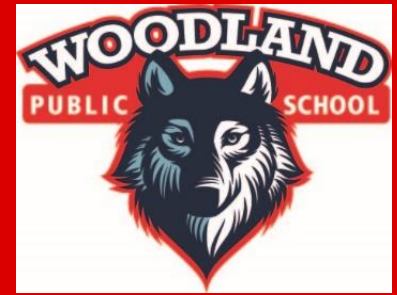


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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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 17, 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 24, you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress to date during the parent-teacher conferences. 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.

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 Orders Due Nov. 4
- Treaties Recognition Week..... Nov. 6
- International Inuit Day Nov. 7
- Indigenous Veteran's Day..... Nov. 8
- Boston Pizza Lunch..... Nov. 10
- Remembrance Day Nov. 11
- Diabetes Awareness Day Nov. 14
- Louis Riel Day..... Nov. 16
- Progress Reports Home..... Nov. 17
- Submission Sub Orders Due..... Nov. 18
- Colour House Day Nov. 18
- Woodland Photo Retake Day..... Nov. 21
- St. Catharines Collegiate Try-A-Tech Day
..... Nov. 21
- World Cup Day Nov. 23
- Submission Sub Lunch Nov. 24
- Interview Evening Nov. 24
- PA Day..... Nov. 25
- School Advisory Council Nov. 29

PA DAY

Friday, November 25 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 17, 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 17, 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.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Reading for pleasure unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Here's what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:

- Set the example. Let children see you read.
- Have a collection of books in your home. Update this collection routinely to keep up with changing tastes and reading skills.
- Support our school's Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books to read.

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

Book Fair dates: Tuesday, November 22 to Thursday, November 24

Shopping hours: Each class will have times assigned throughout the Scholastic Book Fair dates to come to the book fair to preview, make wish lists, and purchase books. Class schedules will come home closer to the date of the book fair.

Special activities: Open to families on Thursday, November 24 during parent-teacher interview evening

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school.

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

On Friday, November 11, 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 7 to be included in the assembly. Please note that if you shared this information last year, you do not need to submit it again. At this time, the assembly will be limited to students and staff at Woodland.

TREATIES RECOGNITION WEEK

Ontario has designated November 6-12, 2022 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>.

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.dsbn.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.dsbn.org), all school websites, DSBN 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 was held on Tuesday, October 25. All School Advisory Council meeting agendas and minutes will be posted on the [Woodland web site](#) once they are approved. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at 6:00 pm. New members are always welcome to join.

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
Monday, November 14	Diabetes Awareness Day	Monday, November 14 is Diabetes Awareness Day. We would like to encourage all of our Wolves to wear blue on Monday, November 14 to support this awareness campaign.
Friday, November 18	Colour House Day	The Woodland staff are excited to continue with Colour Houses this year. All students and staff will be assigned a colour house and will earn points for their house by participating in spirit days, special assemblies, and challenges. Colour houses will have students from Kindergarten to Grade 8. Colour houses give our students an opportunity to connect with students from all grade levels and further strengthen our Woodland community. On Friday, November 18, we ask all students wear their 'colour' to school as we will be meeting in our colour houses to have some fun together.
Wednesday, November 23	World Cup Day	Canada plays their first World Cup game in 36 years today! To celebrate this Canadian accomplishment, November 23 will be "World Cup Day". Show your Canadian pride to cheer on Canada or wear something to represent a country you are cheering for in the World Cup. Don't have Canada gear or not interested in the World Cup, then wear your Woodland gear or the colour red.

EXTRA-CURRICULARS UPDATES

We are looking forward to offering a variety of extra-curricular opportunities for our Wolves during the 2022-2023 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 Tuesdays and Thursday Tournament Date - December 6 at Niagara College (information to follow closer to the date)	Grades 7 - 8	Ms. Bond
Junior Co-Ed Tripleball	To Be Determined – Stay tuned for more details	Grades 4-6	Mme. Niece

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 10, 2022	<u>Boston Pizza</u> Individual Pizzas (cheese, peperoni, or gluten-free cheese)	Open now and closes Friday, November 4, 2022, at 9:00 am
Thursday, November 24, 2022	<u>Submission Subs</u> Variety of subs and gluten-free wrap options	Opens Friday, November 11 and closes Friday, October 18 at 9:00 am
December Milk Cards – Milk delivery will start December 1	<u>Milk Cards</u> White or chocolate milk available during second break, 20 milks per card	Open Friday, November 4 and closes Friday, November 18

PINK SHIRT DAYS – BULLYING AWARENESS

The DSBN Pink Shirt (Every) Day Kick-Off Campaign is taking place November 14 to 18, 2022 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 22, 2023 as Pink Shirt 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.dsbns.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.dsbns.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's 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.