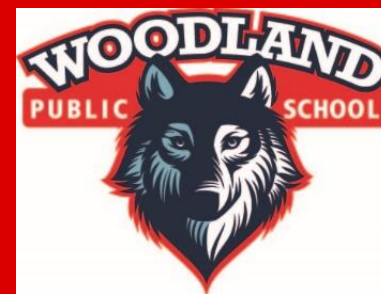


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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Every year with the beginning of June, I begin my personal and professional reflections on the school year - what went well, and what I have learned. I continue to be amazed at the resilience, perseverance and hard work of our students, families, and staff. The ongoing and continuing support that our Woodland community shares is second to none! Thank you to every member of our team - students, parents, staff, and community members!

As we enter the home stretch of the school year, many significant events will appear on your calendars, including track and field meets, graduation, and end-of-year field trips. It is important to keep a close eye on calendars as they get very busy at this time of year. Please remember to check out the Weekly Updates you receive each Sunday and the [calendar on the school website](#) for updates and events. We are looking forward to a lot of fun and learning during the next month of school.

PLANNING FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

In order to assist us with making the best decisions possible with respect to class organization and student placements for Woodland Public School for the 2024/2025 school year, we would appreciate if you would let the office know if your family is planning to move over the summer months. Also, if you know of a family moving into our Woodland community, please encourage them to register as soon as possible. Providing us with this information in the spring will also facilitate transportation arrangements for September. We thank you in advance for keeping us informed!

CLASS PLACEMENTS 2024-2025

The staffing process for a new school year always continues through the remainder of the school year and often requires "fine tuning" during the first weeks of September. The teachers assigned to each class and class organizations have not been finalized at this point. When we organize classes, a great deal of consideration goes into the placement of students for the next year. The staff takes into account the children's needs in order to provide an appropriate academic and social environment. Families will receive notification of their child's class placement by Friday, August 30, 2024.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

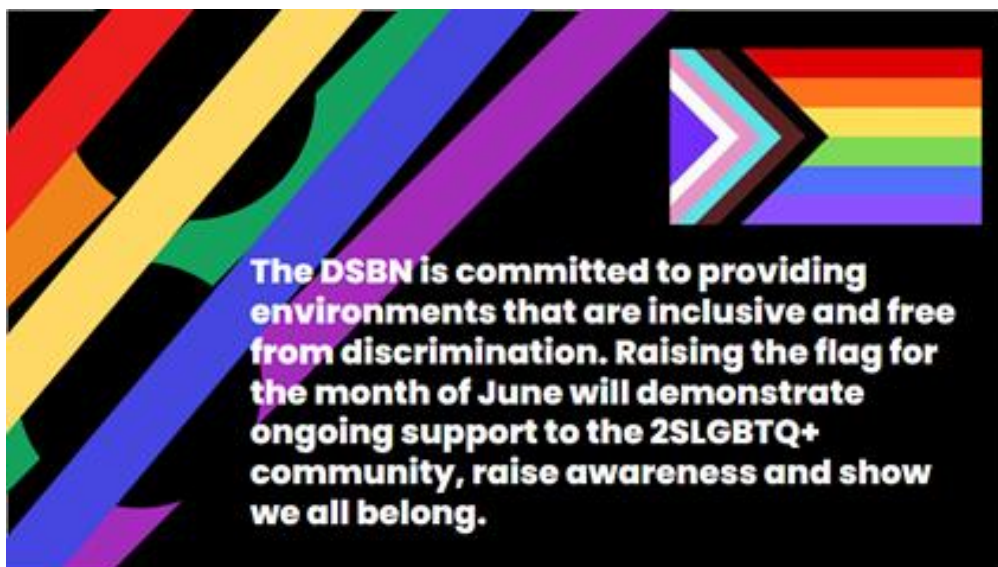
PRIDE Month.....	All June
Indigenous History Month.....	All June
PRIDE Flag raised daily starting.....	June 1
Kindergarten Trip.....	June 5
Grades 1/2 and 2/3 Trip to DSBN Adventure Campus.....	June 5
Volunteer Appreciation.....	June 6
PA Day.....	June 7
Grade 6, 7, and 8 Trip.....	June 11
Grade 4/5 Trip.....	June 13
Anything but a Backpack Day.....	June 14
Library Books Due.....	June 17
River Lions Game.....	June 19
Strawberry Social.....	June 20
Junior 3-Pitch Tournament.....	June 20
National Indigenous Peoples Day.....	June 21
Grade 8 Graduation.....	June 25
Report Cards go home.....	June 25
Woodland Rodeo.....	June 26
Colour House Day.....	June 26
Woodland Spirit Day (wear your school spirit wear or school colours).....	June 27
Talent Show.....	June 27
Last Day of School.....	June 27

PA DAY

On Friday, June 7 all DSBN schools will be closed for a PA Day in which teachers will be engaged in assessment and evaluation activities.



JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH



END OF YEAR SCHOOL TRIPS

All of our end of the year school trips are now available through School Cash Online. Please visit School Cash Online to sign the permission form and pay any amount owing. We are excited about the trips that have been planned and look forward to celebrating a great 2023-2024 school year with our classes. If you have any questions, please contact the office. We always have many parents volunteering for our trips, and unfortunately that means that we may have more volunteers than spaces on our bus. If you have volunteered to attend the trip as a supervisor, you will be contacted by the teacher if you have been selected to attend.

Grade	Trip	Date
Kindergarten	Butterfly Conservatory	Wednesday, June 5, 2024
Grade and 1/2 Grade 2/3	DSBN Adventure Campus	Wednesday, June 5, 2024
Grade and 1/2 Grade 2/3	River Lions Basketball Game	Wednesday, June 19, 2024
Grade 4/5	Safari Niagara	Thursday, June 13, 2024
Grade 6, 7, and 8	Toronto Trip (Ripley's Aquarium, Museum of Illusion and Old Spaghetti Factory)	Tuesday, June 11, 2024

JUNE SPIRIT DAYS

There are a few exciting dates coming up in June we are looking forward to celebrating and recognizing with our students.

Date	Spirit Day	Purpose of the Day
Friday, June 14	Anything But a Backpack Day	The rule is simple; you cannot bring a backpack to school. Remember that if you take the bus, it must be safe on the bus as well!
Wednesday, June 26	Woodland Rodeo Colour House Day	Our final colour house activity for the year! Wear your colour house colour today as we enjoy our second annual Woodland Rodeo!
Thursday, June 27	Woodland Spirit Day	To celebrate our last time together as a Wolfpack for the 2023-2024 school year, show your school pride and bring out your Woodland spirit wear. Go Wolves!

EXTRA-CURRICULARS UPDATES

Thank you to our staff that are currently running the following clubs and extra-curricular teams. Also, a shout out to our parents that support our Eco-Club and our volunteer drivers that allow our teams to compete in our tournaments and track meets!

Activity	Day of the Cycle and Meeting Time	Grades for Student Involvement	Staff Supervisor
Art Club	Fridays at first break	Grades 4 - 8	Mrs. Strooband
Track and Field	DSBN Meet* – June 12 (Welland Centennial)	Grades 3-8 *students must qualify to attend	Mrs. Strickland and Mrs. Worth
Co-Ed 3-Pitch	<u>Tournament</u> Junior (Grades 4-6) June 20 @Joe McCaffery Park	Grades 4-6	Mrs. Gabriel and Mr. Luke

A 'THANK YOU' TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

As we head into the final month of school, we would like to thank all of our parents and community members that volunteer their own time to make Woodland a great place to be. We have had a number of volunteers support our students and staff, from supporting athletes as volunteer drivers, to supervising school trips and being Mystery Readers, being a member of our School Advisory Council and ensuring the beauty of our front gardens. Of course, we also want to thank our parents that have made the 'Breakfast with the Wolves' and 'Strawberry Social' possible this year. Thank you to each and everyone of you from supporting these opportunities for our students! We look forward to a Woodland Volunteer Appreciation Reception on Thursday, June 6 at 10:40 am. Invitations went out to families on Friday, May 31. Please RSVP by Wednesday, June 5.

TALENT SHOW AUDITIONS

'Woodland's Got Talent' is back! We will hold auditions during the week of June 10. Teachers will connect with interested students to assign audition times. If your child is interested in showcasing their talent, please ensure they are preparing an audition piece and will be ready for June 10. The talent show will take place on Thursday, June 27, 2024.

WOODLAND RODEO

We are excited to be planning our second annual 'Woodland Rodeo'. Students will create a hobby horse using a pool noodle to participate in fun games with the support and leadership of our older students. In order to prepare, we kindly ask that students bring in a pool noodle (very flexible, cheap pool noodle) during the week of June 10, labelled with your child's name and homeroom. We will also be looking for donations for the school to create our hobby horses. Any craft donations such as yarn, hot glue sticks, string, felt, etc., will be greatly appreciated during the week of June 10. Last year we enjoyed this new take on a school play day and thank Mrs. Gabriel for her work in organizing this fun colour house event to wrap up the school year.



GRADE 8 GRADUATION – SAVE THE DATE

We are excited to announce our Grade 8 Graduation will be held in the evening of Tuesday, June 25 at Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School. Our ceremony will begin at 6:00 pm followed by a reception and photo opportunity. The Grade 8 graduates will celebrate at Parkway Lanes following the ceremony from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm. We look forward to honouring the Woodland class of 2024 with the families of our graduates. Additional details will continue to be shared with the families of our graduating class.

TRACK AND FIELD UPDATES

Our Woodland Track and Field team of 28 students were excited to compete against other DSBN schools at the group meet on May 28. Congratulations to all our athletes and we will have a group of students moving on to the DSBN Meet on Wednesday, June 12 (rain date June 14) at Welland Centennial Secondary School. Go Wolves Go!

DSBN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM



Registration for DSBN's instrumental music program for 2024-2025 is now open. All students entering Grades 3 to 8 next fall are eligible to take part in this enriching program. Parents are encouraged to go to the program's website (neimusic.com) for more information and to register.

SNACK BINS – NIAGARA NUTRITION PARTNERS

The last week of our snack bins will be the week of June 17, 2024. At this time, we would like to thank Niagara Nutrition Partners for supporting our snack bin program. A special 'THANK YOU' to the families that supported the program through their financial contributions through School Cash Online, in which \$434.10 was directed to our snack bin programs directly from our Woodland families.

SCHOOL PROPERTY, THE PLAYGROUND AND THE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

Now that the warm weather has arrived, we seek your cooperation in reducing school vandalism. If you notice any vandalism or damages to DSBN schools or properties and are looking to report it, please call Password Protection Services. The phone number is 1-800-561-3099. Once notified, they will then contact the appropriate personnel at DSBN and the issues will be dealt with in a timely manner. Thank you for your support in keeping our school and community safe and for your help in keeping our building safe for when our students return!

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL – JUNE 20, 2024

Save the date for Woodland's annual Strawberry Social on June 20, 2024 between 5:00 – 8:00 pm.! Come and join us for bouncers, games, a BBQ, strawberries and ice cream and beverages. Please consider bringing a refillable water bottle as there will be a water wagon on site this year. As well, there will be a dunk tank, silent auction and an opportunity to socialize with our Wolfpack community as we celebrate the end of the 2023-2024 school year! Thank you to our School Advisory Council and to the many volunteers that have been busy planning and preparing for this event. We encourage our families to purchase their food and game wristband through School Cash Online. It is open now and is open to anyone with an account through DSBN! Spread the word! All funds raised through the Strawberry Social will go toward our playground funds, with a portion supporting the start up costs of the "Wolves in the Kitchen" cooking club.

SPECIAL LUNCH OPTIONS

Lunch Date	Lunch Option	Order Window through School Cash Online
Friday, June 14, 2024 Friday, June 21, 2024	<u>Ice Cream</u> Fudge bar, Ice Cream Sandwich, Variety of Sundae Cups	Closes the prior Friday at 9:00 am Please note that students must pre-order through School Cash Online to ensure we have adequate supply of each item.

LEARNING COMMONS UPDATES

The second week of June marks the last week that students will be able to check out books from our library collection for the school year. All library books will be due on Monday, June 17, 2024. Starting Tuesday, June 18, Mrs. Worth will be following up with students who have overdue or lost library books. Please make every effort to return our books so that we can all continue to enjoy them in the future. Thank you!

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Our final Woodland School Advisory Council meeting was held on Tuesday, May 28. Previous agendas and minutes are posted on the [Woodland web site](#). All minutes will be posted once they are approved. We would like to thank all of our parents that attended the School Advisory Council meetings throughout the 2023-2024 school year. We would also like to thank our chairs, Cassidy Sotola and Karen Weinhardt for accepting this role. Also, a huge 'thank you' to Heather Ferretti for taking on the role as secretary.

DSBN SOCIAL WORKER SUPPORT AVAILABLE

Do you have questions about your child's mental health and well-being, such as anxiety, behaviour, or self-harm?

Do you need support in accessing supports in the community?

Do you need advice for setting goals to help with regular school attendance?

Do you have any questions or looking for support regarding a certain aspect of parenting?

If these are some questions that you have, please speak with your child's teacher or Mrs. Worth. All DSBN schools work with a DSBN Social Worker who supports families to provide an additional layer of support to help our students and families achieve success.

A FRAGRANCE/SCENT-REDUCED ENVIRONMENT AT WOODLAND

Within our Woodland family, we have students and staff who have sensitivities to fragrances and scents. Exposure to these scents can trigger serious health reactions in individuals with asthma, allergies, migraines, or chemical sensitivities. By working together to reduce fragrances within our building we can help our Woodland family members and community members feel safe and healthy when they are in our building.

What can you do to help?

- Be considerate of those who are sensitive to fragrances or scents.
- Avoid using these products in the school.
- If fragrances or scented products must be used, do so sparingly. A general guideline for fragrances and scented products is that they should not be detectable more than an arm's length away from you.
- Discuss this with your child.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness, consideration, and co-operation in making Woodland safe for everyone.

ANAPHYLAXIS – BE NUT AWARE!

Anaphylaxis is a severe and potentially life-threatening reaction to certain food substances. We have students in our school that suffer from a severe allergy which can cause an anaphylactic reaction. An anaphylactic reaction is an allergic reaction so severe that in some cases, it can be life threatening. These children have a severe allergy to nuts. Prevention is the best approach. Therefore, we ask your cooperation in not sending any snacks or lunches containing nut products with your child.

DSBN eFLYERS

Many community events and activities are posted on the DSBN eFlyers website. I encourage you to take a look, on occasion, to ensure you do not miss any community events that might be of interest to you or your family. To view the eFlyers, please follow the simple instructions:

1. Log onto our website: www.dsbn.org
2. Click on "Community" tab
3. Click on "eFlyer Request" and you may browse through the 'Recent eFlyers' to find offerings from a variety of community organizations.

STAY INFORMED AND CONNECTED

In our busy lives, events can sometimes be overlooked. Technology allows us multiple ways to connect with families. The following is a list of ways we use to connect with families to ensure all families are aware of the many events happening throughout the year.

SCHOOL WEBSITE - woodland.dsbn.org

Please take some time to visit the Woodland Public School new and updated website.

SCHOOL MESSENGER - Using the School Messenger program, all families will receive an email on Sunday afternoon (Monday on a long weekend) with reminders about events for the upcoming week. If you are not receiving these emails, please check your contact information with the office to ensure we have the most current information.

SOCIAL MEDIA - Please follow us on these social media platforms ([Facebook](#), [X \(formally Twitter\)](#) and [Instagram](#)) to see updates on exciting events. All posts will be updated on our school website as well. We are [#Wolfpackproud](#), [#WoodlandDSBN](#), and look forward to sharing how we [#Ignitethelearning!](#)

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - All newsletters will be posted to the school website and sent via School Messenger through email on the first school day of the new month. Accessing the newsletter through the website or email allows you to click on links to learn more about items highlighted in our newsletters.



Niagara Region Public Health School Health Newsletter

June 2024

Check your Immunization Records and Travel Health Notice

If you are planning to travel, add these actions to your planning checklist to help make your trip a healthy one.

1. **Make sure you and your children are up-to-date with vaccinations.** Staying up-to-date with vaccinations is important all year round. It is especially important before travelling.
 - a. When travelling, you may be at risk for vaccine preventable illnesses. [Check your immunization records](#) or talk to your health care provider.
 - b. Learn more about [where to get vaccinated](#). Remember to report vaccinations to Public Health for children 0 – 17 years of age. Report [online](#) or call 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425
2. **Review the Public Health Agency of Canada's [travel health notices](#).** These notices outline potential health risks to Canadian travelers and ways to help reduce them. Stay informed as you plan your travel.



TICKS

Ticks, mosquitos and rabid animals can be a risk as the weather warms up.

- Mosquitoes transmit the [West Nile virus](#) to humans after becoming infected by feeding on the blood of birds, which carry the virus. To learn how to protect your family, visit [Reduce the Risk of West Nile Virus - Niagara Region](#).
- The black- legged (deer) tick transmits [Lyme disease](#) to humans after becoming infected by feeding on the blood of small animals which carry the disease. To learn how to protect you and your pets, visit [Protect and Prevent Ticks - Niagara Region](#).
- [Rabies](#) is transmitted through saliva from bites and scratches, entering an open cut or wound, or from saliva contacting a mucous membrane, such as those in the mouth, nasal cavity or eyes.

For more information and [tick identification](#), individuals can contact a Duty Officer directly at 905-688-8248 ext. 7590. General tick information can be found on our [Niagara Region Public Health website](#).



Head safety – for bikes and other wheels

With warmer weather and summer break just around the corner, more kids will be outdoors taking part in activities, such as biking, skate boarding or roller blading. A [properly fitted and correct helmet](#) can cut the risk of a serious head injury by up to 85%. This means four out of five brain injuries could be prevented if every cyclist wore a helmet.

- Bike [helmets](#) should be replaced after five years **or** a crash where the cyclist has hit their head
- It's not safe to use a [second-hand helmet](#)
- Baseball hats, big hair clips and headphones should never be worn under a helmet

The human skull is just approximately one centimeter thick, so it is important to remind children to always protect their head when being active. To make sure a helmet fits right, follow the 2V1 Rule (image courtesy of [Parachute Canada](#))



Food Literacy

Want to get your kids excited about food? Food literacy is more than just what's on your plate. It's about loving everything to do with food! Picture your child confidently picking out fresh veggies, cooking healthy meals, and knowing how to keep food safe and budget-friendly.



Food isn't just about eating—it's about enjoying different kinds of food, tasting delicious flavors, and making special memories with family.

Here are some fun things you can do with your kids this summer to help them learn more about food:

- **Kitchen Adventures:** Cook together, try new recipes, and let your kids help with chopping, stirring, and tasting.
- **Grocery Store Scavenger Hunt:** Turn a trip to the grocery store into a game where you look for foods from different groups or colors.
- **Grow Your Own Garden:** Start a small garden and teach your kids about planting, taking care of plants, and harvesting their own veggies.
- **Food Tasting Party:** Have a party where your kids can try new fruits, veggies, cheeses, and talk about how they taste and feel.
- **Cultural Food Tours:** Explore foods from around the world through virtual or real tours, learning about new flavors and cooking styles.
- **Visit a Local Market:** Take a trip to a farmers' market, where your kids can meet the vendors and learn about where food comes from.

These activities not only teach kids about food but also make them love cooking, eating, and discovering new foods!