

March 1, 2019

**IMPORTANT
DATES to
REMEMBER:**

- March 4 Intermediate Girls Basketball Championship game @ Eastdale
- March 6th—Grade 8 Grad Parent meeting @ 6:00 pm in the Learning Commons
- **MARCH BREAK - March 11-15, 2019**
- March 25th Kindergarten (Year 2) and Grade 8 Graduation Photos
- March 26th School Council Meeting at 6:00 in the Library Learning Commons—all welcome
- March 27th Walk to School Day
- March 29th Crazy Hair Day
- April 2 Raise the Flag Day to support World Autism Day—coin drive
- April 3 Family STEAM Night @ AK Wigg from 5:30-7:30—Door Prizes!
- Grade 8 Graduation will be held on June 25th from 6:00 pm at EL Crossley

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NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

March is shaping up to be a busy month here at AK Wigg Public School! The March Break is nearly here and our students have been hard at work so far in Term 2.

This term our Grade 3 and Grade 6 students have taken part in mid-year EQAO preparation tests in Language and Mathematics. Students have answered questions that are similar to what they will be seeing in May/June when they write the actual EQAO tests. These assessments have informed their teachers about areas they need to focus in on. They also provide teachers and students with further information to inform instruction and support students through teaching to specific areas of need.

Rehearsals for our school's spring musical, Willy Wonka Jr. are well under way! Sets are being constructed and costumes are being planned. We hope to see everyone out at one of the performances on May 2 or May 3 at Welland Centennial. Ticket information will be sent home to families as we get closer to the event!

Our School Council received a grant of \$1000.00 to host a Family STEAM Night (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math). School Council and a committee of teachers are planning an amazing evening for families on April 3 from 5:30—7:30. Together, you and your children will have the opportunity to engage in STEAM experiences and you will learn more about how to support your child's learning in these areas at home! Save the date!

It is the sincere hope of myself and the staff that you and your family have a safe and fun March Break! Enjoy the break from routine and get some well deserved rest!

Sincerely,
Ms. M. Zwolak

CELEBRATING GREAT CHARACTER

Demonstrating good character is something that we speak about often at our school. Approximately every six weeks, we gather together as a school community in an Assembly. The assembly is facilitated by our Grade 8 students. Leading up to the assembly, our staff select individuals who will receive recognition awards for demonstrating good character. Ms. Zwolak presents the nominees with a certificate outlining the reason for the recognition. It is a wonderful way to celebrate the excellent character that our students demonstrate each and every day.

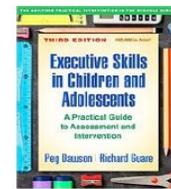
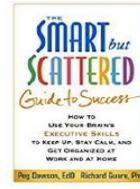
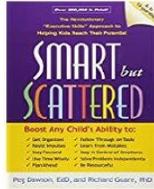
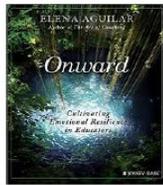
PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALISTS

Mr. Triano, Mr. Eliopoulos' and Mr. Hildebrandt's classes were involved in writing speeches as part of their Language program. Students presented their speeches in front of their home room classes. Some students from the classes were selected to move on to present in front of a wider audience of their peers. Congratulations the following participants: Brielle C, Chiara D, Olivia C, Kathleen L, Ava V, Emma Q and Liam G. Congratulations to the winners Andreas M and Beau C. Andreas represented our school at the Lion's Club and both Andreas and Beau presented at the Legion. Congrats to Connor A and Emma Q for also participating independently in the Legion's Effective Speaking competition.

3 Strategies for Parents to Build Children's Executive Function Skills

3 Strategies for Parents to Build Children's Executive Function Skills by Alexa Nappa, Jul 18, 2016.

Visit <https://www.beyondbooksmart.com/executive-functioning-strategies-blog/3-strategies-for-parents-to-build-your-childs-executive-function-skills> In this article, Alexa Nappa states that executive function isn't what we get done, but rather how we get it done. If the history project can be considered the content produced, then executive function skills help with the process of moving through the project to its completion. How you go about juggling your many roles and managing your ever-growing list of responsibilities has much in common with how children manage their schoolwork. The difference is that children continue to develop executive function skills well into their 20's, meaning they still have a lot of growing left to do. The author offers three strategies to start implementing right away.



A.K. Wigg's Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony
Tuesday, June 25th, 2019
Starting at 6:00 p.m.
E.L. Crossley Secondary School



Math Games to Support Learning

Using games to support your child at home to reinforce math concepts they are learning in class can be fun for the whole family! Games provide children with opportunities to explore mathematical concepts such as number concepts, patterns and relationships. It also allows them to use models and strategies they are familiar with (e.g., arrays, ten frames, skip counting). Some math games are commercially available but most can be played with common household objects. In fact, most games that are not considered "math" games have many math concepts already in them. Try highlighting some of those concepts as you are playing.

Some games that are suitable for children in Kindergarten to Grade 3 are: card games such as War, I Spy, Over Under & In Between; Checkers; Snakes & Ladders; and Tenzi.

Some games that are suitable for children in Grades 4-6 are: Blokus; Rummy-O; Quirkle; and Battleship.

Some games that are suitable for children in Grades 7-10 are: Abalone; Prime Climb; and Set.

Intermediate Girls Basketball 2019 Season



This year's Intermediate Girls Basketball Team was hard working and determined, to say the least; composed of a mismatched group of girls, who ranged in levels of previous basketball knowledge and skill level. Needless to say, it only took a few practices to figure out how to work as a team, and they sure had no shortage of practices. With a practice every morning before school, these girls had many chances to improve each other and themselves. It surely paid off. During the regular season the girls played amazingly, winning all five of their games. Then later on, playing in the one day tournament against schools from across the DSBN, continued their winning streak against five more schools. Leaving them undefeated, and set to play in the finals against Grapeview Public school on Monday March 4!



You're the Chef is a program to help you learn important cooking skills.

At You're the Chef, you will learn how to make healthy and tasty recipes with vegetables and fruits.

You will get to sample these recipes you prepared with your friends.

You're the Chef will teach you how to:

- Use kitchen equipment
- Follow recipes
- Safely prepare food
- Include more veggies and fruit into meals and snacks



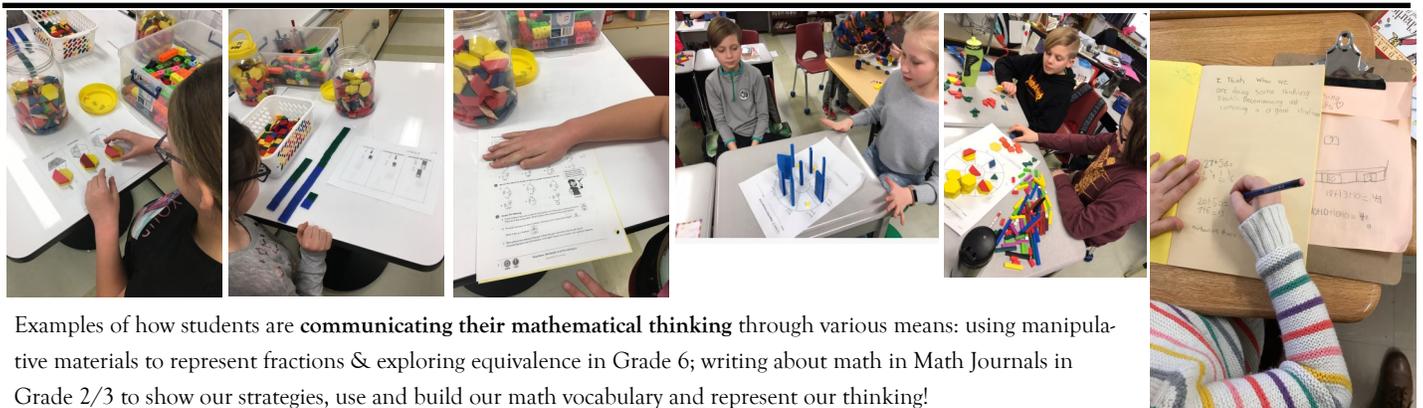
You're the Chef information:

Location: AK Wigg Public School

Day of the week: Wednesday's, March 20-May 22 Time: 3:30-4:45

Number of Sessions: 10 (\$20.00 per person) Room: Staff Room/Kitchen

Students in Grades 6, 7 and 8 have the opportunity to participate in the "You're the Chef" program again this year! Thanks to one of our dedicated School Council members, Mrs. Louise Daurio, for attending the training with Niagara Region Public Heather and for volunteering her time to facilitate this program at AK Wigg this year. Registration forms and payment are due on March 7th for students who would like to register. The cost is just \$20.00 for 10 sessions.



Examples of how students are communicating their mathematical thinking through various means: using manipulative materials to represent fractions & exploring equivalence in Grade 6; writing about math in Math Journals in Grade 2/3 to show our strategies, use and build our math vocabulary and represent our thinking!

Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Niagara is now accepting applications for children to be matched in our Community Based program!!! Would your child benefit from a mentoring relationship?

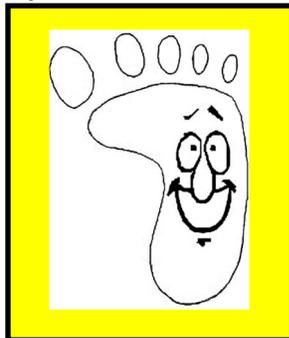
The Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring program provides girls and boys with a role model to talk to and share the experiences of growing up with. Through regular outings, a relationship is developed between the mentor and your child, which is built on trust and common interests, and is supported by our experienced case-workers. The result is a life-changing experience for both the mentor and the mentee.

Please contact Melissa Lodba at melissa.lodba@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca or at 905-735-0570 x225 for more information and to enroll your child.



Big Brothers Big Sisters
of South Niagara

On March 27th, “Freddy the Foot” will be hiding throughout our school community on the way to and from school. Students can find Freddy anywhere – on poles, fences, sidewalks and even on people! Students who walk, bike, take the bus or park and walk a block will see Freddy. Students are encouraged to keep count of how many Freddy images they find on the way to school. On the way HOME from school, we ask students to collect all the Freddy images they can find and bring him home for recycling.



I’m “Freddy the Foot”.
Look for me as you walk to school! Count how many images of me you find.

Parents of Students in Grades 3 and 6

Save the Dates!



The EQAO Primary and Junior Assessment will take place between May 21 and June 3. Please refrain from booking appointments and/or vacations during this time period. Thanks in advance for your continued support.

WINTER WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

On Thursday, February 21st, AK Wigg participated in the national Winter Walk to School event day! Upon arrival, students who walked to school gathered in the gym to enjoy a *hot chocolate social*! It was wonderful to see so many of our students involved in this event, and we were thrilled to welcome some of their families as well! What a wonderful way to start the day!

Thanks go out to our student Walk/Ride to School Committee members: Ella, Rachel, Sydney and Sebastian. Thanks also to Mrs. Nicholas, Mrs. Bedard, Miss Winter, Mrs. Abraham, Mrs. Robins and our Public Health Nurse, Mrs. Germano, for their help!



“Pink Shirt Day”

On February 27th, **Pink Shirt Day**, we celebrated our pride in being an inclusive and equitable school. In our Assembly on February 22nd, we spoke about the differences between behavior that is rude vs behavior that is mean vs bullying. We also focused on the value of being kind to others. With their home room peers, our students engaged in lessons that focused on understanding bullying. The effects of bullying go beyond the school yard. For you as a parent, here's what to watch for, what you can do, and where you can go to get help. <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/bullying.html>



Immunizations

Immunization begins in early infancy and continues throughout life. Your child will receive the majority of his or her immunizations between the ages of two months and six years of age.



Please take a moment to check your child's Immunization Record (yellow card) to be sure his or her immunizations are up-to-date. Immunizations work best when given on time.

For more information on childhood immunization, including the immunization schedule, speak with your doctor or visit www.health.gov.on.ca.

If you have further questions, please call the Vaccine Preventable Disease Program at Niagara Region Public Health at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425 to speak to a public health nurse.

Niagara Region Child Care Registry

One application. One list.



January 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) is currently in the process of determining the viability of before and after school child care programs at all schools.

If you currently use or plan to use before and after school child care, it is important that you register or update your child care needs on the Niagara Region Child Care Registry, OneHSN portal at <https://niagara.onehsn.com>.

Once you've logged in, please choose the specific school site from the drop-down menu (e.g., **DSBN – School Name**) within the registry portal.

You must register or update your child care needs each year. This must be completed no later than **March 8th, 2019**.

Please be advised that child care will only be established in schools where there is sufficient, demonstrated need for a viable child care program. If the data provided by the applicant does not show sufficient numbers, these schools will not have child care.

The registry is available in both English and French. Attached are a set of detailed instructions.

If you have any questions or require support regarding the Niagara Child Care Registry, OneHSN, please contact Jackie Galloway at the Niagara Region at 905-980-6000 Ext. 3817. If you require support from the school board, contact Geraldine.Davies@dsbn.org.

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INSTRUCTION TO REGISTER ON THE NIAGARA REGION CHILD CARE REGISTRY:

WEBSITE: <https://niagara.onehsn.com>

Choose Login or Create an Account. You will require an email account to register. A link will be sent to your email.

1. ACCOUNT INFORMATION

Go to your email and click on the link. You will be asked to create a passphrase.

It will let you know if the phrase is good when it turns green. If it does not change to green, your password will not be accepted. It should be 8 characters and include capitals, symbols and numbers.

Click "Set Passphrase".

Once you have created the passphrase, you will be automatically logged in.

Input all of your parent information.

Click "Next Step" after each section.

If you are not employed by an agency you can simply click "Next Step" to continue.

Once you have confirmed the information is correct, click "Save" OR "Save and Add Child".

2. CHILD INFORMATION

Input your child's information.

Type DSBN—school name in School Section, a drop down list will appear.

If you are not being referred by an agency, click "Next Step".

3. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance has 3 choices. Pick one then click "Next Step".

Confirm everything is correct.

Click "Save & Continue" and "Apply to Programs".

4. PROGRAMS

The preferred start date for the year must be September 3, 2019, which is the first day of school for 2019; Complete the entire screen and click "Next Step".

In order to check more than one box, check "Select All" then uncheck the boxes you do not require.

You can leave Preferred Provider type with everything checked off or ensure that both "school" and "centre-based" are both checked off.

A list of schools/centres will now come up. Your school will start with "DSBN—school name"

Click on "Show Programs", then click "Apply" for the programs you would like to put your child on.

If you have selected multiple sites, you will be asked to prioritize your selection of 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice for centres. You will not be able to continue until you prioritize.

Review the application.

If everything looks correct, you can click "Save and Return to Home Screen". You can add additional children at this point.

If you require technical support, please contact RBB Support line at 1-888-722-1540 Or Email: support@onehsn.com

For all other questions, please contact: Jackie Galloway, Supervisor, Program & Contract Support 905-980-6000, Ext. 3817

Or jackie.galloway@niagararegion.ca