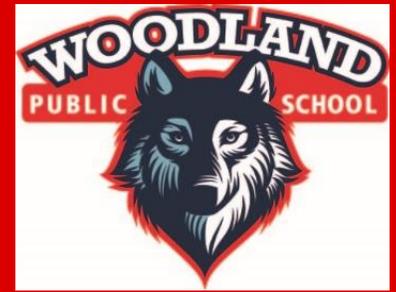


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**November 2021**

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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 18, 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 25, you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress to date during the parent-teacher conferences. Please note that parent-teacher conferences will be conducted through MS Teams or with phone calls this year. Information will come out shortly in regards to booking a 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 will continue to have gym classes outside during this time. 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.

## SCHOOL PHOTO DAY – NOVEMBER 16, 2021

Great news Woodland! School photo day is returning and we are booked to have our school photos on Tuesday, November 16, 2021. School photographs will be taken throughout the day on November 16. Please try to avoid this date for appointments for your child, as we would like all students to be present for their picture. Further information will come home closer to photo day.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Treaty Week Begins .....	Nov. 1
International Inuit Day .....	Nov. 7
Indigenous Veteran's Day .....	Nov. 8
<b>**School Advisory Council (revised date)</b> .....	<b>Nov. 9</b>
Remembrance Day .....	Nov. 11
Pita Pit Lunch Orders Due .....	Nov. 11
Kindness Day – (Cardigan Day) ..	Nov. 12
Bullying Awareness Week .....	Nov. 15
Louis Riel Day .....	Nov. 16
Woodland Photo Day .....	Nov. 16
Progress Reports Home .....	Nov. 18
Pita Pit Lunch .....	Nov. 18
PA Day.....	Nov. 19
Interview Evening .....	Nov. 25
Flannel Day.....	Nov. 26

## PA DAY

Friday, November 19 has been designated as a PA Day for the District School Board of Niagara.



## STUDENT RECOGNITION

During the month of October, Woodland students were recognized for their work as a learner for their learning skills and/or academics, as an individual for their character traits, and as a community member for contributing to the school and/or classroom. The following students were recognized:

<u>MRS. WIENS AND MRS. SCAPILLATI</u> Audra, Everleigh	<u>MRS. MASTERSON</u> Anna, Arabella
<u>MRS. GABRIEL</u> Grayson, Hudson	<u>MRS. SULTSZ</u> Imogen, Wynnsley, Daniel
<u>MISS BRIDGES</u> Matthew, Violet	<u>MRS. LEONTIS</u> Andrew, Samantha, Gwentyth

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

On November 18, 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 18, 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.

## PARENT'S ROLE IN KEEPING SCHOOLS SAFE

As you are aware, all staff and students must self-screen every day before attending school. As part of our ongoing commitment to student safety, and as recommended by the Ministry of Education and Niagara Public Health, we added an active screening process that allows schools to verify if the daily school screening has been completed. Each day, if the student screener is not completed a follow up email will be sent to parents reminding them to complete it at that time. Everyone has a role to play in keeping families safe and reducing the spread of COVID-19. One of the most effective strategies is keeping COVID out of our schools and the daily COVID assessment is essential in achieving this goal. Please note that the DSBN is not collecting any specific health data about students or the results of the screening. Our system only reports confirmation that the screening has or has not been completed.

[The Daily Screening Tool can be found by clicking here and using your child's login information to complete the screening process.](#) We thank you for your cooperation in completing the Daily Screening Tool each day.

## STUDENT NUTRITION PROGRAM

We are pleased to announce that our student nutrition program has begun! Following protocols set out by Niagara Nutrition Partners, students will be able to access 'grab-and-go' snacks, including fresh fruits, grain, and dairy products, in their classrooms. I have received many requests from parents who are interested in volunteering their time to support this program. Unfortunately, we cannot have volunteers in the school at this time. If you are interested in making a cash donation to our program in lieu of your volunteer hours, you may make a donation to the breakfast club through School Cash Online. All donations are appreciated!

## PINK SHIRT DAYS – BULLYING AWARENESS

The DSBN Pink Shirt (Every) Day Kick-Off Campaign is taking place November 15 to 19, 2021 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 February 23, 2022 as Pink Shirt Day to celebrate a positive school climate.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

On Thursday, November 11, the students at Woodland will participate in our virtual 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 5 to be included in the assembly.

## TREATIES RECOGNITION WEEK

Ontario has designated November 1-5, 2021 as Treaties Recognition Week with the goal of promoting education and awareness about treaties and treaty relationships. DSBN 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>.

## KINDNESS DAY – NOVEMBER 12 (WEAR A CARDIGAN OR A SWEATER)

World Kindness Day is celebrated annually on November 13. We will be celebrating this day on Friday, November 12. When we think of kindness, many of us think of Mr. Rogers. To recognize this day, and the positive impact Mr. Rogers has had on many generations of children, we will celebrate World Kindness Day by encouraging our students to wear a cardigan to school (or a sweater if you don't have a cardigan) and to spread kindness to someone who might need a kind word, thought or deed.

**"Imagine what our neighborhoods would be like if each of us offered, as a matter of course, just one kind word to another person." (Mr. Rogers)**

## PITA PIT LUNCH – NOVEMBER 18

We are excited to offer our students the option of ordering a lunch on November 18 from Pita Pit. All lunches will come individually packaged and labelled with your child's name. If you are interested in ordering, please place your orders through School Cash Online by November 11. Late orders cannot be accepted.

## FLANNEL DAY – NOVEMBER 26

As the weather continues to cool down and we head closer toward the winter season, we would like to stay warm with some flannel. Break out that flannel shirt and celebrate flannel day on Friday, November 26.



## SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

With School Cash Online, you will be able to approve permission forms and make payments for items online. Understanding that we're quickly becoming a cashless society, we know it can sometimes be a challenge to find exact change for items and then send it to school through your child's backpack. Using School Cash Online, you'll be able to use your debit, credit card or cheque to make quick and easy payments online. It will also allow you to track payments made and receive an invoice for your purchases. The link to School Cash Online can be found on the [Woodland Public School website](#).

## IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

There may be times during the school year where inclement weather or other situations could cause transportation cancellations or school closures. At times when student transportation has been cancelled and schools remain open, the decision of whether or not to have children in school on that day rests with the parent or guardian.

**Should you decide not to send your child to school in the event that transportation is cancelled but schools remain open, or if your child is ill or late, please ensure that you call your child's school to inform them of your child's absence.**

A key resource in any emergency is the DSBN Emergency Information form that you filled out at the beginning of the school year. Please let the school know of any changes in contact information or procedures you wish to be followed throughout the school year.

Information about transportation cancellations and school closures will be available as soon as it is available through the following channels:

### Websites and Subscription Features

[www.dsbn.org](http://www.dsbn.org)      DSBN Facebook or Twitter      [www.nsts.ca](http://www.nsts.ca)      NSTS Transportation Delay or Cancellation Alerts

### Phone:

Niagara Student Transportation Services      905-346-0290      Voice Auto Attendant

### Radio Stations:

CKTB (610 AM) St. Catharines	CHRE (105.7 FM) St. Catharines	CHTZ-FM (97.7 FM) St. Catharines
CKEY (105.1 FM) Niagara Falls/Fort Erie	WAVE (94.7 FM) Hamilton	K-LITE-FM (102.9 FM) Hamilton
CKOC (1150 AM) Hamilton	CHML (900 AM) Hamilton	Y-108(107.9) Hamilton
CHAM (820 AM) Hamilton	GIANT FM (91.7 FM) Welland	

## 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.



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM NIAGARA REGION PUBLIC HEALTH

## Niagara Region Public Health School Health Newsletter



### COVID-19 UPDATE

Niagara Region Public Health has recently updated their [Schools & Child Care During COVID-19](#) webpage! This page provides Niagara specific guidance for schools and childcare settings, along with helpful resources to support parents/caregivers.

Public Health recommends all eligible individuals be vaccinated against COVID-19. Vaccination is the best line of defence for preventing COVID-19 in the school and childcare setting. Visit a [Niagara Region Public Health COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic](#), book an appointment online through the provincial portal at [Ontario.ca/bookvaccine](https://ontario.ca/bookvaccine) or call the booking system at 1-833-943-3900.

For up-to-date information on COVID-19 and vaccine eligibility, please visit the Niagara Region Public Health's [website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). Public health professionals are available to answer any questions through the COVID-19 Info-line Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

- 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074, press 7
- [COVID-19 Info-Line wait times](#)
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### PROPER MASK PROTECTION

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### DON'T BE SCARED BY CAVITIES THIS HALLOWEEN!

Here are some helpful tips to keep your child's teeth healthy during Halloween:

- Limit the amount of sticky and sugary treats and drinks
- Choose candy smartly. Hard candies like lollipops and jawbreakers can chip teeth.
- If your child has braces, have them avoid eating any popcorn, hard candy, and chewy treats
- Brush and floss teeth after eating tasty sweets



Book your child a **FREE** dental appointment at one of Public Health's dental clinics by calling 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399

To learn more on how to keep your family's teeth healthy, visit [www.niagararegion.ca/health](http://www.niagararegion.ca/health) search "dental."

### FLU PREVENTION

It is more important than ever to get the flu shot this year.

FREE flu shots are available across Niagara

- Contact your health care provider to get your flu shot
- Flu shots are also available through [walk-in clinics](#) and [participating pharmacies](#) (for individuals two years of age or over)

If you do not have a family doctor, see a list of [family physicians in Niagara who are accepting new patients](#)

For more information on this year's flu shot, please visit [Getting Your Flu Shot](#).

### ROUTINE VACCINATIONS AND IMMUNIZATIONS

[Routine vaccinations](#) are an important step in keeping children healthy. Public Health is required to keep records of students' immunization status to protect youth in the event of an outbreak of a preventable disease. Please report your child's immunization every time they receive a vaccine or booster.

We are also encouraging students to connect with their primary health care providers to ensure their [routine vaccinations](#) are up-to-date.