DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA

The Husky Howler

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Upcoming Dates to Know

- April 3—3/4 & 4/5 to St. John's Adventure Campus
- April 9—DSBN Chess Tournament at Harriet Tubman
- April 9—5 & 6 class to St. John's Adventure Campus
- April 19-22—Easter Long Weekend. Back to school April 23.
- April 24—Badminton Tournament at WCSS
- April 25—4,5,6s to Greg Larock Concert at WCSS
- April 26—Tropical Day at WHPS..
- April 29—Mrs. Curran's Retirement Open House between 2-4 pm at WHPS
- April 30—Grade 7 vaccination # 2
- May 1-Track and Field at EL Crossley

By Mr. M. Leduc,

Hard to believe that we are already in April, although it seems like someone has forgotten to let Mother Nature in on this little tidbit of information! With warmer temperatures forecast for the next few weeks, we are looking forward to saying goodbye to the snow and officially welcoming the spring-time weather! Students are reminded to make sure they check outside each morning and dress for the weather as the bright sunshine can be somewhat deceiving relative to the outside temperature!

Our Huskies continue to be extremely busy with a myriad of academic opportunities and extracurricular activities available to our students. I sincerely thank the staff at Wellington Heights for their commitment to making these events possible. Our Junior Basketball teams have kicked off their seasons, competing well and having a lot of fun and Intermediate Badminton tryouts have already begun. On the intramural front, ball hockey season is winding down for our junior and intermediate students, the Husky Howler's choir continues to get together to sing, our Lego Robotics club continues to build and code, and our students are enjoying the challenge of playing chess at nutrition breaks, and at the March tournament and they are preparing for the final April tournament.

Our first Family Math Night was a successful event. We had over 100 parent/student participates and almost all staff members on hand to participate in engaging activities and to learn about some of the strategies used at school, and about strategies that can be used at home to help consolidate math learning in a fun and engaging manner.

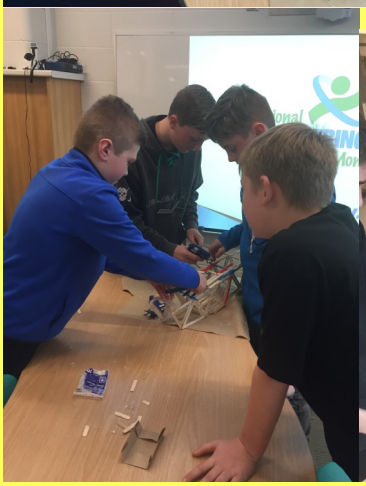
A big THANK YOU to our School Council for running our Chocolate Bar fundraiser. Mr. and Mrs. Topa once again volunteered much time overseeing this fundraiser which was very successful and will help support our students' participation in end-of-year excursions, and will also help with the cost of our new creative playground that we have been working toward acquiring. This process is at the stage where our requests for purchase has been put out for tender and we are awaiting designs from prospective companies that we will evaluate on route to our final decision.

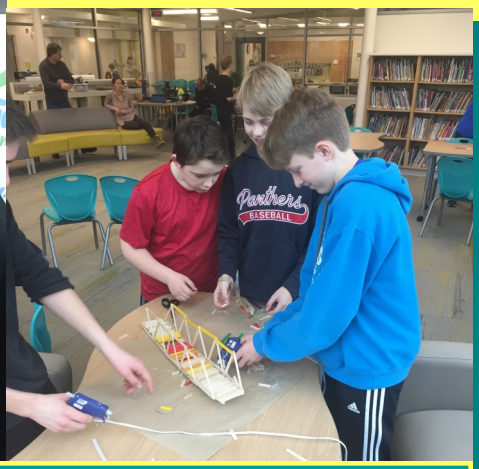
We are very pleased to see our students engaged in learning within the classroom, and taking advantage of all of the unique experiences being offered to them. We are committed to making sure your children have great opportunities and experiences at Wellington Heights!

Grad 8's with Mrs. Curran—grad photo day!

Our Aspiring Engineers Learn to Build a Bridge!

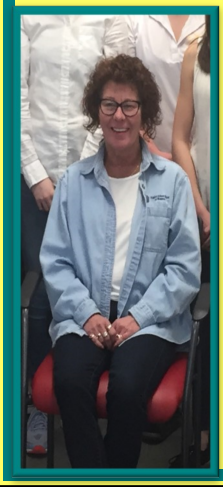
On Wednesday, March 21, Mrs. Tomascik and staff from the Niagara Region came in to work with our Grade 7 students in our Learning Commons and taught us a few things about engineering, particularly bridge building. They started off with a slideshow showing our students the different types of engineering. Then students learned about all of things that could go wrong when you are building not only a bridge, but many different structures. Our Huskies also learned about how to make sure that they build things properly, by using triangles and arches. Students had the opportunity to get into groups of 5, and build a bridge made of popsicle sticks and glue. With only about 100 popsicle sticks per group, they had to think critically about how to use them in the most efficient and effective way. Once our time was up, each group got to test their bridge to see how much weight it could hold using a new device which tested maximum load. This was an amazing experience, and our students were grateful that they had the opportunity to learn about the importance of engineering.





MRS. CURRAN IS RETIRING!

April 30th, 2019 Mrs. Curran is calling it a career. After 35 years working with the DSBN, Mrs. Curran will be enjoying her new found time with her husband, her family and her grandchildren, and we are sure she just may find some time for 'fun in the sun' down in some warmer climates. We are planning a number of celebrations for Mrs. Curran as her career winds down. On ***Friday, April 26***, ***staff and students*** will be celebrating her career at our afternoon assembly. On ***Monday, April 29th, former students, parents, and community members*** whom Elaine has come to know over the years are welcome to come and say goodbye at an Open House for Elaine here at WHPS from 2-4 pm in the Library/Learning Commons. We hope you can stop by to say 'goodbye'



We will miss you, Mrs. Curran!.

COCOA FOR CARING!

On March 29th, Mr. Venditti from Start Me Up Niagara was on hand to tell our students in grades 2-P, 5-B and 7-T about the program, who it benefits, how it works, and why it is important. Zach H and Tess P presented Mr. Venditti with a cheque for $540 which their classes raised through hot chocolate sales and art sales. It was a great way to help out those in Niagara who could use some help, and to learn about the amazing programs that exist in the Niagara Region to help others ! Proud of you all, Huskies!

Chess Club.

After March Break, students in grades 4-8 had the opportunity to play some chess. Some were beginners, others more experienced; but they all learned more about the game and had some fun. On Friday, March 22 a large group of students went with Mr. Teal to participate in the Regional Chess tournament at Richmond Street School. They participated hard, had lots of fun, and represented Wellington Heights very well. There were a number of students who finished in the top 10 placings within their age groups.

A big congratulations to Sydney P who moves on to the DSBN level of competition, and to Hunter L. who was the GOLD medal winner in the grade 7 age group and will also move on to the DSBN tournament. Great work, Huskies!

TRACK AND FIELD.

WHPS will be holding our Track and Field competition on **Wednesday, May 1** at EL Crossley SS. Students in grades 3-8 will be participating in this event and will be transported by bus to and from EL Crossley. We will send out more details and a schedule as we get closer to the date. Regional Track and Field day for those who advance is **Monday, May 13** at Welland Centennial SS and the DSBN meet is **Thursday, June 13,** also at Welland Centennial SS.

Basketball season has begun for the junior girls and boys teams. The teams are working hard and having fun. The Girls Husky Squad have started the season with three wins and no losses and our Boys are at one win and one loss. Both of our teams and are improving with every game and practice. Team members are:

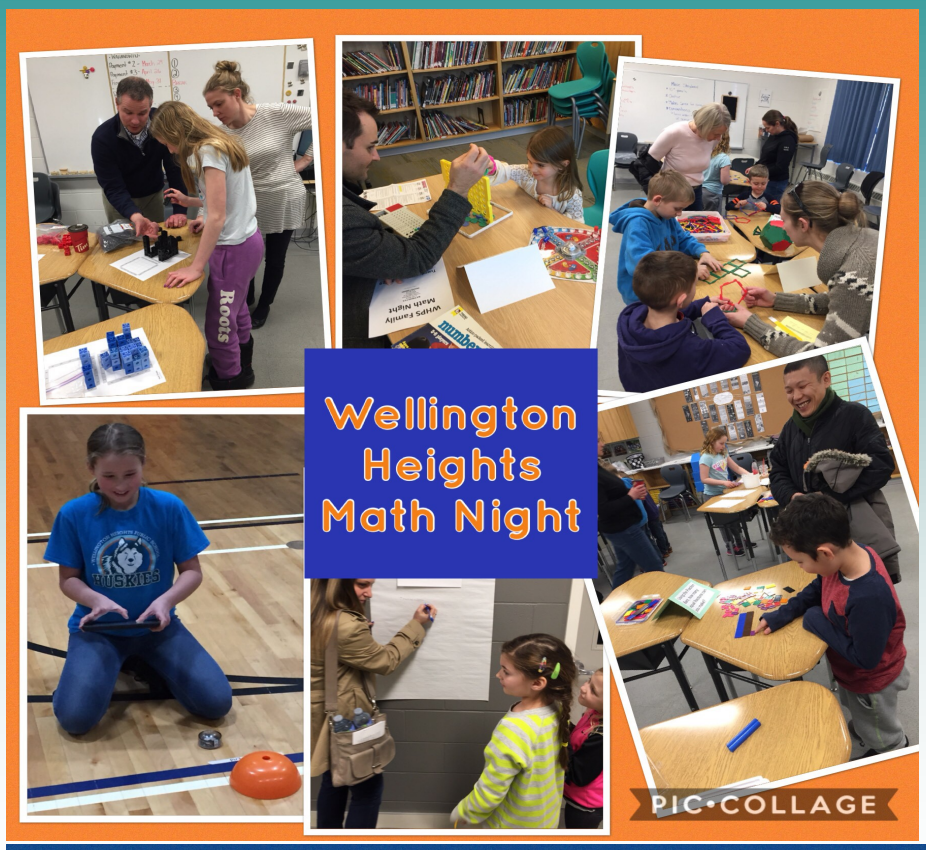
Girls: ***Claire P, Emma R, Lily R, Georgia H, Elle Z, Cherith Z, Nevaeh D, Nadia C, Alora Z, Avery D, Maygan B, Katie I.***

Boys:: ***Jack B, Ryan Z, Ethan C, Graeme M, Hunter K, Jayden T, Jackson S, Cameron D, Matt H, Devon B.***

Practice Squad: Caydan S, Max M, Clayton S.

Our coaches, Miss Haining, Mrs. Hunchak, Mr. Purdie, and Miss Church have been working hard with the teams building skills, strategies and sense of team.

The team continues with regular season games through mid-April, then they head into the playoff season. Good luck, work hard, and have FUN Huskies!!!

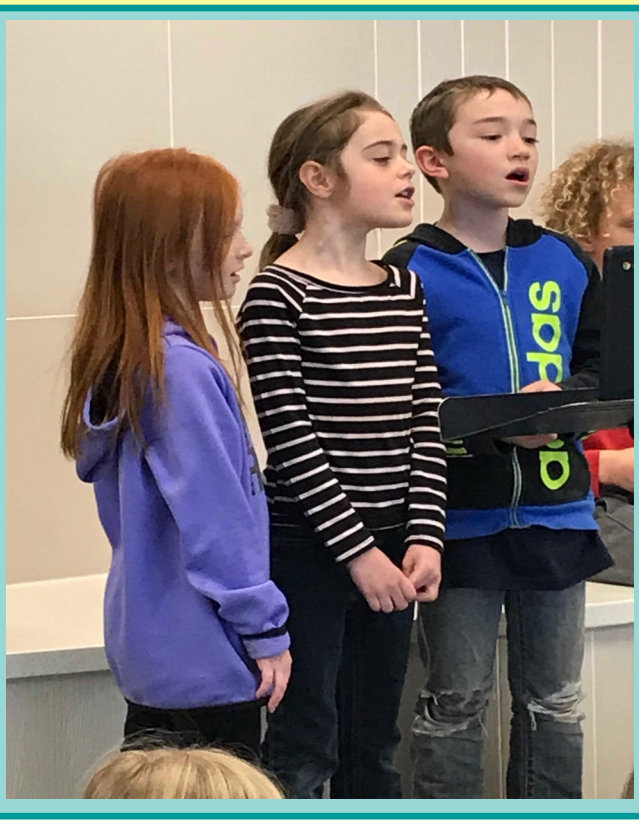


HUSKY FAMILY MATH NIGHT!

Wellington Heights hosted its first Family Math Night on March 26th. Over 100 family members rotated through four Math stations as well as a pizza station where they participated in various online Minds On activities such as Estimation 180, Which One Doesn't Belong?, Thinking Blocks and Solve Me Mobiles.

The purpose of the event was to provide engaging opportunities for students to participate in math learning opportunities with their parents with teacher acting as facilitators who modelled the strategies used in the classroom; and provided research-based rationale as to the benefits of these activities. Parents were also provided with valuable tips and activities that they could use at home to support math learning in a fun and engaging manner.

Teachers from Kindergarten to Grade 8 ran a variety of stations that provided opportunities for families to see how our students are learning with Math Games, Dreambox, Manipulatives and Technology/ Coding. All families received a package to bring home that contained dice, playing cards and several Math games. It was an informative, engaging and fun night for everyone involved and served as a great investment of time and commitment to serving the WHPS community! To all involved; thank you for your support and commitment to our students!



Another opportunity for our Huskies to shine while singing during our Musical Monday and Tuneful Tuesday events which take place during nutrition breaks. Love the enthusiasm!

Are you ready for Prom Project Niagara?

Exciting news from the Education Foundation of Niagara!

Saturday April 6th, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the Foundation will be hosting its 11th Prom Project Niagara event!

This one-day fun formal wear shopping extravaganza outfits students from head to toe for their prom, formal or graduation for FREE!

~ 2019 LOCATIONS ~

- DSBN Academy, 130 Louth St., St. Catharines
- Beamsville S.S., 4317 Central Ave, Beamsville
- Fort Erie Race Track *New Location* 230 Catharine St., Fort Erie

Inviting ALL students needing formal wear for their special day!

For more information please call 905-641-2929 ext. 37710, email efn@dsbn.org or visit www.efnniagara.ca.

*Note: for Welland and Niagara Falls schools:
Bus transportation is available to the St. Catharines site!
Contact the Foundation to book your spot on the bus!

PROM PROJECT NIAGARA

SCHOOL YEARBOOK

Looking for Yearbook Sponsors!

We are very excited to be having a school yearbook again this year!

We are looking for sponsors to help keep the cost of the yearbooks down for everyone. If you own a family business or know of any local businesses that would be interested in advertising in our yearbook, this is a great way to support our school community and advertise your business. Sponsorships will allow us to sell yearbooks at a lower cost to students. Advertising space will be sold for $50 per business card, please submit business cards to the office. Payments can be made through cash online, cheque or cash. ***Please make cheques payable to the school.***

Thank you for your support!

HmmmmWhat Might the Answers Be?????? HAVING FUN WITH MATH

1. **A notepad and pen together cost $1.10. The notepad costs $1 more than the pen. How much does the pen cost?**
2. **I am a three digit number. My tens digit is five more than my ones digit. My hundreds digit is eight less than my tens digit. What number am I?**
3. **A snail is at the bottom of a 20 metres deep pit trying to get out. Every day the snail climbs 5 metres upwards, but at night, it slides 4 metres back downwards. How many days does it take for the snail to get out of the pit?**

April Has arrived!

We realize that talking to teens about cannabis can be hard, but what you say does have an impact. Practice your approach and prepare for the cannabis talk by visiting www.drugfreekidscanada.org/practice-kids.

This website has many great features like:

- Facebook Live chat that allows you to test run your cannabis talk with a real teen
- Parent Tip Sheet

Cannabis Talk Kit (which you can download for free!)
Feel free to have a look to find out more ☺

Our new **Cannabis Teaching Tool** will be coming soon! These teaching tools will be available to schools and are designed to help teachers deliver health-related content in the classroom. They contain instructions, materials for engaging learning activities, and background information for teachers to use as to support them as they teach the PE & Health curriculum. Check us out on-line!

Niagara Region

Newsletter Quiz

1. **How much money was raised by WHPS for Start Me Up Niagara?**
2. **Who won GOLD at our Regional Chess Tournament?**
3. **What is the answer to the 3 Math riddles above ?**
4. **How long has Mrs. Curran been a DSBN employee ?**

*****Bring in your answers to the office on a piece of paper with your name and class on it for a chance to win a "valuable" prize :)**

CHOCOLATE BAR FUNDRAISER a BIG SUCCESS!

Thank you Huskies for participating in our chocolate bar fundraiser! Our numbers are in and with your support we have made a profit of $5500 from our sales which will help support students access end of year trips/excursions and support our new creative playspace. Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Topa for all of your help with this.

Thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Topa for organizing and coordinating this event!

School Cash On-Line will be open for ***May's hot lunch orders, pizza orders and milk orders,*** from Thursday, April 11th through to Thursday, April 18th at midnight..

A big thank you to all of our parent volunteers who help out with hot lunches every Friday; our students are very lucky and appreciative to have you!

School Cash On-Line is our preferred method of payment. If you're having difficulty signing up, they offer a great support line. You can reach them at 1-866-961-1803.

*****Hard copies of May's Hot Lunch…if needed…can be picked up at the office.***

COMING SOON……WHPS COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE!

Your **School Advisory Council together with the school** are planning a school community garage sale at Wellington Heights to raise some additional funds which will go to toward our creative playground; and to have some 'garage-sale-fun' as a community. The **tentative date is Saturday, May 25th.** We will be asking for family donations to sell at our garage sale. We are working on obtaining a storage bin so that families can send things in ahead of time. *Something old...something new...something borrowed*….all items are welcome….its a garage sale :) On the date of the sale, we will be looking for volunteers to help with set up/selling/BBQing, and clean up. We will also be looking at combining this garage sale event with ***electronic recycling*** on the same day at the same location. ***Stay tuned for more details.!***

Book Buds

1F, 5B

Tree Work at WHPS

Mother Nature and Father Time have worked together over the years. Over the next few weeks, you will notice some "tree work', involving pruning and possible removal of any trees that are deemed unsafe to ensure the safety of our students while they play outdoors.

GRADE 8 GRADUATION!

The time is quickly approaching where we will be saying goodbye to our grade 8s who will head off to High School in the fall. Grade 8 Graduation this year is on ***Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at Rice Road Community Church*** in Welland. Details to come as the date approaches.

APRIL 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1-D9	2-D10 Jr Boys & Girls Basketball	3-D1 3/4H & 4/5B Outdoor Adventure Campus ***PIZZA***	4-D2	5-D3 ***BEEF TACO***	6
7	8-D4	9-D5 DSBN CHESS TOURNAMENT 5B&6B Walker Living Campus	10-D6 *Gr.3/4-Maple Acres* ***PIZZA***	11-D7 S-C-O-L opens for May hot lunch, pizza &milk	12-D8 ***PIEROGIES***	13
14	15-D9	16-D10	17-D1 ***PIZZA***	18-D2 *Gr.2-Maple Acres* S-C-O-L closes for May hot lunch, pizza &milk	19 	20
21 	22 	23-D3	24-D4 ***PIZZA*** BADMINTON TOURNAMENT	25-D5 Gr. 4-6 Greg Larock Concert @WCSS	26-D6 Tropical Spirit Day ***CHICKEN QUESADILLA***	27
28	29-D7 Mrs. Curran's Retirement Open House 2:00 - 4:00 Learning Commons	30-D8 Gr.7 Hep B & HPV --- Jump Rope for Heart Kick-off Assembly Mrs. Curran's last day!	Wellington Heights Public School 905-892-6451			