



November Newsletter

It's hard to believe that September and October are just about behind us and November is about to be underway. Mr. Howell is thrilled to be a part of the William E. Brown community!

Thank you so much to the Niagara Ice Dogs who were able to attend our Ice Dogs Virtual and Outdoor Assemblies this week. The students were thrilled to ask the players a variety of questions and hear their DOGS message which stands for **Determined, Observant, Grateful and Studious**. Their message was certainly well received.

Ice Dogs Ticket Draw

We have had two lucky winners this far in our Ice Dogs ticket draw. **Emmett Schooley** in Mrs. Gruarin and Mrs. Ricica's class and **Nixon Napper** in Mrs. Lane's class took home 2 tickets each. Thanks to all of those who have entered the draw. The only two requests that we have as a school is to return the tickets if you are unable to go and if going make sure you have a great time!!!

Parent Council

Our next meeting is Thursday November 25th at 6:30pm on MS TEAMS. All are welcome and we encourage you to join us. Please email Mr. Howell if you are currently not on the group list. **This is the same night as Parent Interview evening but there is only a slight overlap.**

Poinsettia Fundraiser

William E. Brown will be selling beautiful fresh poinsettias from a local greenhouse this month. Orders can be made using school cash online. More details on times, dates and specific locations will be out shortly.

Little Caesar's

WEB will also be taking part in a Little Caesar's fundraiser this December. More details will be sent along in School Messenger shortly. Funds for the two fundraisers will go towards the following items: subsidizing the complimentary pizza lunch from October, providing \$100 per teacher for classroom based funds and \$500 will go toward the Forest of Reading Book collection for 2021-22.

Remembrance Day Activities

We are tentatively planning to run small group (3-4 class assemblies) for Remembrance Day on **Thursday, November 11th**. **Student leaders in Grade 8 will be working on the presentation with support from Teachers and Administration.**

Grade 8 Students and Parents

Starting high school is a huge step in a student's life. While it's definitely an exciting time, it also brings with it many questions, such as "What's life in high school really like? What programs and options are available to help me achieve my goals?" A great way to have your questions answered is to go to <https://www.dsb.org/sneakpeek/port-colborne> (for Port Colborne High School) and

<https://www.dsbm.org/sneakpeek/el-crossley> (for EL Crossley Secondary School) There will also be opportunities for our Grade 8 students and staff to visit the Secondary Schools in person this year.

Progress Reports

Progress reports will be sent home with students on Thursday, November 18th. Please take the time to read through this report and discuss accomplishments and next steps with your child/children. Please remember that our focus is to re-engage students in meaningful, well paced in-person learning. There will many things to celebrate and of course areas of need but we want to really work on building up confidence and a love of school as we approach goals and improvement.

PA Day

Our next PA Day is on Friday, November 19th. As a staff, we will be engaged in various professional learning activities throughout the day to refine and enhance our classroom instruction.

Important Dates:

November 2 nd	Photo Day
November 5 th	Small group (K-1/2; 2/3 to 4/5 and 5/6 to 8) Character Trait Assemblies
November 11 th	Remembrance Day Assemblies
November 18 th	Progress Reports sent home
November 19 th	PA Day
November 25 th	Parent- interview Evening (3:45-7pm)
November 25 th	School Council Meeting @ 6:30p.m. ON MS TEAMS
December 23 rd	Last school day before Winter Break
January 10 th	First day of school after Winter Break