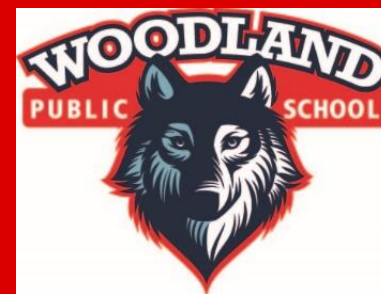


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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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.

## CONGRATULATIONS MRS. MASTERSON AND MRS. WIENS!

Congratulations to Mrs. Masterson and Mrs. Wiens as they both will be retiring from the DSBN at the end of the school year! On behalf of the staff, students and parents that they have had on impact on at Woodland (and throughout their career at the DSBN) we wish you both all the best! Happy retirement!

## PLANNING FOR 2023-2024 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 2023/2024 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!



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

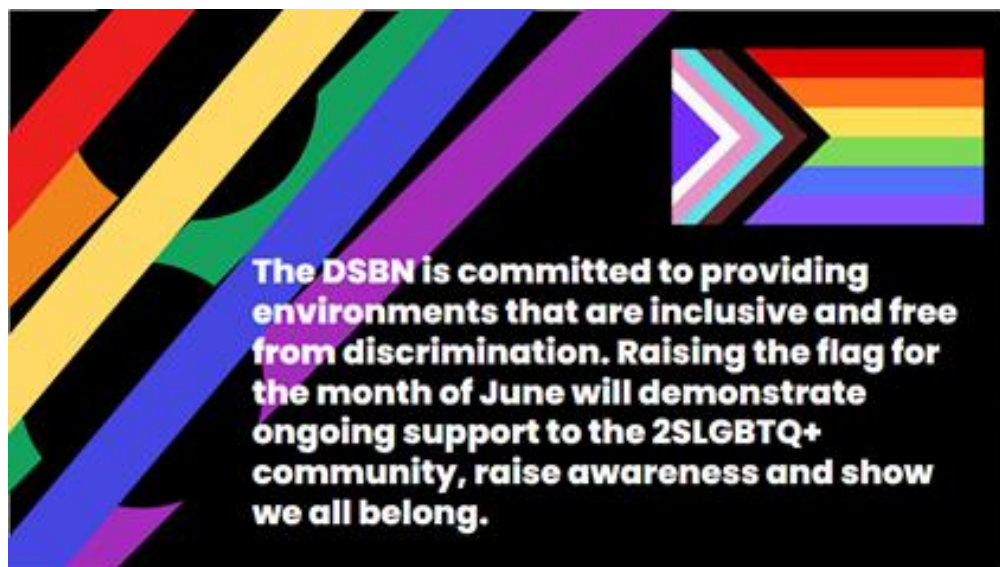
- PRIDE Month.....All June
- Indigenous History Month.....All June
- PRIDE Flag raised daily starting ... June 1
- Intermediate 3-Pitch Tournament. June 1
- Kindergarten Trip..... June 5
- Grade 6, 7, and 8 Trip ..... June 8
- PA Day..... June 9
- Library Books Due..... June 12
- Grades 1/2 and 2/3 Trip ..... June 14
- Anything but a Backpack Day ..... June 16
- Strawberry Social..... June 20
- National Indigenous Peoples Day June 21
- Grade 8 Graduation ..... June 21
- Grade 4/5 Trip ..... June 22
- Junior 3-Pitch Tournament..... June 22
- Report Cards go home..... June 27
- Woodland Rodeo ..... June 28
- Colour House Day ..... June 28
- Woodland Spirit Day (wear your school spirit wear or school colours)..... June 29
- Talent Show ..... June 29
- Last Day of School ..... June 29

## PA DAY

On Friday, June 9 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



## 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 16	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 28	Woodland Rodeo Colour House Day	Our final colour house activity for the year! Wear your colour house colour today as we enjoy a fresh take on a school play day!
Thursday, June 29	Woodland Spirit Day	To celebrate our last time together as a Wolfpack for the 2022-2023 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	Teacher Supervisor
Track and Field	DSBN Meet – June 14 (at Welland Centennial)	Grades 3-8 that have qualified from the Group 4 meet	Mrs. Strickland
Co-Ed 3-Pitch	<u>Tournaments</u> Intermediates (Grade 7 and 8) on June 1 Junior (Grades 3-6) June 22 Both at Joe McCaffery Park	Intermediates – Grades 7-8 Junior - Grades 3 - 6	Mrs. Gabriel

## A 'THANK YOU' TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

As we are 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 our Nature Club, to volunteer drivers, to supervising school trips and being mystery readers. 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!

## CLASS PLACEMENTS 2023-2024

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, September 1, 2023.

## TALENT SHOW AUDITIONS

'Woodland's Got Talent' is back! We will hold auditions during art classes the week of June 5. 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 5. The talent show will take place on Thursday, June 29, 2023.

## WOODLAND RODEO

We are excited to be planning a fresh take on a school play day - our first ever 'Woodland Rodeo'. Students will use a pool noodle pony (or unicorn, or zebra or any creature they create) to participate in fun games with their colour house teams, 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 12, labelled with your child's name and homeroom. We will also be looking for donations for the school to create our pool noodle animals. Any craft donations such as yarn, hot glue sticks, string, felt, etc., will be greatly appreciated during the week of June 12. We look forward to this new take on a school play date 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 Wednesday, June 21 at Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School. Our ceremony will begin at 6:30 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 2023 with the families of our graduates. Additional details will continue to be shared with the families of our graduating class.

## TRACK AND FIELD UPDATES

Congratulations to our Wolves that have qualified to move on to the DSBN meet that will be held on Wednesday, June 14 at Welland Centennial Secondary School. Our Woodland Track and Field team of 25 students are excited to compete against other DSBN schools. We wish them all the best and are excited to see some of our athletes qualify for the DSBN Meet (on June 14) based on their performance at the Group 4 meet. Go Wolves Go!

## SCHOLASTIC READING CLUB

Woodland is pleased to offer the opportunity for families to order books through the Scholastic Reading Club. Each month, new books are featured. If you would like to place an order, please use class code: **RC299022**. To view the Scholastic Reading Club catalogue, please [click here](#). Please order by June 2, 2023.

## DSBN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

Looking for **FUN & AFFORDABLE** music lessons right in your child's school?

Registration is now open for  
2023-2024

For more information visit  
[neimusic.com](http://neimusic.com)

Are you interested in having your child learn to play a musical instrument? The DSBN Instrumental Music Program is back in person for the 2023-2024 school year. These music lessons are affordable and convenient. The music program runs from the 3rd week of September until the last week of May. Each student will receive approximately 60 lessons (two per week): one group lesson during school hours and one after-school band/orchestra rehearsal. Registration is open for the fall to students entering Grades 3-7 in September. No experience necessary! Please visit [neimusic.com](http://neimusic.com) for more info and to register.

## FLAG FOOTBALL DAY – GRADES 6-8

We are excited to welcome St. Catharines Collegiate on Tuesday, June 13 to work with our students in Grades 6-8 learning and playing flag football. We are excited to have this opportunity to work with one of our high schools and offer this opportunity to our students.

## SNACK BINS – NIAGARA NUTRITION PARTNERS

The last week of our snack bins will be the week of June 20, 2022. 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

Woodland Public School is excited to announce the return of the Strawberry Social on June 20, 2023! Come and join us for bouncers, games, a BBQ, strawberries and ice cream and beverages. 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 2022-2023 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!

## ICE CREAM TREAT DAYS

Students will be able to enjoy an ice cream treat of their choice on four days in June. Students will be able to choose between a fudge bar, an ice cream sandwich, or a variety of sundae cups. Please note that students must pre-order through School Cash Online to ensure we have adequate supply of each item. Further information about the selections offered and which items are gluten and dairy-free are available on School Cash Online. Orders through School Cash Online are now open.

## 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 12. Starting Wednesday, June 14, Mrs. Worth will be following up with students who have overdue or lost library books. Fines will be issued for lost books - soft cover: \$5, hard cover \$10. 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 30. 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 2022-2023 school year. We would also like to thank our chairs, Karen Maloney-Younger and Dana Nash 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.

## 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.

## 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.dsbnschools.org](http://www.dsbnschools.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.dsbm.org](http://woodland.dsbm.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. Our website also includes the most recent Facebook posts and Tweets.

**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](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#)) to see updates on exciting events. All posts and tweets will be updated on our school website as well. We are #Woodlandwolves, #Wolfpackproud, and #WoodlandDSBN!

**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.