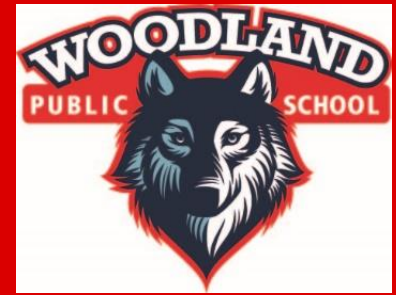


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November 2023

#IGNITETHELEARNING

#WOODLANDPROUD

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

When parents are engaged in their child's learning, the child will do better at school. With this in mind, November is an excellent time to reflect on how we are working together to support your child's learning.

All students will receive their Progress Report Card on Thursday, November 16, marking the mid-way point for Term 1. Please take some time to review, with your child, their strengths and next steps that have been identified in the progress report. On the evening of November 21, you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress to date during the parent-teacher conferences. You will receive information on November 6 from your child's teacher on booking a conference time. If you have any concerns or questions at other times, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. If you require 2 copies of your child's report card, please let the office or your child's teacher know.

### DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

As cooler weather approaches, please be aware that children are expected to be dressed appropriately for the weather conditions every day. Coats, hats, boots and mittens/gloves are soon going to be necessary for your child to enjoy the outdoor fitness breaks and gym classes. Students that are well enough to be at school are expected to be outside with their friends during fitness breaks as indoor supervision is not available during this time.

### WOODLAND SCHOOL CALENDAR AND DAYS OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Woodland Public School calendar is available on the school website, or by [clicking here](#). In addition to our school events, you will find a link to the DSBN Days of Significance calendar on the first of each month. [Click here](#) for more information about the DSBN Days of Significance calendar.



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Boston Pizza Lunch..... Nov. 2
- Photo Day..... Nov. 3
- [Mr. H's Artisan Card Entries Due](#)  
..... Nov. 3
- Treaties Recognition Week..... Nov. 5-11
- Indigenous Veteran's Day..... Nov. 8
- Remembrance Day ..... Nov. 10
- School Advisory Council ..... Nov. 14
- World Diabetes Day – Wear Blue  
..... Nov. 14
- Firehouse Sub Lunch..... Nov. 16
- Progress Reports Go Home ..... Nov. 16
- Interview Evening ..... Nov. 21
- Colour House Day ..... Nov. 23
- COBS Bakery Fundraiser Ends.. Nov. 23
- PA Day..... Nov. 24

### PA DAY

Friday, November 24 has been designated as a PA Day for the District School Board of Niagara.



## KINDERGARTEN COMMUNICATION OF LEARNING: INITIAL OBSERVATIONS AND THE ELEMENTARY PROGRESS REPORT – GRADES 1-8

On November 16, students in Kindergarten will bring home the Communication of Learning Initial Observations report. This provides parents/guardians with an overview of the initial observations of their child's learning and early evidence of growth in learning related to the overall expectations in the Kindergarten Program. It also provides information about appropriate next steps to further your child's learning. It serves as the basis for discussion with parents/guardians and as a support for parents'/guardians' ongoing participation in their child's learning.

Also, on November 16, parents of students in Grades 1-8 will receive their Elementary Progress Reports. Although it looks much like the Report Card, the Progress Report has a very different intent. The purpose is to share early and specific feedback on your child's development of work habits and the learning skills. Reporting on the Progress Report is about looking forward and setting a course for the learning journey ahead.

Based on the evidence that teachers see, as well as what teachers know about learning at this grade level, the report communicates the path your child is on towards achieving the grade level expectations by the end of the year. The Progress Report does not include letter grades or percentage marks for academic subjects; it instead identifies whether your child is progressing very well, well or with difficulty. For subjects in which your child is 'Progressing with Difficulty', the teacher will discuss specific next step plans needed for success. Progress reports are intended to be part of discussions, interviews, or conferences with students and are part of ongoing communication with parents and students about student achievement throughout the year.

We look forward to partnering with you and your child for a year of great learning and growth.

## MR. H'S ARTISAN CARD CONTEST IS BACK – ENTRIES DUE NOVEMBER 3

The Director's Artisan Card Contest invites students to share their artwork that celebrates all the special occasions, events, and times of year that are important to them. Let your imagination run wild and create artwork to celebrate a month of the year and what makes it special. For information, including the required consent form to enter, please visit: <https://www.dsbns.org/artisan-card-contest>

## SUPERVISION REMINDERS

Your child's safety is very important to us at Woodland. In order to help us keep your child safe, we ask that you keep in mind the supervision schedule for students. Supervision for students begins at 8:45 am. Students should not be arriving prior to 8:45 am, as supervision is not provided prior to that time. When there is inclement weather, students will enter the school from the doors closest to the bus drop off starting at 8:45 am.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

On Friday, November 10, the students at Woodland will participate in a Remembrance Day assembly and will recognize a moment of silence. We would like to take this opportunity to honour all of the family and friends of our school community that have given of themselves to serve Canada. If you have a family member or a friend that you would like to honour during our assembly, please submit a photo (in uniform if possible) with the following information: name of the student, name of veteran or person currently serving and relationship to the student, rank (if known), years of service (if known), any other relevant information you are willing to share. This information is due by November 3 to be included in the assembly. Please note that if you shared this information last year, you do not need to resubmit the information.

Our ceremony will begin at 10:45 am. Students involved in cadets or scouting are invited to wear their uniforms. Community members and families are welcome to attend our ceremony and remember with us.

## TREATIES RECOGNITION WEEK

Ontario has designated November 5-11, 2023 as Treaties Recognition Week with the goal of promoting education and awareness about treaties and treaty relationships. DSBNS joins with other school boards across Ontario in encouraging schools to support learning about treaties as an important aspect of our province's history. I encourage our families to take a few minutes to view the video "[Voices from Here](#)" with Rick Hill. For more information on treaties, go to <https://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties>.

## SCHOOL PHOTO DAY – NOVEMBER 3, 2023

School photo day is coming! Our school photos are scheduled for the morning of Friday, November 3, 2023. A photo retake day will be scheduled and the date will be communicated once it is confirmed.

## IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

There are times in Niagara when weather conditions are so poor that we must cancel student transportation, and/or close schools to preserve the safety of students and staff. The decision to cancel transportation and/or close schools is not taken lightly; a variety of factors are considered when making this choice. To learn more about how these decisions are made, please go to <https://www.dsbns.org/inclementweather>.

### Transportation Cancellations:

Information about transportation delays and cancellations are posted to <https://portal.nsts.ca/Cancellations.aspx>. When transportation is cancelled, every effort is made to communicate the decision by 6:00 am on the day of the cancellation. There are times when transportation is cancelled, but schools remain open. If, on those days you feel it is best for your child to stay home, please report your child's absence <https://dsbn.org/safearrival/> so we can make sure they are safe at home.

### School Closures:

When the decision to close schools is made, it refers to all schools. Every effort will be made to share school closure information before 6:00 am on the day of the school closure. You will find it on [dsbn.org](https://www.dsbns.org), all school websites, DSBNS social media, and local media share the news widely as well.

## 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.

School Cash Online is a safe, reliable portal that will ensure the security of your information. The system is already active. You are able to gain access through the School Cash button which has been placed on our school website. We are asking that you click on the button and follow the simple instructions to register. Registration should take less than five minutes. If you registered last year, you do not need to register again!

If you require some assistance registering for School Cash Online, please visit the office and we will be happy to help you get started.

## THE NOSE KNOWS: NO SCENTS MAKES SENSE

Scented products have chemicals that can cause health reactions in people with asthma, migraines, allergies, or environmental sensitivities. Please help keep our air breathable for everyone and use unscented or scent reduced products where possible. Woodland is a Scent-Reduced Environment. Some staff and students have a sensitivity to odours, smells, and scents. Please do not wear, or send your child with, perfume, cologne, after shave, or scented body lotion into the school.

## SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Our second School Advisory Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14. All School Advisory Council meeting agendas and minutes will be posted on the [Woodland web site](#) once they are approved.

# YOUR PHOTO DAY IS APPROACHING!

Friday, November 3, 2023

## Showcase Your Best Smile

- Students will be photographed at school.
- On photo day, no order form or payment is due.
- Review your images and purchase online with ease!



### DON'T FORGET

School photos are a Canadian tradition to capture the school year and preserve your continued growth.



### GET REMINDERS

Sign up for notifications at [edgeimaging.ca/photoday](https://edgeimaging.ca/photoday) to get real-time updates about your photo day and stay in the know with Edge.



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## 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. Our DSBN Social Workers are an invaluable member of our Woodland team.

## NOVEMBER SPIRIT DAYS

Our Wolfpack will be recognizing the following dates with some special activities. We encourage all our Wolves to participate. For our spirit days, we love creativity!

| Date                  | Spirit Day             | Purpose of the Day   |
|-----------------------|------------------------|--|
| Tuesday, November 14  | Diabetes Awareness Day | Tuesday, November 14 is Diabetes Awareness Day. We would like to encourage all of our Wolves to wear blue to support this awareness campaign.  |
| Thursday, November 23 | Colour House Day       | Colour houses give our students an opportunity to connect with students from all grade levels and further strengthen our Woodland community. On Thursday, November 23, we ask all students wear their 'colour' to school as we will be meeting in our colour houses to have some fun together. |

## SPECIAL LUNCH OPTIONS

We plan two special lunch options for each month. When planning our lunch option, we try to alternate between a 'healthier' option and something more fun. We also have a variety of dietary needs that need to be considered. In order to ensure all dietary needs are accommodated and planned for, we order meals that are packaged individually for each student. All orders will be available through School Cash Online and late orders cannot be accepted. Orders close at 9:00 am on the due date.

| Lunch Date   | Lunch Option   | Order Window through School Cash Online   |
|--|--|---|
| Thursday, November 2, 2022                                       | <b><u>Boston Pizza</u></b><br>Individual Pizzas (cheese, peperoni, or gluten-free cheese)            | Closed Friday, October 27   |
| Thursday, November 16, 2023                                      | <b><u>Firehouse Subs</u></b><br>Variety of subs and gluten-free wrap options                         | Closes Friday, November 10 at 9:00 am   |
| Thursday, November 30, 2023                                      | <b><u>Boston Pizza</u></b><br>Individual Pizzas (cheese, peperoni, or gluten-free cheese)            | Closes Friday, November 23 at 9:00 am   |
| <b>Popcorn Fridays<br/>(November 3, 10, 17, December 1)</b>      | <b><u>Popcorn</u></b><br>Creamy Dill, White Cheddar, Butter & Salt, and Sweet Kettle Corn            | Closes the prior Friday at 9:00 am<br>**December 1 Popcorn order is due Thursday, November 23 |
| <b>December Milk Cards – Milk delivery will start December 1</b> | <b><u>Milk Cards</u></b><br>White or chocolate milk available during second break, 20 milks per card | Closes Friday, November 23  |

## EXTRA-CURRICULARS UPDATES

We are looking forward to offering a variety of extra-curricular opportunities for our Wolves during the 2023-2024 school year. Here is what is currently being offered!

| Activity                      | Day of the Cycle and Meeting Time      | Grades for Student Involvement | Teacher Supervisor |
|-------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Intermediate Co-Ed Volleyball | Games on Wednesdays                    | Grades 7 - 8                   | Ms. Bond           |
| Junior Co-Ed Tripleball       | Tryouts start November 8<br>Season TBD | Grades 4-6                     | Ms. Bond           |

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

The November Scholastic Book Fair orders are now open and flyers will come home this week! Every order placed by our families earns rewards for our staff to build our school library. When placing an order, we kindly ask those students in Grades 1-8 use class code RC299022. Please note that orders must be placed prior to the 20th of each month as all school orders will be shipped at the same time. If you are making a purchase as a gift, please let the office know and we will arrange a pick up option that works for you. Otherwise, we will send all orders home with the students. We will host an in person Scholastic Book Fair in the February, providing an opportunity to purchase 'in person' to students and families. Stay tuned for more information as we finalize our dates. Happy reading!

## PINK SHIRT DAYS – BULLYING AWARENESS

The DSBN Pink Shirt (Every) Day Kick-Off Campaign is taking place November 19 to 24, 2023 during Ontario's Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week. Any day is an appropriate day to have a Pink Shirt Day throughout the school year, but we will be acknowledging Wednesday, February 28, 2024 as Wear Anything Pink Day to celebrate a positive school climate.

## 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](http://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](http://woodland.dsbn.org)

Please take some time to visit the Woodland Public School website. Our website includes current newsletters, school calendars, code of conduct, school council information, a school year calendar, classroom websites, and bell times.

**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

### November 2023

#### It's the season – Cold & Flu

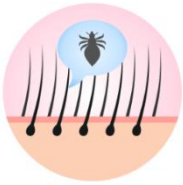
Respiratory illness season has arrived and isn't going anywhere anytime soon. Cold, flu, COVID-19 and RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) are all in the mix.

Keeping up to date with vaccines can activate you and your child's immune system's natural fighting ability. Our immune system uses vaccines to practice fighting germs so it knows what to do when faced with them. Getting an [XBB COVID-19 dose](#) and a [flu shot](#) will give the immune system a much-needed top up - just like charging a cell phone battery.



It's safe to take the flu shot and fall 2023 COVID-19 dose at the same time. These vaccines may also be given any time before or after other vaccines, like the ones offered to [grade 7 students](#).

#### Head Lice



Students are now back into the swing of things and spending lots of time with friends and classmates during school and after school. Lice can spread regardless of a student's age. Head lice are spread by direct head-to-head contact or by sometimes sharing items like combs, brushes, hats, pillows, etc. Anyone can get head lice, it's not a sign of poor personal hygiene or an unclean environment.

Check out School Health's new webpage on head lice for more information: [Head Lice - Niagara Region, Ontario](#)

#### EpiPen® and Auto-Injectors

During the school day, your child will be in contact with many staff members and other children, moving around to different locations inside and outside. Remember to check if your child's EpiPen® Auto-Injectors are up to date (not expired).

Check out [Food Allergy Canada - elementary school](#) for some great tips and [resources](#)!

