risk and know which ones are not worth taking.

There has been a calculated risk in every stage of American development -- the pioneers who were not afraid of the wilderness, businessmen who were not afraid of failure, dreamers who were not afraid of action.

Brook Atkinson

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### IMPORTANT DATES:

Hot Lunch: Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> 12:55 p.m.

Skating: Tuesday April 12 only JK -Gr.4  
9:15-10:15 a.m.

Cupcake Sale: Tuesday, April 12 12:55 p.m.  
(\$0.25)

National Pink Day: Wednesday April 13<sup>th</sup>

DSBN Road Race : Sunday April 17

Regional Historical Fair: Tuesday April 19 (@  
Fort George, NOTL)

Jump Rope for Heart kickoff assembly:  
Thursday April 21<sup>st</sup> 12:15 pm

School Advisory Council Meeting: -Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>  
6 p.m

Good Friday Holiday: Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Easter Monday Holiday: Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

Medieval Times Trip: Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup>, Grade 4

Grandparents Day: Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup> Primary Division  
1:35-2:35 p.m.

## **SPRING IS HERE, YET BE PREPARED FOR COOL WEATHER!**

With the arrival of spring, it is very important that all students come to school prepared to spend some time outside during our two Fitness Breaks. All students will continue to have a morning Fitness Break (30 minutes) and an afternoon Fitness Break (25 minutes) during the school day so they need to remember that coats, hats, and outside shoes/boots will continue to be important items of clothing.

Please remember that every student will need to have a pair of indoor running shoes at school so that they can be properly prepared for physical education classes .

### **April is Oral Health Month:**

Although preventable, cavities are the most common chronic disease of children aged 6 to 19 years. Cavities lead to difficulties sleeping, decreased school attendance, pain, discomfort, and infection. Fluoride is not added into our water supply. Therefore, it is recommended that all residents brush their teeth twice daily with fluoridated toothpaste to prevent cavities.

- Children three to six years of age should be assisted with brushing their teeth by an adult using a pea-sized portion of fluoridated toothpaste until they can tie their own shoe laces.
- Regular flossing is the single most important thing you can do to prevent gum disease. Most children will need help flossing until they are about 8 to 10 years old.

Niagara Region Public Health has two programs to assist children and youth with no insurance in getting the dental health care they need. For more information please call the Public Health Dental Program at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074

### **Grade 3/4 NOBODY PROJECT:**

Students in the grade 3/4 class are working together to "make Nobody a Somebody". With a financial grant from the Education Foundation of Niagara (EFN), our class received an addition to our class, the Nobody doll. Nobody has no gender, no history, no family, no culture, no language, no character. It is our job to make Nobody a Somebody by showing it that Anybody can change the world by making it a better place. Our Nobody is becoming a Somebody with lots and lots of character as a result of the students' actions. Every week we are able to share and celebrate putting each students' unique strengths and character attributes into action.

Each week, a different student in our class is responsible for Nobody. During that week, the student and their family decide on, plan and complete some sort of community service. Events have varied from collecting of cans and tabs, chocolate sales, animal treat sales, basket raffles, a puppet show, collection of Kool-aid Jammers packages, and You Tube videos (check out Carlee's Nobody Project) . So far this year the following agencies have benefitted: the Welland Humane Society, McMaster Hospital, Diabetes Association, Heart and Stroke Association, Help a Child Smile, World Vision, Make Change for Children, Welland Hospital, Seeds of Hope, children in the Dominican and many, many neighbours and friends in our own communities. Donations of clothing, toys, food, time and to date a total of \$ 928.52 have been contributed.

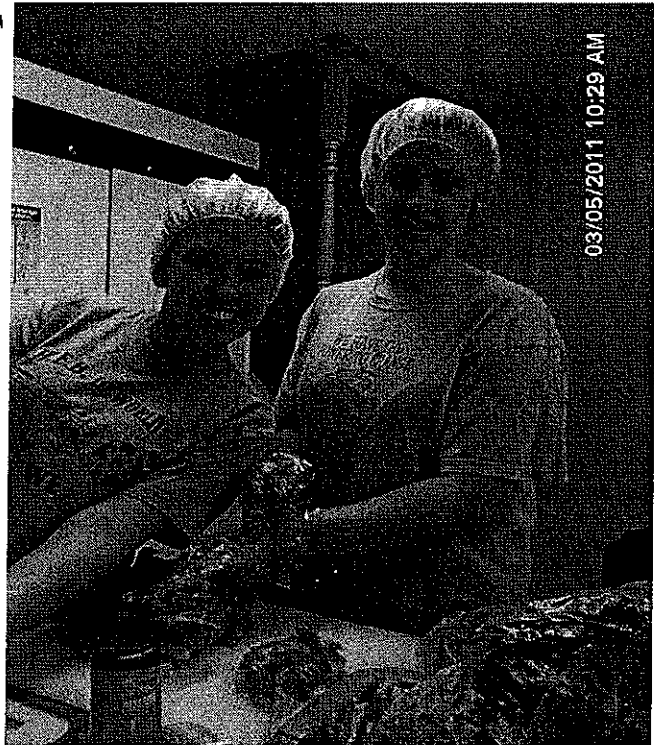


With every week that passes, our ripple becomes bigger in the oceans of the world, and Nobody is becoming a Somebody rich with love, personality, and experiences. The students are developing confidence, initiative, pride and a true community mindedness.

For more information on this project, take a peek at our bulletin board in the school hall beside the staff room and/or visit . Special thanks to all of the families who are supporting our grade 3/4 students in their endeavors and to the Education Foundation of Niagara (EFN) for financial support.

More information about the Education Foundation of Niagara (EFN) visit [www.efnonline.ca](http://www.efnonline.ca)

**Open Arms Lunch** - On Saturday, March 5th members from our group prepared and served lunch to approximately 60 people, under the guidance of Tim Albrecht. The lunch consisting of caesar salad, meatballs and pasta was made possible with donations from our WEB school community. It was a rewarding and fun experience for everyone involved and really allowed our students to connect with the people their efforts support!! Thank you to the families who donated food or money for this event. Special thanks to Adrianna and Kim Hines, Marisa and Julie Giammarco, Rachel and Kim Stutz, Kayla and Kristi Akins, Faith Flagg, Allegra and Graham Albrecht for all of their work that day. Thanks also to Food Basics (Welland), Zehr's, Pupo's and Sobey's (Welland).



**International Pink Day** - We can all help to celebrate diversity and take a stand against bullying by wearing pink on Wednesday, April 13th. It all started in a small eastern town in Canada a few years ago. When two high school students noticed a grade 9 student being bullied for wearing a pink shirt to school, they quickly took action. The next day, almost the entire student body showed up in pink in support of that one student. Now it is an international event. Go to [www.dayofpink.org](http://www.dayofpink.org) for more information.

In Canada, 1 in 5 children are bullied; 1 in 12 youth are regularly harassed in school by other students. Bullying occurs in school playgrounds every 7 minutes and once every 25 minutes in class. Bullying is not a rite of passage but a serious act that has immediate and long-term consequences for the child being bullied.

**Help for Japan** - The WEB to WORLD group is organizing a bake sale on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, to aid victims of the recent earthquake/tsunami tragedy. We will be asking for donations of baked goods and treats to help make this event a huge success.

**Make Change For Children campaign** - During the week of February 20 - 24th, the WEB to World group held two fundraisers to benefit the Education Foundation of Niagara's Poverty and Emergency Relief Fund. Rowan O'Rourke was the lucky winner of the Principal for a Day contest. The Sue Kanyo Memorial Free Throw contest was a huge success with many, many fans out to watch the competition. Finalists were Adrianna H, Tara B, Miranda B, Emma R, Matthew R, Kreek B, Kristian O, and Cole M. This year's champions were Emma Roszell and Cole Montgomery. Congratulations and thank you to everyone involved!!! We raised just over \$300.

### **INTRAMUARAL NEWS:**

For the month of April, we are taking a break from competition. We have formed W. E. Brown's first ever Skipping Club! On Tuesday and Thursdays, the students involved ( a mere 70+ children), ranging from Grade 1 to Grade 6 are working on learning new stunts, improving their fitness level and developing singles, partner and small group routines to music. Most members of the Skipping Club plan to perform their routines in front of the school. Mrs. Wilson would like to have a parent volunteer to help with this club. (Two days per week, from 10:30-11:15 a.m.)

Contact the school if interested.



# SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES

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## School newsletter inserts for your consideration

### ELEMENTARY

### NON FICTION READING: HOW FAMILIES CAN HELP

Literacy development requires a partnership between home, school and community. Since nonfiction text is one of the most effective tools for developing reading skills, it is essential that children have ample opportunities at school, in the community, and at home to read a variety of nonfiction.

When reading nonfiction texts, what are some ways families can build literacy skills?

**Tip #1 - Help your child understand what he or she reads using comprehension strategies such as:**

- asking questions while reading to help your child provide detail and to organize thoughts
- determining important points from interesting details
- making connections to things he or she already knows
- reading "between the lines" and
- discovering meaning that is not stated outright

**Tip #2 - Talk with your child by:**

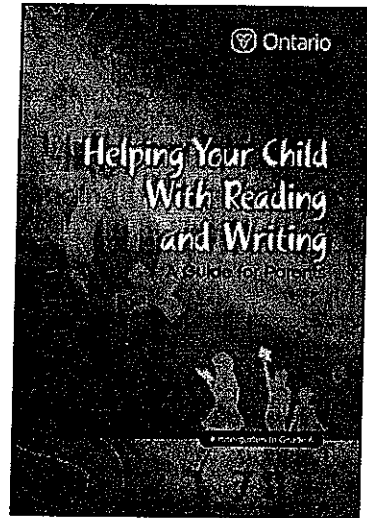
- having your child retell the main parts of the text
- encouraging him or her to express and justify opinions and
- showing interest in what your child is saying by being a good listener

**Tip #3 - Make reading enjoyable by:**

- making sure that you have a variety of books, magazines and other nonfiction reading materials on hand and
- browsing together in libraries and book stores looking at the graphic features in reading materials (e.g., photos, illustrations and charts) and identifying how they are used and what their purposes are

Many children like to read materials such as:

- stories that reflect their image of themselves
- articles about their heroes
- information on science and nature
- song lyrics or scripts that appeal to their musical and artistic tastes
- newspapers and magazines
- materials with both print and pictures (e.g., baseball cards)
- things they can read with others (e.g., game scores)
- books or articles that contain powerful ideas about our world



(Adapted from *Helping Your Child With Reading and Writing: A Guide for Parents* from the Ministry of Education)

# Join the fun IN THE 2011 DSBN Road Race!



**DSBN  
ROAD RACE  
Learners in Action!**



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CREDIT UNION  
let's grow together.

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**Sunday, April 17th, 2011**

DSBN Education Centre, 191 Carlton Street, St. Catharines

Proceeds to benefit Education Foundation of Niagara  
and Niagara Nutrition Partners

1km (10 am) Fun Run and 5km (10:30 am) Road Race for all ages

Barbecue & family fun fair for participants\*

Prizes for top finishers in each age category of the road race

T-shirts and participation ribbons for all who pre-register

School participation prize

Chip Time Results for 5km race

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For registration information, please refer to the entry form  
Race entry forms and volunteer forms are available at DSNB schools  
or online at [www.efnonline.ca](http://www.efnonline.ca)



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\* Minimal BBQ fee for non-participants with all funds raised going towards EFN & NNP



Niagara Nutrition Partners

**Achieving Success Together!**



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



# April 2011

**DSBN Road Race Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup>**

W. E. Brown Fun Fair -- Friday June 17<sup>th</sup>

W. E. Brown Grade 8 Graduation ceremony -- Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>

1 Day 9  
a.m. Grade 8 to PCSS

4 Day 10  
JK/SK, gr 1 / 2, 2 to  
Agape Valley sugar  
bush

5 Day 1  
Day 2

6 Day 3  
Hot Lunch, 12:55

7 Day 4  
Day 5

8 Day 6  
National Pink Day to  
stand up for diversity

11 Day 5  
→ JK - 4 skating, 9:00  
→ Cupcake sale, 12:55  
→ Grade 5 Puberty Night  
@ St. Elizabeth School

12 Day 6  
Day 7

13 Day 8  
Grade 5 Racing  
Against Drugs  
program

14 Day 9  
Day 10

15 Day 11  
April 10 - 16 is D S B N Education Week

18 Day 10  
Public Health Dept.  
immunization, all grade  
7's & grade 8 girls

19 Day 1  
Regional Historica  
Fair @ Fort George

20 Day 2  
Hot Lunch, 12:55

21 Day 3  
→ Jump Rope for Heart  
kickoff assembly 12:15  
→ School Advisory  
Council meeting 6pm

22 Good Friday

25 Easter Monday

26 Day 4  
Day 5

27 Day 6  
→ Grade 4 trip to  
Medieval Times  
→ 1:35 Grandparents  
Day hosted by  
primary division

28 Day 7  
Day 8

29 Day 9  
Day 10