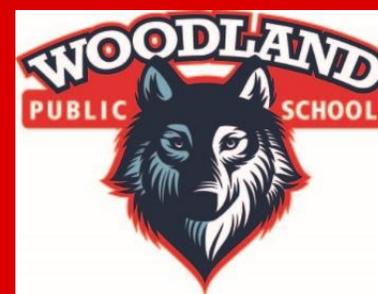


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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I would like to extend my thanks to all members of our school community, including students, parents, and staff, for an amazing kick off to our 2021-2022 school year. I know things are a little different this year but our staff appreciate your support in following our protocols with everything, from our entry and exit, to daily self-assessment screenings.

I cannot stress the importance of ensuring your child is symptom-free before arriving at school in the morning. Both staff and students need to complete a daily self-assessment before arriving. Any students (or staff) that develop any of the following symptoms while at school will need to be picked up right away. The symptoms include:

- Fever/chills (feeling hot to the touch, a temperature of 37.8 degrees Celsius/100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher)
- Cough that's new or worsening (continuous, more than usual)
- Shortness of breath (out of breath even when sitting or walking)
- Unusual level of fatigue
- Nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite, stomach pain (not related to other known causes or conditions)

If children display symptoms, they must remain home from school and seek medical attention by a health care provider to see if testing is recommended. You should speak with a doctor if your child feels sick or think they have the cold or flu because symptoms are similar to COVID-19. You may also connect with a public health professional through the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Info-Line, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. by calling 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074, press 7. Alternately, you may connect through [Chat online](#) in 90 different languages with auto-translate Monday to Sunday from 8:30 am to 4:15 pm.

We appreciate your support and cooperation as we work to keep everyone safe.



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Grade 5 CCAT .....	Oct. 4 - 6
World Teacher's Day.....	Oct. 5
Jersey Day .....	Oct. 8
Thanksgiving Day .....	Oct. 11
Secret Path Week .....	Oct. 17-22
Dress Purple Day for Child Abuse Awareness .....	Oct. 27

### PA DAY

Please note that there is *not* a PA Day in October. Our next PA Day will be on Friday, November 19. We will be having a regular school day on the Friday before Thanksgiving.



## STUDENT RECOGNITION

During the month of September, 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. Some students also received a "Shout Out". The following students were recognized:



## 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. Students should not be arriving prior to 8:45, as supervision is not provided. We request that once students arrive at school, they remain in their classroom designated space to ensure their safety, to keep the sidewalks clear for those still arriving, and to ensure physical distancing.

## STAFFING UPDATE

It is with sadness that we will be saying 'Goodbye' to Mrs. Vollmer. Her last day at Woodland is on Friday, October 1. On behalf of the staff, students, and families at Woodland we thank her for her support in getting the school year off to a great start, with kindness, caring and incredible organization.

On Monday, October 4, we welcome our permanent administrative assistant, Mrs. Gayle Craig, who will be joining our 'Wolf Pack' from Crossroads Public School. Welcome to the pack Mrs. Craig!

## WORLD TEACHER'S DAY – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

World Teacher's Day is recognized annually on October 5. I would like to thank our teaching staff for all you do each and everyday to ensure that our Wolves are safe, well, and challenged to do their best. Thank you to our amazing teaching staff for making our community an amazing one to be a part of and supporting our Wolves to be the best version of themselves in everything they do!

## CCAT – CANADIAN COGNITIVE ABILITIES TEST (GRADE 5 STUDENTS)

All Grade 5 students will take the Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test during the period of October 4 to October 6. This assessment helps to identify individual student needs and abilities to ensure appropriate programs are provided as well as information about student strengths in verbal, quantitative and non-verbal reasoning. The assessment provides a benchmark as students complete future achievement tests, whether these tests are teacher-generated, board-wide or provincial.

## DRESS PURPLE DAY – CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS – OCTOBER 27

The DSBN has joined the commitment to Dress Purple to support Child Abuse Prevention Month. October is Child Abuse Prevention Month and Wednesday, October 27, 2021 is Dress Purple Day, a provincial day of action when students and staff are encouraged to wear purple and show your support for child abuse prevention. On Wednesday, October 27, DSBN will be recognizing Wear Purple Day.

## TERRY FOX

On Friday, September 24, our Woodland Wolves participated in the Terry Fox School Run. Thank you to the families that donated directly to the Terry Fox Foundation through the Woodland Public School donation page. Through the generosity of our families, we raised \$2100 to support cancer research.

## SCHOOL PHOTO DAY – COMING IN NOVEMBER

Great news Woodland! School photo day is returning and we are booked to have our school photos on Tuesday, November 16, 2021. Further information will come home closer to photo 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.

## 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.

## JERSEY DAY – OCTOBER 8

To celebrate the start of the NHL Hockey season, we will have a Jersey Day on Friday, October 8. Wear a jersey from your favourite sports team (NHL, MLS, MLB) or a jersey from a team you play on. If you don't have a jersey, wear Woodland wear or our school colours to celebrate our Wolves!

## 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 echeque to make quick and easy payments online. It will also allow you to track payments made and receive an invoice for your purchases.

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.

## SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Our first School Advisory Council Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 28. Thank you to all the parents that attended our virtual meeting. At this meeting, our executive was elected. Our executive for our council is as follows:

Chair: Ms. Lidia Molek

Secretary: Rotating Position

Treasurer: Ms. Whitney Sterk

All School Advisory Council meeting agendas and minutes will be posted on the [Woodland web site](#) once they are approved. Our schedule of meetings for the 2021-2022 school year is as follows:

- November 23, 2021 @ 6:30 pm
- January 25, 2022 @ 6:30pm
- March 22, 2022 @ 6:30pm
- May 24, 2022 @ 6:30pm

New members are always welcome to join and meeting may be added if the need arises.

## KEEPING OUR SCHOOL SAFE AND HEALTHY

If you have a child with a Prevalent Medical Condition (Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes, and/or Epilepsy) we want to make sure we have a current Plan of Care to support your child. The Plan of Care form is a new document that replaces the Emergency Action Plan. All parents of children with Prevalent Medical Conditions are asked to fill out the new Plan of Care and submit to the school. You can download the forms here [dsbn.org/prevalent-medical-conditions](https://dsbn.org/prevalent-medical-conditions).

For more information, please contact the office.

## 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.

## SO MANY WAYS TO 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'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.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM NIAGARA REGION PUBLIC HEALTH

## Niagara Region Public Health School Health Newsletter



### COVID-19 UPDATE

A critical factor in the planning process for the school year has been vaccinating students.

Youth are welcome to walk into any Niagara Region Public Health COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic. They may book an appointment online through the [Provincial portal](#) or call the booking system at 1-833-943-3900. A full schedule of clinics dates and locations are listed on the [Region's website](#). Youth may also find a pharmacy in their neighbourhood administering Pfizer by visiting the [Provincial website](#).

For up-to-date information on COVID-19 and vaccine eligibility, please visit the Niagara Region Public Health's [website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

\*If you would like to learn more about the school reopening plan, see below:

- [COVID-19: Health and Safety Measures at Schools](#)
- [COVID-19: Health, Safety and Operational Guidance for Schools 2021-22](#)
- [COVID-19 Guidance: School Case, Contact, and Outbreak Management](#)

### 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.

### ARE YOUR EYES READY TO LEARN?

Proper vision is important for a child's movement, learning and social development. If left untreated, vision problems may become serious and prevent a child from reaching their full potential.

A full eye exam by an eye doctor (optometrist) is the best way to make sure a child's eyes are healthy.

The Eye See...Eye Learn® program is for students in junior kindergarten to have a comprehensive eye exam (covered by OHIP) with a local, [participating optometrist](#). If a child needs glasses, they will receive a complimentary pair donated by Plastic Plus, Modern Optical Canada and the participating optometrist.

A yearly eye exam is **FREE** – the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) covers the cost of an eye exam every 12 months for children up to the age of 19 with a valid OHIP card. [Find an eye doctor near you](#).

For more information on vision screening, please visit <https://www.niagararegion.ca/health/schools/vision-screening.aspx>.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM NIAGARA REGION PUBLIC HEALTH (CONTINUED...)

## Niagara Region Public Health School Health Newsletter



### OUR KIDS SAFE ON THE JOURNEY TO SCHOOL

Back to school means more children walking or biking to school and bus stops. We thank parents for being mindful of active travellers and following the [rules of the road](#).

Kids who walk or bike to school arrive alert and ready to learn. Practice a walking route to your school to help your child get ready for an active return. Too far to walk? Drive to a spot near your school and walk the rest of the way. This will ease pressure on your school zone and give your child an active start to their day.

#### Ways to help your child learn safe walking and cycling skills:

- Watch [Blue the Butterfly](#) with your child to teach them pedestrian safety tips. You can practice these skills while you explore a route to your school or in your neighborhood. Check out the [Sidewalk Smarts Passport](#) to see which skills your child may need more help with.
- Check out the [virtual bike rodeo](#). It features skills like putting on a helmet, using hand signals and doing shoulder checks.

Find out more about your walk zone from [Niagara Student Transportation Services](#).

### NIAGARA PARENTS FACEBOOK LIVE EVENTS

Join [Niagara Parents](#) as they chat about dental screenings in schools, coping with stress, pronouns and more, to help your family prepare for the upcoming year. Each session will be a short 10-minute conversation with the opportunity to ask questions, so you can pick and choose what topics work for your family!

Check out the schedule below and visit [Niagara Parents on Facebook](#) for more information.