

March 28th, 2019

AK WIGG PUBLIC SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT DATES:

- April 2, DSBN Raise the Flag Day supporting World Autism Awareness Day—Wear blue—Coin drive
- April 3—Gr 7's Toronto Trip
- April 3 Family STEAM Night @ AK Wigg from 5:30—7:30 pm
- April 15-26th Young at Art Show @ DSBN Board Office
- April 15 Niagara Symphony Orchestra Trio @ AK Wigg for Gr 4-8 @ 1:50 pm
- April 23 School Council Meeting in Learning Commons @ 6:00 pm
- Forest of Reading Student Conference April 26
- April 26 Blue Spruce Family Evening
- AK Wigg Track and Field May 7, Rain Date May 8
- Group Track May 13 @ Centennial

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents / Guardians,
April is finally here and we hope that warmer weather will soon be upon us! We continue to work hard with our emphasis on mathematics by working with students to communicate their mathematical thinking in a variety of ways. The more comfortable and confident our students are, the more successful they will be.

We have a lot of events taking place over the next couple of months. Mark your calendars so you don't miss out! We are gearing up for our Family STEAM Night (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics) on April 3rd from 5:30—7:30. This is a popular event, so make sure to get your registration forms in by April 1st!

Mr. Arseneau and his team have been super busy preparing for our upcoming spring musical, Willy Wonka Junior, with two shows running each day at Welland Centennial Secondary School on May 2 & 3. Be sure to get your ticket orders in!

If you have any questions or need to speak with your child's teacher, or myself concerning your child, please contact the school office and we will be happy to arrange a time to either speak with you on the phone or to meet with you in person.

Thank you so much for your continued support in our academics, our athletics, and the arts. We have so much to be proud of at AK Wigg!

Sincerely,
Ms. M. Zwolak

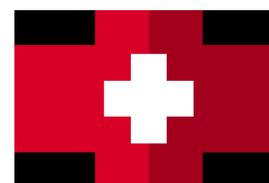


If you have a child with a Prevalent Medical Condition (Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes, and/or Epilepsy etc.) we want to make sure we have a current Plan of Care to support your child.

If there have been changes to your child's condition, or a new condition diagnosed, please ensure that the school is kept informed.

You can download the Prevalent Medical Condition forms here dsbn.org/prevalent-medical-conditions.

For more information, please contact the school.





On Friday March 22nd our **Chess Team** travelled to Richmond Street School with Mr. Kurland to compete in the Regional Chess Tournament. Our entire team showed great sportsmanship and represented our school in a very respectful manner. The team should be commended for their efforts. We have 10 students from our school moving forward to compete in the DSNB tournament on April 9th. Great job, Wildcats!

The following students competed on Friday, March 22nd:

Grade 1 - Truman Moncrieff, Adelaide Whyte

Grade 2 - Ryder Sojda, Charlie McLean

Grade 3 - Caleb Poirier, Kendall Snopek, Taylor Wilton

Grade 4- Jack Furtney, Alex Nykolaychuk, Eli Shoemaker

Grade 5- Bowden Kennedy, Sophie Diab, Oliver Kuebeck

Grade 6 - Owen Kuebeck, Max Pasma

Grade 7 - Merek Triano and Josh Wilton.



Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics

Night

This event has been supported by our School Council through the Ministry of Education Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant

Discover the fun of STEAM

with hands on activities for the whole family!

Date: April 3, 2019 Time: 5:30—7:30 pm



All participants will attend a session with Special Guest Presenters Mr. Kyle Kitchen, DSNB IT Curriculum Consultant who specializes in Coding & Makerspaces and Mr. Lee Martin, 2018 recipient of the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in STEAM Education. In addition, participants will select two additional experiences that will be facilitated by a team of AK Wigg teachers and our Instructional Coach.

- * K-1 Exploring Math in the Early Years (Games, Puzzles, Loose Parts, Robots)
- * K-6 Exploring Math Concepts through Games, Puzzles & Manipulative Materials
- * Grades 4-6 Pixel Art Creations
- * Grades 3-6 Green Movie Screen Creations
- * K-6 Open STEM Challenges in our Learning Commons



Light Snacks provided

Please register for our Family STEAM Night event by Monday, April 1st!

TELL ME AND I FORGET.

TEACH ME AND I REMEMBER.

INVOLVE ME AND I LEARN.

- BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Let's do the Math...

Why is good attendance and punctuality important?

Education lays the vital foundations of a child's life. Regular and punctual attendance at school is key to both academic and social development, which in turn will improve the life chances of children and young people.

What does 90% attendance mean?

- **90% attendance** = ½ school day missed every week!
- **One school year at 90% attendance** = 4 weeks of learning missed!
- **Over 5 school years of school** = ½ school year missed!



Education Quality and Accountability Office



Provincial EQAO Assessments are scheduled for **Grades 3 and 6** students during the month of May. Students will be completing the assessment over the course of 2 weeks from **May 21 to June 3**. More information will be sent home soon. Please do your very best not to schedule any appointments for students during this assessment as it is difficult to make up missed time. We would appreciate if you could have your child well rested, fed and on time to school. Thank you! We know that this, in conjunction with all the work he/she has done with his/her teacher, will help your child be successful!



Now that warmer weather is hopefully on the way, we remind our students and parents of our dress code. Students should come to school in clothes appropriate for a school environment. Halter tops, tops with spaghetti straps, tops that reveal the midriff, short-shorts, and other revealing summer apparel are not appropriate at school (regardless of the age of your child).

CLASS of 2019 GRADE 8 GRADUATION

Mark this date on your calendar! Our Grade 8 graduation ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25th at 6:00 p.m. It will be held in the Gymnasium at E.L. Crossley Secondary School.

The Grade 8 Graduation Parent Committee has held their preliminary meeting and is beginning to plan this special event. We're looking forward to sharing this milestone in your child's life.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2019 FOREST OF READING NOMINEES!

For the full nominated lists, visit accessola.com/forest



The Forest of Reading is a program within DSNB schools that allow students to participate in an engaging reading program that fosters and promotes a love for reading! The Forest is separated into 3 categories; Blue Spruce for children in K-2, Silver Birch for children Gr. 3-6, and Red Maple for children Gr. 7-8.

On April 26th, Students in the Silver Birch and Red Maple groups who have been participating in the club will be welcomed to attend the Conference at the Scotia Bank Center. This Conference will include a variety of Author speakers along with workshops for the students to attend based on the books that they have been reading. It is sure to be an exciting event that will leave our readers feeling inspired!

On the evening of April 26th, there will be a Blue Spruce evening that invites families of children from ages 0 to 7 to attend the first ever event of its kind. This free event will include musical performances and author readings that will bring the Blue Spruce books to life. During the primary library program, we have been reading the Blue Spruce books and participating activities that support the books. This is an event that our Kindergarten and Primary students will love and connect with!

To register for the event visit the link provided on the flyer. Please note that tickets are limited and you are encouraged to register for the event sooner than later!



Willy Wonka Junior

Please note, this play is produced with the permission of Musical Theatre International Shows

All K Wigg students will get to enjoy the spring musical as members of the audience during the Dress Rehearsal on Thursday, May 2. Many thanks to our School Council who has covered the cost of busses to from Centennial High School where the performances will take place.

Participation in Arts activities helps students develop their ability to listen & observe, & enables them to become more self-aware & self-confident. It encourages them to take risks, to solve problems in creative ways, and to draw on their resourcefulness to build on new ideas. It encourages them to develop a personal voice. Fostering a love of the arts in students, even if they do not intend to be professional artists, will enrich their future experience as audience members... study of the arts expands the ways in which students can express their ideas, feelings, beliefs, and values, as well as their understanding of those of others.

(Ontario Arts Curriculum, 2009)



Save the Date!

**Blue Spruce
Free Family Literacy Celebration!**

Canadian Blue Spruce™ books will be brought to life
with the magic of music!

Scotiabank Convention Centre
6815 Stanley Ave, Niagara Falls
Date: Friday April 26, 2019
Time 5:30 - 7:30
Musical Performance and Author readings
6:30 - 7:30
Recommended for Children
ages 0 - 7
Please register for this free event below!
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/blue-spruce-family-festival-tickets-54710350130>

Welcome Authors
Deborah Kerbel
and
Pierre Collet-Derby



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| Free Books | Book Sales | Author Book signing |
| Free Snacks | Custom Face Painting | Professional Photo Booth |
| Interactive Play Areas | Early Literacy Information | |



TOP 10 TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD WITH MATH

1. Connect math to daily life-Let them know the importance of math! Talk about how you use math in your day-to-day life (at the store, in your job, around your house).
2. Counting can be fun and entertaining-Show them math can be fun! Sing songs (One, Two, Buckle My Shoe) and play games (card games, hopscotch, board games, dominoes, chess).
3. Start Easy and Work Up! - For example, after they've got counting by 1's, talk about skip counting and count by 2's, then 5's and 10's. Don't jump ahead too fast.
4. Use household items for practice-Practice adding and subtracting with objects from the house like spoons or pots and pans.
5. Tap into your child's curiosity-Go on a number hunt in your house.
6. Talk about time - Talk about seconds, minutes and hours, then count days and weeks. Ask them questions: How long until bedtime? How many "sleeps" until the weekend?
7. Practice mental math using coins-Count money or have them show you how much an item costs and practice making change for when they're at the store.
8. Play the estimating game-Estimate measurements, distances, time and grocery bills and then compare to the actual.
9. Sports and Math-There is a lot of math in sports, such as batting averages, points per game and save percentages (discuss these as you watch the games or read the newspaper.
10. Computers + Math = Fun (there are lots of great computer games available to explore.)



Thanks for supporting our school Fundraisers! Our school logo is now printed on our Gym Wall Pads and looks great!



Your AK Wigg School Council will be holding its annual Fun Fair

Save the date..... Thursday, June 6th

Hundreds of children, parents, guardians and community members will enjoy a wonderful variety of games, raffles, entertainment and much, much more!

This is an event everyone looks forward to each year, and without the support of our amazing team of volunteers and community it would not be possible.

Watch for more information coming home soon! We will be asking for your help with donations for the penny sale and the prize table.

Start collecting McDonald's or Dollar Store type toys and prizes that can be used at the games as well as items for the penny sale.

Thanks again for your continued support!

The advertisement is for the 'Prom Project Niagara' event. It features a background image of four young people in formal attire. The text includes:

- PROM PROJECT NIAGARA** (with a crown icon above 'PROM')
- Sat. April 6, 2019**
- 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**
- Locations:**
 - DSBN Academy** (130 Louth St., St. Catharines)
 - Beamsville District SS** (4317 Central Ave., Beamsville)
 - Fort Erie Race Track** (230 Catharine St., Fort Erie)
- DANNEL TRANSPORTATION** (with a 'D' logo) - Bus Pick-Ups -
 - Niagara Falls - Stamford SS
 - Westlane SS
 - Welland - Centennial SS
 - Eastdale SS
- PenFinancial Credit Union** (Presenting Sponsor)
- education foundation of niagara** (with a logo)
- A one day fun free formal wear extravaganza for EVERYONE!**
- promprojectniagara** (with an Instagram icon)