

OAKWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Achieving Success Together

Month End Wrap Up - Dec. 2022

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 9—Classes resume
Jan. 16th- Milk Program resumes
Jan. 20th—PD Day
Feb. 2nd—Kindergarten Open House—10-6pm



STUDENT of the MONTH

This year, we are continuing to focus our student of the month recognition around the **LEARNING SKILLS** from the Report Card. These are the characteristics and behaviours that help promote success for students both at school and in the real world. We will be reviewing what these look like in classrooms and helping our students to develop these important skills. For December we focused on the learning skill of **Caring**.

K1 - Isaac Oullet & Rae-Lynne Humphrey
K2— Layla M., Jason L. & Savana K.
Gr. 1/2S — Aria A. & Laura W.
Gr. 1/2T — Paige J. & Kyrie M.-K.
Gr. 3/4 — Damian B., Elena W. & Colton W.
Gr. 4/5— Colton R.,
Gr. 5/6— Keegan R.D.
Gr. 6/7— Chelsea R. & Keira L.
Gr. 7/8 — Micah V., Tanner C. & Owen H.
FSP— Isaac C.
For January the learning skill focus for students will be on **Collaboration!**

CLIMBERS

A reminder to parents and students that once our pea gravel has frozen, that we must **close down the climbers for the winter**. As students must have a 'soft' base to land on if they fall off the climbers, cold winter weather and awkward boots or slippery mittens make climbers too dangerous to use during the cold winter months.

MILK

A gentle reminder to order milk for January before the Holiday Break begins. Orders can be made through School Cash Online. Milk may be ordered daily or for 3 times a week for a month at a time! The milk program resumes Jan. 16th!

DRESSING FOR WINTER WEATHER

All students are expected to go outdoors for fresh air and physical activity during our nutrition breaks. Please ensure that your children are properly dressed for the cold winter weather as during breaks, students are out-doors for 20 minutes. Students also need a change a shoes for indoor time and need to be reminded **not** to wear scarves or other clothing that might create strangulation hazards on the play ground! Students are expected to go out onto the playground wearing the coats, hats, etc. that have been sent from home (ie. If Mom and Dad want you to wear your boots outside, we won't be okay if you are not!)

INCLEMENT WEATHER

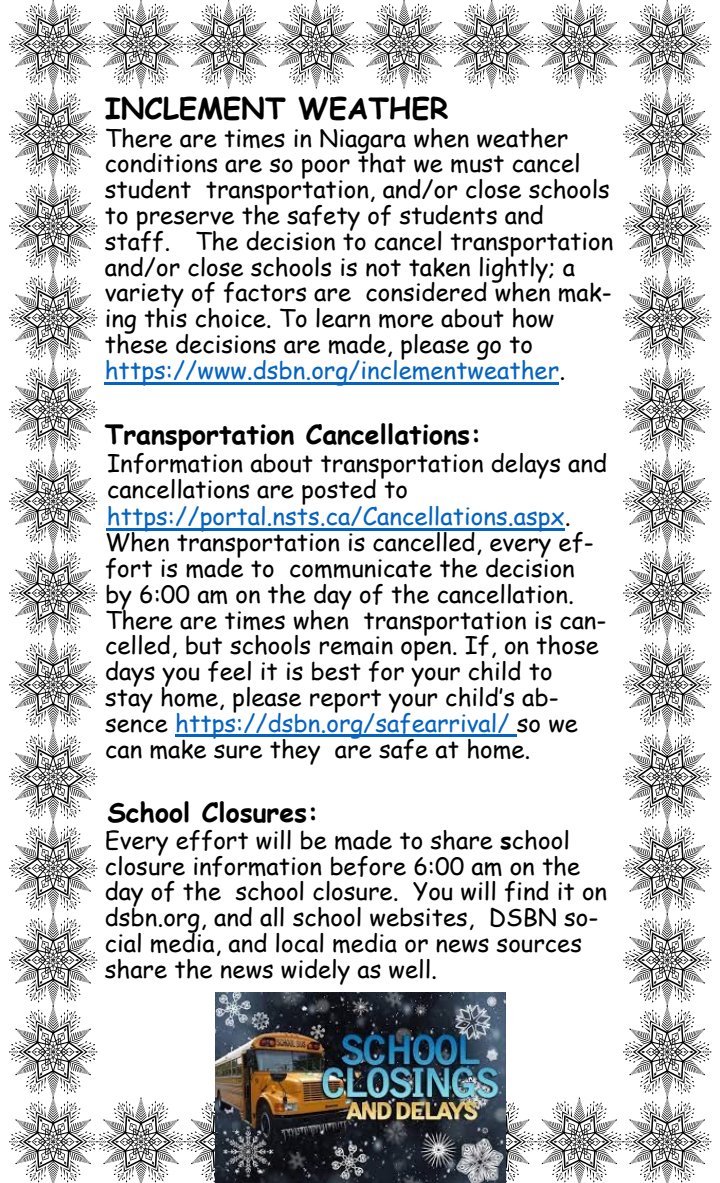
There are times in Niagara when weather conditions are so poor that we must cancel student transportation, and/or close schools to preserve the safety of students and staff. The decision to cancel transportation and/or close schools is not taken lightly; a variety of factors are considered when making this choice. To learn more about how these decisions are made, please go to <https://www.dsbns.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:

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, and all school websites, DSBN social media, and local media or news sources share the news widely as well.



ZERO TOLERANCE TO THROWING SNOW/ICE

To ensure safety on our playground during winter months, students are reminded that snowballs, and throwing and kicking snow/ice at others is strictly forbidden. Building forts and snow-men are encouraged, but destroying other people's creations are frowned upon. Please take a moment at home and help the school, by discussing these important safety expectations with your children!



EXCITING OAKWOOD EAGLES NEWS!

Some of our students participated in the Port Colborne Snow Plough Painting Program and we won the interschool contest. Congratulations to the following students; Kendra W., Shyden J., Lily M., Olivia V., Savannah T., Madison R., & Jocelyn Y. As a result of winning, each student participated in a pizza party and received a PORTICIPATE Bag with some prizes. In addition, some of the Oakwood students walked alongside the painted plough and handed out candy on Saturday, December 3 in the Port Colborne Santa Claus Parade. Special thanks to Mrs. Schonewille for overseeing this amazing opportunity!

THANK YOU TO THE BRO-P.C. BIKER'S CLUB!

We would like to express a special thank you to our local BRO-Port Colborne Biker's club for their donation of seven holiday turkey dinners. Student names were raffled and the lucky recipients families notified! Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity at this special time of year!



THANK YOU TO NBS RIDERS OF PORT!

Every student at Oakwood will be heading home for the holiday break with a 'little something special' in their backpacks this year. Special thanks to the NBS Riders of Port Colborne who donated toys to every child in our school! We are overwhelmed by your thoughtfulness and generosity! Pictured below are members of staff with club members!



PORT COLBORNE MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS CARD CONTEST WINNERS!

Two of our Oakwood Eagles won the Mayor's Christmas Card Contest competition in Port Colborne. Congratulations to; Hailey M (grade 7), & Holly R. (Grade 1) Both students rode on the Mayor's sailboat in the Christmas Parade and will be honored at the City Council Meeting on December 13th. Congratulations to all these students who represented Oakwood with amazing Eagle Pride. WAY to GO Eagles!!!

