

Oakwood Public School

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January 2013 News

Oakwood Public School 2012 – 2013 Narrow Focus Learning Goals

LITERACY SMART GOAL: through modeling of and focusing on the writing process, student achievement in writing will increase by 15% as evidenced by OWA and grade three and grade six EQAO results.

NUMERACY SMART GOAL: Problem solving will be the context for teaching mathematics concepts in order to improve student achievement in mathematics by 15% as evidenced on grade 3 and grade 6 EQAO.

STAFF GROWTH SMART GOAL: Staff will purposefully use current assessment data to plan for and track student learning.

Staff have had the opportunity to review 2012 EQAO scores, report card grades, reading and writing assessments and student work to date. Based on this data, we have developed our narrow focus learning goals for the current school year. These goals are a continuation and an extension of the work staff began last year. Our goal is to improve student achievement at Oakwood School. Staff comes together in learning teams at least once per cycle to examine student work, discuss and learn about various instructional strategies and support student learning. These sessions along with professional development by the DSBN Central Support staff provide us with opportunities to work towards achieving our narrow focus learning goals. The early release day on February 15th will provide staff with the opportunity to review comprehensive literacy, and our School Improvement Plan. I appreciate the commitment by our staff to reach these goals.

Students will be bringing home their term 1 report cards on February 7th. It is important for our students to develop their own goals based on the feedback provided by their report card. If you have any questions regarding your child's report card please contact the school. By working together we can improve student achievement at Oakwood School.

SUCCESS STARTS HERE

Kindergarten Open House

Students who will be four by December 31, 2013 are eligible to start school in September. I am excited to share that our 2013 – 2014 classes will be full day. The Early Learning Program is coming to Oakwood. We will be renovating two of our classrooms to be the home for this new to Oakwood program. Junior and Senior kindergarten students will attend school all day with a teacher and an early childhood educator in the classroom. We invite you to attend our Open House on February 7 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. for more information and to register your child. We look forward to meeting you.

**Welcome To
KINDERGARTEN**

Do you know a child who is turning 4 or 5 in 2013?

Help them get ready for their big first day of school with the DSBN's Kindergarten Open House!

Parents and children are invited to our KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE on Thursday February 7, 2013 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Families can tour our school, meet the kindergarten teacher, receive a gift bag filled with fun learning resources and information that will help children develop school readiness skills, and register for the coming year.

Go to www.dsbn.org/kindergarten for more information.

Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Literary Contest

In November some of students entered the literary contest for the Legion. Three of students received prizes for their contributions. Madison C. Placed third, Emma B. Placed second and Alyssa C. Placed first. Alyssa's work went on to the zone competition where she placed third. We are proud of the efforts all of students made to participate. Thank you to Mr. Hockley for encouraging his students to enter the contest.



School Council

Thank you to all of you who participated in our Norcard Fundraiser. A profit of \$2766.35 was made. Our poinsettia fundraiser was also a success with a profit of \$427.00 being made. Our next fundraiser is the MacMillan cookie dough products. The order form will go home on March 1st. Orders should be returned on March 18th. Prizes will be awarded to all students for participation by MacMillan. As well School Council will provide prizes for the top three sellers. Orders will be ready for pickup on March 28th, just before Good Friday.

At our last meeting we discussed plans for the annual Fun Fair. We have a planning meeting scheduled for Wed. Mar. 20 at 2:30 p.m. We have had few members turning out for our evening meetings so we hope it will be more convenient for those of you who pick up your children to arrive at school a little earlier to attend the meeting. We will be done in time for you to take your child home at 3:15 p.m. It is important to have a strong planning committee in order for our Fun Fair to be a success. The overwhelming response from the survey that was done at our Christmas concert was to keep the Fun Fair. So we really need a commitment of time from many parents so we can plan this fun family event for our Oakwood community.

Our School Council received at Parent Reaching Out grant of \$1000 to plan a parent/community event. We are looking at a date in April to host an evening with a guest speaker on the topic of bullying

prevention/building positive relationships. Please forward any suggestions you have regarding this event.

Our next regularly scheduled School Council meeting is Tuesday March 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the library. All parents are welcome to attend.

Oakwood Public School Website

Don't forget to check our school website for class and school news.

<http://oakwood.dsbm.org/>

Dance a thon

Oakwood will be having its annual dance a thon on Feb. 14. Pledge forms have gone home. (Please return the envelope whether or not you collect pledges). It will be a fun day for the students with the opportunity for lots of physical activity.



Lockdown drill

During the week of February 4th through 8th we will hold a practice lockdown drill. All students and staff will be involved. It is a necessary safety procedure that DSBM schools practice in the same manner as fire drills. It will prepare staff and students in the case of an emergency. If you happen to arrive at the school during our lockdown drill you will find a sign on the window of the main entrance and entry to the building will not be allowed until the drill is completed.

In the event that students and staff needed to be evacuated during the school day, if it was safe to do so, we would move to St. John Bosco School.

Public Speaking

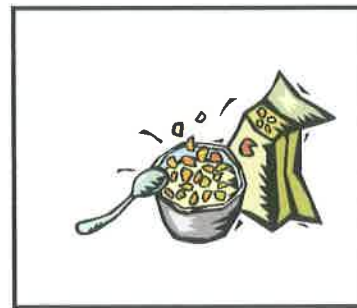
Students in grades four through eight have been researching, writing and creating public speaking presentations. On February 8th we will have our Oakwood School Speak off in the gym. Junior students will participate at 9:00 a.m. and Intermediate students will participate at 11:15 a.m. Parents and family members are welcome to attend.

Technology News

We have received our technology allocation from the Board. We were able to purchase 10 netbooks and speakers for three classrooms. Our school council has committed to purchasing additional technology for student use through their fundraising efforts. We thank them for their efforts.

Snack Program

We continue to run our snack program and provide food/snacks/milk on a daily basis for many students. Through the generosity of Niagara Nutrition Partners We have received grant money to purchase food items. However we would greatly benefit from any support you can offer. Perhaps you are able to purchase a box of unsweetened cereal or nut free breakfast bars when you do your weekly grocery shopping. Our bins contain cereal, milk, apples and breakfast bars. We appreciate any help you can offer.



Early Release Day – February 15, 2013

Friday February 15th is an early release day. As such there are no afternoon classes for students. Students in grades one through eight will be dismissed at noon to either walk home or take DSBN transportation which will pick up at Oakwood at approximately 12:15 p.m.

Morning JK and SK students may ride their scheduled buses to school on these days, but parents will be required to pick up their child at the end of the morning class. If a parent cannot commit to picking up their child, they should not send their child to school on these dates. There are no afternoon kindergarten classes on that day.

December Students of the Month demonstrating Integrity

Student of the Month: December, 2012

Character Trait: Integrity

Class	Teacher	Student(s)
J/K S/K a.m.	D. Dennis	Tytan Worrall
J/K S/K p.m.	D. Dennis	Cameron Olm
gr. 1	G. Wright	Kolton Anger, Presley Kalybaba
gr. 2	B. Tonnies	Eleanor Lee, Ireland Worrall
gr. 3	K. Crumb	Alyssa Evans, Brielle Anger
gr. 4	D. Schonewille	Turner Clarke, Ashley Interisano
gr. 5/6	D. Hockley	Connor Farnan, Tanisha Stringer
gr. 6/7	D. Bartok	Jacob Smith, Kaylah Benner
gr. 8	C. Wilson	Emily Puchalski, Adam Poehlman
FSL	J. Mazza	Mya Hallihan, Michael Riedke
SESN1	C. McLean	Noah Steneke
SESN2	C. Summerhayes	Faith Purcell

“We show kindness, compassion, empathy and friendship towards others.”

January Students of the Month demonstrating Caring

Student of the Month: January, 2013

Character Trait: Caring

Class	Teacher	Student(s)
J/K S/K a.m.	D. Dennis	Tyler Vickers
J/K S/K p.m.	D. Dennis	Cameron Olm
gr. 1	G. Wright	Jackson Agius, Hannah Sunday
gr. 2	B. Tonnie	Jordan Mater, Parker Grover
gr. 3	K. Crumb	Caleb Nault, Corey Matchett
gr. 4	D. Schonewille	Jordan Ballantyne
gr. 5/6	D. Hockley	Jacob Price
gr. 6/7	D. Bartok	Taylor Sheppard, Alyssa Denobriga
gr. 8	C. Wilson	Tiffany Sheppard, Alexis Bilodeau
FSL	J. Mazza	Eleanor Lee, Emma Croteau
SES1	C. McLean	Lexi Gauthier
SES2	C. Summerhayes	Brandon Booker

“We are honest, trustworthy and genuine in that our actions match our words.”

TEEN EVOLUTION

“Introducing a new group just for teens ages 15-18!”

Teen Evolution gets together once a week to have fun and make new friends along the way.



When? Every Friday from 7 to 10 pm
starting February 1st, 2013

Where? 100 McRae Ave, Port Colborne

To register, contact Andrea Bastien at (905) 835-8941 ext. 136 or
Melanie Wessel at (905) 835-8941 ext. 151

Partnerships:

Bridges Community Health
Ecole Secondaire Catholique
Jean Vanier
Y To Y Mentoring Program

Centre de santé communautaire
Every Kid In Our
Community Committee
East Side Village Coalition

COMMUNITY LIVING
Port Colborne-Wainfleet

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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



TWEEN BREAKOUT

"Introducing a new group just for tweens ages 12-14!"

Tween Breakout gets together once a week to have fun and make new friends along the way.

When? Every Saturday from 1pm to 4pm

starting February 2nd, 2013

Where? 100 McRae Ave, Port Colborne

To register, contact Andrea Bastien at (905) 835-8941 ext. 136 or
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It's all about FAMILY!

Family Day Free Skate! Monday, February 18th, 2013

Lace up! Come out and have some fun! Celebrate Family Day with some fun family time! Free Skate time sponsored by FACS Niagara and Mentholatum will be offered at the following locations and times:

* Fort Erie	Leisureplex	2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Grimsbly	Peach King Arena	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
* St. Catharines	Seymour - Hannah 4 Pad	11:15 am – 1:15 pm
Lincoln	Jordan Arena	11:00 am – 12:30 pm
West Lincoln	West Lincoln/Smithville Arena	11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Wainfleet	Wainfleet Arena	Noon – 2:00 pm
Niagara-on-the-Lake	Meridian Arena	1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
*Niagara Falls	TD RINK at the Brink	10:00 am – Noon

(Free skate and helmet rentals only at Niagara Falls)

*Free product samples available at select locations while quantities last.



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et à l'enfance de Niagara

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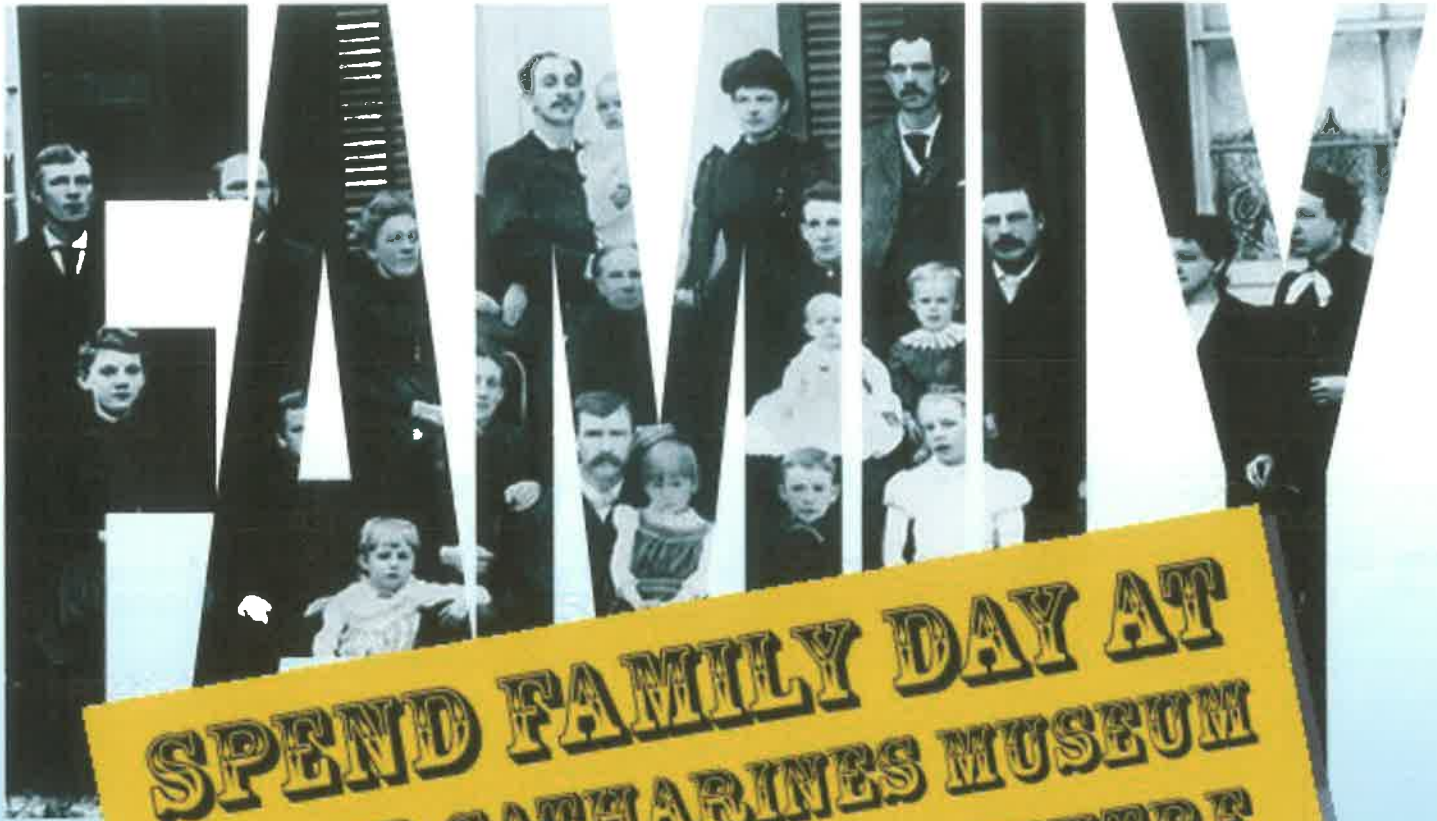
Foster Families Needed

Open your hearts and your home to local children and youth in need.

For more information on providing safe and temporary care for children in need

Call 905-937-7731 www.facsniagara.on.ca





**SPEND FAMILY DAY AT
THE ST. CATHARINES MUSEUM
& WELLAND CANALS CENTRE**

Monday, February 18, 2013 10 AM–4 PM
Meet the museum family this Family Day, and see what goes on behind the scenes at the St. Catharines Museum!

JOIN US

- ◆ In behind the scenes tours of collections.
- ◆ In designing your own exhibit.
- ◆ In trying on historic costumes.
- ◆ In learning the care of artifacts.

—Admission by donation—

St. Catharines Museum and Welland Canals Centre
1932 Welland Canals Parkway @ Lock 3

St. Catharines, Ontario

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www.stcatharines.ca





Boys & Girls Club
of Niagara

A good place to be

aquatics recreation daycare bus pick-up & drop off after school kids zone teen zone games crafts homework club
supper club holiday camps youth residence accessible affordable convenient ... WE ARE a good place to be!

MARCH BREAK

MARCH BREAK CAMP

School Age: 6 - 12 years
6:00 am - 6:00 pm
\$30 per day, per child

KINDER PROGRAM

Ages: Kindergarten Registered
6:00 am - 6:00 pm
\$35 per day, per child

EXTENDED DAY CARE

All ages
6pm—10pm
\$8.50 per hour,
per child

WHAT OUR CAMPS OFFER

Qualified staff

Special Events

Swimming

Arts & Crafts

Outdoor physical activity

Themed Programming



The Boys and Girls Club of Niagara was one of the first to achieve accreditation through High Five. High Five is a quality assurance standard of Parks and Recreation Ontario, designed to support the safety and wellbeing and healthy development of children ages 6-12.

To register...

Niagara Fall Centre front desk or call 905-357-2444

All participants must have a completed registration package and/or registration form and payment before first day of program.

Welland Community Wellness Complex
145 Lincoln Street

MUCH: VIDEO DANCE

in the Theatre

Friday, February 22nd, 2013

Ages 11 - 14 • 6:30 - 8 PM

Ages 15 - 18 • 8 - 10 PM
(presentation of High School I.D. required)

Whether it's hop hop, R&B, pop, rock, old school, retro ... we've got a mix for you. Enjoy videos on the big screen, an amazing sound system, dance floor lighting and special effects. A live on-screen VJ Host will give away MuchMusic prizes throughout.

Pizza & Pop will be offered at 7 & 9 PM

Advanced Tickets: **\$2** /person
Sorry no tickets at the door

Hosted by: City of Welland

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