

## March News 2011

### **Oakwood Public School 2010 – 2011 Narrow Focus Learning Goals**

**Literacy:** By June 2011, all students will improve in their ability to read for meaning, by moving one level and/or within a level as measured by a variety of teacher prepared diagnostic, formative, and summative assessments.

**Numeracy:** By June 2011, all students will improve in their ability to use critical and creative thinking skills and/or processes to solve problems and communicate their level of understanding of mathematical concepts by moving one level and/or within a level as measured by a variety of teacher prepared diagnostic, formative, and summative assessments.

Greetings!

#### Student Safety

A reminder to our students who walk to and from school. At the end of the day there are many vehicles on the road in front of the school and it can be a very hectic place.

- For the safety of our students we ask that walkers leave the property promptly at the end of the day – not play on the front lawn.
- If parents are picking students up in their own vehicle we ask that you are on time so that students are not waiting out in front of the school as we load buses and vehicles. If you are going to be late, please call and we will have your child wait inside at the office.
- First bus students are to wait inside the door and will be walked out to the bus.
- Second bus students (junior/intermediate only) are to wait in Mr. deWaard's class and will then be walked out to the bus when it arrives. Second bus students (primary) are to wait in the hall with their teachers and will then be walked out to the bus when it arrives.

Please review these safety procedures with your child.

#### Entry to Oakwood School

Please remember to use the back door for entry to the building. It is important for all parents and visitors to check in at the office if they are entering the building, even if you will only be a minute. Lunches and forgotten homework can be left at the office, to be delivered at the nearest break. The front door is for the safe entry and exit of our bus students. We thank you for your co-operation.

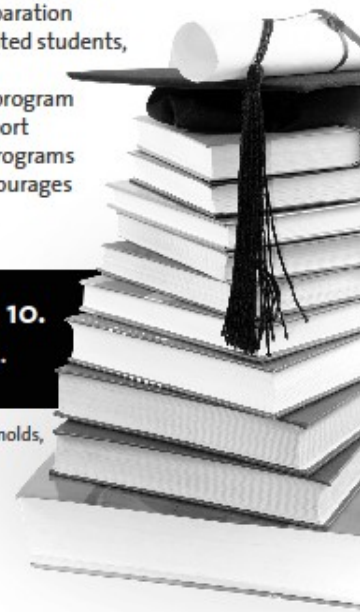
**DSBN Academy will be a Grade 6–12 public school that focuses on supporting and empowering students to be the first in their families to graduate from a post-secondary institution.**



ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH OPPORTUNITY

**DSBN Academy Strategies for Success:**

- School-wide shared beliefs focused on post-secondary preparation
- Committed and motivated students, families and staff
- Single track academic program
- Advisory program support
- After school “encore” programs
- Programming that encourages parent involvement
- Transportation



**Applications are due Thursday, March 10.**  
Please see your Principal for an application form.



**DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA**  
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905 641 1550 [www.dsbn.org](http://www.dsbn.org)

Questions? Contact Tom Reynolds,  
DSBN Academy Program  
Coordinator  
at 641 2929 ext. 54143

Applications for the DSBN Academy are available in the Oakwood School office. Please call if you would like an application or further information.

### DSBN Cell Phone Policy

Included in this newsletter is the DSBN cell phone policy. Students who bring cell phones to school are reminded that such communication devices should be turned off and out of sight while on school property. Students who need to call home during the school day are asked to come to the office where a phone is available for emergency calls. The school office is the designated cell phone usage area for students while on school property. If you are sending your child to school with a cell phone please remind them of this policy, which was developed for student safety.

*“It is the policy of the District School Board of Niagara that cellular telephones, pagers, and similar types of communication devices owned and/or carried by students are to be turned off and are not to be used on school property, with the exception that school administrators shall designate one or more areas of the school property appropriate for the use of electronic communication devices provided it takes into account the provisions mentioned above .*

*With consideration to their restricted area, they are not to be used in private areas such as locker rooms and washrooms nor are they to be used where it interferes with the learning, privacy or safety of staff, students or others.”*



Oakwood School Students are Optimists

The character trait for February was “optimism”. On Valentine’s Day students viewed the movie “Up” and were asked to make connections between the characters actions in the movie with the trait of Optimism. There were many excellent responses. The grade 3 and 4 class exceeded all expectations for this task by creating a twenty foot high replica of Carl’s flying house as well as a scrapbook entitled, “Our Class’ Optimistic Adventures”. The class was treated to a pancake breakfast prepared and served by Mr. Hockley, Mrs. Schonewille, Mrs. Oakes and Miss Foster.

Student Teachers

We welcome two student teachers from Brock University to Oakwood School. Miss Foster will be working in Mrs. Schonewille’s classroom and Miss Baines will be working in Mr. deWaard’s classroom.

### **1A HUGE THANK-YOU TO OUR “Oakwood School Council”**

Our School Council has generously purchased our Athletic Program, 20 new jersey for our Sport Teams. We thank-you very much for the generous purchase. Now we can play good and look good at the same time. Thank you to all the families that supported the gift basket raffles at Christmas and the Norcard fund raiser. The proceeds were used for this purchase. Thank-you !

## **PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITIONS - PORT COLBORNE LEGION**

**We currently sent our 4 finalists to the Port Colborne Legion to compete with other schools in the area. Although we did not advance, our girls did a fantastic job up there and delivered some amazing speeches. We are very proud of all of you!**

**Congratulations to Brooke Bulitz, Alyssa Creighton, Julia Dell, and Sarah Dell.**

## **TECH CHALLENGE CHAMPIONS**

**OUR Grade 7 and 8's once again defended their title by applying their skills at the Grade 7 and 8 Techknowledge Challenge. The ability to take the assignment, un-wrap the box of goodies, create the instrument, and test it accordingly, earned both of our teams a berth to the DSBN Finals in St. Catharines. Very Impressive Teams !**

### **Team One**

Seth Milo  
Avery Sathmary  
Emily Johnson  
Taylor Chiomey

### **Team Two**

David Schulz  
Jonathan Bokma  
Olivia Sebastiany  
Rebecca Boulton

Mr. Hockley took a team to the 2D Animation competition, tech challenge. The following students participated on this team and represented Oakwood School with pride: David Schultz, Avery Sathmary, Olivia Sebastiany and Kelsey Farnan.

## **2 "On the court"**

The intermediate girls finished their season with an 8-4 record, and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> at the DSNB Basketball Championships. Well Done Girls!

Emily Johnson  
Cathrine Sharp  
Victoria Kadwell

Taylor Chiomey  
Victoria Joyce  
Brianna Stringer

Rebecca Boulton  
Ashley Gillespie  
Sarah Penner

Jennifer Tweedy  
Erin McKenzie

The intermediate boys finished their season with a 5-4 record, and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Port Colborne, Wainfleet tournament. Great year Boys!

Tyler Hallihan  
David Schulz  
Chris Fairman

Brandon Guttin  
Cole Campbell  
Logan Campbell

Noah DeRoy  
Avery Sathmary  
Jonathan Bokma



## **Intramural Basketball**

We are currently running a 4 team league during some of our breaks. The Heat, Raptors, Globetrotters, Lakers are battling for the championship. Good Luck Teams!

## **JUNIOR BASKETBALL**

TRY-OUTS ARE CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE! THE SEASON BEGINS AFTER THE MARCH BREAK. GO EAGLES!

## **3Chocolate bar Campaign**

Our grade 7 and 8's want to express a huge thank-you to all students, parents, friends and relatives who helped make our chocolate bar campaign a success. The proceeds raised will help our students pay for their Ottawa Trip in June.

Besides the 16 individual prizes that students placed their tickets into to win items of their choice, we also conducted classroom awards.

**Winners**

**Top selling primary class** - Mr. Tonnie's class won a 5lb chocolate bar

**Top selling junior class** - Mr. DeWaard's class won a 5lb chocolate bar

**Top selling intermediate class** - Ben Whitnall won the 5lb chocolate bar for the division

**\$100.00 - chocolate gift basket** - Cathrine Sharpe

**Top seller** - 4 movie passes with popcorn and drinks, and his name submitted to the regional draw for a "Great Wolf Lodge Getaway" or an "IPAD apple" - **CHRIS GAMBLE** - Mr. Summerhayes' class

**Gift basket draw**

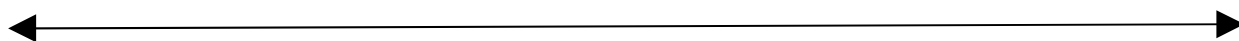
The grade 7 and 8's are continuing to raffle off another \$100.00 chocolate bar gift basket (filled with all sorts of goodies)

The draw is Friday April 15<sup>th</sup> .

Tickets are \$. 25 each or 6 for \$1.00.

Ticket template is attached for students who are interested, please send tickets with money to Mr. Wilson's room. Proceeds go towards the Intermediate Ottawa Trip. Thank you for your support.

**As we wrap up the chocolate bar campaign, some bars still remain. On Fridays beginning March 10<sup>th</sup>, students will be able to purchase an individual chocolate bar for \$3.00. They will be sold from Mr. Wilson's room last period, so that students take these delicious chocolate bars home to enjoy on the weekend!**



**March Newsletter and Calendar Draw**

When is the March Break? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any chocolate bars left and where can I purchase one? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have any question or comments regarding curriculum or events at Oakwood School?

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Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

