

**October 1,  
2018**

## AK WIGG PUBLIC SCHOOL

1337 Haist Street, Fonthill, Ontario

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Oct 3rd Cross Country
- Oct 4th Kindergarten  
Trip to Bry-Anne Farms
- Oct 6th PD Day
- Oct 9th Thanksgiving  
Monday
- Oct 16th (pm) Cross  
Country Finals
- Oct 24th QSP  
Magazine Fund Raiser  
kick off assembly
- Oct 24th—Purple Shirt  
Day in support of Child  
Abuse  
Prevention
- Oct 23rd School  
Council Meeting at  
6 pm
- Nov 7th Parent  
Involvement Committee  
(PIC) Conference
- Nov 8th Photo  
Retake Day
- EL Crossley Grade 8  
Open House  
November 27th @ 6:30

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M. Zwolak - Principal

# October NEWSLETTER

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank you for a great start to the school year! It was wonderful to see so many families out at our Back to School Open House and Barbecue last month.

We will be running the QSP Magazine fund raiser this month to support the purchase of additional Chromebooks for a portable lab. Thank you for your continued support!

The month of October will provide us with many new challenges and the opportunity to expand our learning. Please remember that student success is a team effort driven by open communication and a committed effort by all. Have a wonderful long weekend and an even better Thanksgiving with your loved ones.

Sincerely,  
Ms. M. Zwolak

### DreamBox

We are pleased to announce that all students at AK Wigg have access to DreamBox. DreamBox uses an adaptive engine to determine learning pathways for each student in mathematics. The DSBN recommends that each student complete an average of 5 to 7 lessons per week. DreamBox helps with computational fluency, reasoning, and problem solving in math. DreamBox helps students continue to develop strategies to aid them with using mental math and the program is aligned with the Ontario Curriculum.

### HALLOWEEN EVENTS



Students are invited to dress up for our Halloween events! Please remember... no weapons.

After lunch on October

31st, our Kindergarten friends will parade at the front of our school property around the driveway loop. Students in Grades 1 to 6 will go on a parade around our neighbourhood (the Strathcona loop).

After the parade, students will go back to home room classes for class parties.

In the case of rain, the students will parade through the school. Students in Grades 7 and Grade 8 will participate in a school dance.

### When should I keep my child home?

Please keep your child at home if he or she has any of these symptoms: Fever. Diarrhea, Vomiting, Rash, Frequent, Coughing or Sneezing. Yellow or green discharge from the nose, ears, or eyes...Contact your family doctor for a diagnosis. Your doctor will advise you about care and treatment if a communicable disease is diagnosed. For more information, please contact the Infectious Disease Program at 905-688- 8248 ext. 7330 or 1-888-505-6074 or [www.niagararegion.ca](http://www.niagararegion.ca)

Check out our Website at: <http://akwigg.dsb.org/>

## ORANGE SHIRT DAY ~ EVERY CHILD MATTERS

**Monday, October 1st**

DSBN will join with others across Canada in celebrating Orange Shirt Day – Every Child Matters to recognize the effect of Indian Residential Schools and as an affirmation of our commitment to ensuring that every child matters. Orange Shirt Day has been marked in schools across Canada in a variety of ways, including Orange Ribbon campaigns, commemorative walks, and wearing orange shirts. DSBN recognized Orange Shirt Day on October 1, 2018 and our students were encouraged to wear something orange to school on this day.

Orange Shirt Day began with a commemoration event held at St. Joseph Mission in Williams Lake, British Columbia, where years before, Phyllis Webstad had her new orange shirt taken away on her first day of residential school. She never saw the shirt again and the colour represented her loss of language and cultural identity. The end of September is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to attend residential schools and September 30 is the official Orange Shirt Day. Phyllis's story has become part of a national recognition event and wearing orange has become a symbol of the many losses experienced by thousands of

### DSBN Parent Involvement Conference

Join us for an evening of learning  
& FREE Workshops!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2017

4:00 - 8:15 PM at Eden High School

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



Complimentary dinner & childcare available by pre-registration



## Grade 8 Students & 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 attend an open house.

### Grade 8 Open House Dates & Times 2018

AN Myer	November 29	6:30 pm
Beamsville	November 28	6:00 pm
EL Crossley	November 27	6:30 pm
Eastdale	November 29	6:00 pm
Eden	November 29	6:30 pm
Greater Fort Erie	November 27	6:00 pm
Governor Simcoe	November 26	6:00 pm
Grimsby	November 27	6:00 pm
Laura Secord	November 28	6:00 pm
Port Colborne	November 27	6:00 pm
Sir Winston Churchill	November 26	6:00 pm
St Cath Collegiate	November 27	6:00 pm
Stamford	November 27	6:00 pm

## YOUR SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR 2018-19

Our first School Advisory Council meeting was held on September 26th, 2017 and we were pleased to welcome some returning members of Council and to welcome new parents as well.

Please note the

following individuals and their role on SAC this year:

Chair- Allison Nykolaychuk

Secretary-

Treasurer- Jen Mayes

Hot Lunch-

Fun Fair – Sarah Bishop

Santa Brunch – Allison Nykolaychuk

Fundscrip – Kim Reid

Wonderful Weekly Wigg Wire - Laura Trinder

**Next Meeting is October 23, 6:00 in Library.**

## TERRY FOX SCHOOL RUN

Thank you to Mrs. Stefaniuk for organizing our wonderful school-wide Terry Fox Run! All classes participated and students and staff ran & walked laps of the school to celebrate Terry's accomplishments. This was a wonderful event and time was taken by teachers to share with students the importance of Terry's dream and desire to find a cure! Thank you to everyone who helped by donating to this very worthy cause!!!



## CO-ED SOCCER TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Our Boys and Girls Co-Ed team Played a terrific tournament on Friday, September 29th at Young's Sports Complex. We started out by playing a skilled Gordon school team wearing down their tight defense winning the game 2 to 0. Our next game was against the strong team of Princess Elizabeth, the boys and girls played a well skilled game of passing to win by the score of 3 to 0. Our next game our team played in the semi-finals of the most populated schools division ( Tier 1). A.K. Wigg played an amazing game in the strong rain to defeat Richmond Street school 3 to 0. This brought us to the final Championship Match against Glynn A. Green School, our boys and girls heavily dominated the game with many scoring chances, but we just could not score a goal. The game ended 0 to 0. Having to be decided in penalty kicks. The two teams went back and forth scoring not scoring , it sadly ended with Glynn A. Green ending it after the 15th kicker decided it. What a game and what a fun tournament we had. Well done Wildcats! You showed great spirit as well as awesome sportsmanship.



The members of our terrific team are: Tyler A., Ava Y., James C., Claire A., Ethan Thomas, Katrina P, Josh W., Sarah H., Graham L., Reagan H., Owen K., Abby H., Max P., Chiara D., Oliver K., Leah W., Oliver K. Leah W., Adam M., Merek T., Bryden B., Olivia J., and Katie A. Goal Keepers: Maverick H. & Jake I.

Mr. Kurland would like to thank all the parent drivers and supports in the tournament and also Mrs. Iananizzi and Ms. Hotham in their help in the practices.

## A.K. Wigg EQAO Results

The 2017/2018 EQAO tests results for grade 3 and grade 6 students have been released by the Ministry of Education. The assessment of the Reading, Writing, and Mathematics at the Grade 3 and Grade 6 level focus on the Ontario Curriculum expectations. These assessments provide both individual and system data on students' achievement. This data assists staff in establishing a School Improvement Plan with a narrowed focus to ensure student success. The results indicated the percentage of students achieving at or above the Provincial Standard.

Our Grade 3 results are as follows: Reading 88%, Writing 82%, and Mathematics 76%.

Our Grade 6 results are as follows: Reading 86%, Writing 88%, and Mathematics 74%.



## I Matter.

At the DSBN, we strive to show all students how they matter: as individuals, as learners and as community members. Our students learn about the ideals of good citizenship and how they can become active participants in building a stronger community, locally and globally. We invite you to discover more about I Matter from the website below.



DSBN Strategic Plan 2015-2020  
[dsbn.org/imatter](http://dsbn.org/imatter) #IMatterAtDSBN

## Flu season is here!

Washing your hands prevents the spread of germs and reduces your risk of getting sick. Wash your hands after:

- coughing or sneezing
- blowing your nose
- using the washroom
- playing with pets
- playing outdoors
- and before preparing meals and eating



Use warm water and soap, lather and scrub for at least 15 seconds. Have children sing the ABC song, so they scrub for long enough. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers are safe for children and can be used when you don't see any dirt. For more information, talk to our school nurse.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY

A professional activity day is scheduled for Friday, October 6th which begins Thanksgiving weekend. Students will not attend school on Friday and there will be no school on Thanksgiving Monday either. Students will return to school on Tuesday, October 10th. Staff will be working hard on School Improvement Planning, specifically focusing on Math instruction during the Professional Activity Day. We wish everyone an excellent long weekend!



### Point to Ponder...



“If you stumble, make it part of the dance. It’s okay to make mistakes.”

