

OAKWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL

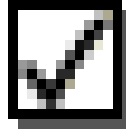
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Achieving Success Together

January 2021

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 11th—T1 Report Cards Issued
Feb. 12th—PD Day for students
Feb. 15th—Family Day Holiday



TERM 1 REPORT CARD UPDATE

Elementary Provincial Report Card (Grades 1-8) and the Kindergarten: Communication of Learning

On February 11, 2021, your child will receive either the Elementary Provincial Report Card (Grades 1-8) or the Kindergarten: Communication of Learning. Report cards give a summary of student achievement at the end of each term. Teachers use their professional judgement and consider factors such as consistency, recent improvement and amount of evidence order to determine students' grades or marks. Teachers and students work together to gather evidence of their learning over time from observations, conversations and student products.

This year, the Ontario Ministry of Education updated the [math curriculum](#) for Grades 1 to 8 which started in September 2020. The new mathematics curriculum is part of a [four-year math strategy](#) designed to:

- improve student performance in math help students solve everyday math problems increase students' employability to attain the jobs of the future

Updates to Assessment and Evaluation in Mathematics (Grades 1-8)

To foster a cohesive approach to both instruction and assessment across the elementary mathematics curriculum, achievement in mathematics will be reported in the **Elementary Report Card** as one overall letter grade (Grades 1-6) or percentage mark (Grades 7-8), with supporting comments. Comments will describe significant strengths demonstrated by the student, and identify next steps for improvement. Teachers may also describe a student's growth in learning.

The Ministry has provided more information about the new math curriculum for parents on the following website: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/new-math-curriculum-grades-1-8>. If you have any questions, please make arrangements to speak with your child's teacher.

DREAMBOX

All students in grades 1-6 at Oakwood have access to Dreambox math software at school or at home! This software runs on a standard computer or on the I-Pad. Students are familiar with log-in from a standard computer via our School Web Page, but need to access I-Pads differently. The pass-code for the I-pads is 42cv/oakwood Please log in under school when accessing! To access the program from a desktop, use the link on our school web-page and use the students log-in!

DSBN ACADEMY

What are the requirements to apply to the DSBN Academy?

- Student must live within the Niagara Region
- Student is entering Grade 6, 7 or 8 in September 2021
- Student would be the first in their family to graduate from a college or university program
- If a sibling has attended post-secondary but the parent(s)/guardian(s) have not, the student is still considered a First Generation Student
- Student is achieving current grade level expectations or just below
- Student has demonstrated the potential for achieving "good" or "excellent" learning skills
- Student is willing to attend a school that may be out of their community with free transportation provided
- Student understands there are mandatory after-school academic supports and *ENCORE* programs
- After-school *ENCORE* options include: Mixed sport, Board games, Photography, Yoga, Makerspace, Choir, Reading, and many more!
- Families understand that the DSBN Academy is a single track pathway beginning in Grade 9 (academic level only)

Explore
DSBN Academy

Virtual Open House
February 8, 2021 at 6:00PM
academy.dsbn.org

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Changes are happening to our traditional Kindergarten Open House for 2021! Historically Kindergarten Registration and Open House has occurred at the end of January. This year, since it is not possible to have Kindergarten Open Houses the way we have in the past, we are planning on moving the Kindergarten Open House to the Spring. Please Note—The online registration for new students will open on January 28th. e DSBN Academy and everything it has to offer. More information about Registration and the Virtual Open House will be shared in January 2021.

Register for French Immersion

Monday, January, 4 to Tuesday, February, 16

[CLICK HERE](#)

French Immersion at the DSBN starts in Grade 1



Connect with a public health nurse at Niagara Parents



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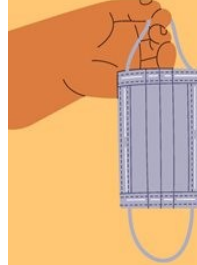
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Niagara Region



Have you washed your face mask lately?

Cloth masks should:

1. Be washed before every use
2. Be washed with regular laundry detergent
3. Be dried on the highest heat setting for at least 20 minutes
4. Never be worn when damp, wet, soiled or unwashed

Source: CDC



I Matter At DSBN



Hi! I'm Barkley. Your child's Kindergarten sidekick. I'm here to tell you that it's time to register for Kindergarten!

Normally I'd invite you inside one of our Kindergarten classrooms so you and your child could look around with me, but to keep each other safe, we have to wait to do that another time.

What I can do is help you find all the information you need to register your child for Kindergarten at the DSBN! I put it on www.dsbn.org/kindergarten for you. It has important information like:

How to register your child online

A video about a typical day in Kindergarten

A Kindergarten classroom 360° virtual tour

An e-book about how I overcame my first day fears

Register today at dsbn.org/kindergarten. I can't wait to meet you and your child at school!

