

THE PLYMOUTH PRESS

FROM THE OFFICE...

March was certainly a busy month with Beach Day, World Down Syndrome Sock Day, National Epilepsy Awareness Day and the March Break! It was so much fun to see the students working together and celebrating these events together. It really felt like a school community and we were all so proud of our student leaders and grateful to the staff who guide them every day.

Academically, we have had some great progress being shown in all of our classrooms. Our Grade 3 and 6 students tackled their mid-year assessment and showed some positive knowledge and understanding. We are really proud of their efforts and perseverance!

We are continuing our Growth Mindset focus and using consistent vocabulary throughout the school. We have had a few parents ask how they can continue this at home. Every word that we, as parents, use and every action that we make sends a message to our children about how to think about themselves. One way to send a growth message is to monitor the praise that you give your child. Be sure to praise their efforts, not just their accomplishments! We are really excited about some of the more positive self-image messages that our students are projecting and we thank you for continuing to support this at home.

Wishing everyone what we hope is a fantastic April and beginning of spring.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kosh and Mr. Watson

Growth Mindset Messages to Use at Home	
Instead of Saying...	Try Saying...
You are really athletic!	You work really hard and pay attention when you are on the field!
You are so smart!	You work hard in school and it shows!
Your drawing is wonderful! You are a great artist!	I can see you have been practicing your drawing and what a great improvement!
You are a great athlete! You could be the next Pele!	Keep practicing and you will see great results!
You always get good grades and that makes me so happy!	When you put forth effort, it really shows in your grades. You should be very proud of yourself. We are proud of you!

REMINDER

Like all DSBN Schools and Offices, Plymouth is a nut free school. We ask that you please respect the safety of our students with severe allergies and not send nut products to school with your child. Thank you!

FROM CITY OF WELLAND BY-LAW DEPARTMENT

A reminder to all parents, caregivers and guardians that the street signs on First Avenue must be obeyed. There have been several complaints regarding improper parking (ie. In bus loading zones, blocking driveways, etc.) and the By-Law Department has reached out to ask that we remind our Plymouth Family to please be sure that when you are dropping off, or picking up, our students, you are following the posted signs. Additionally, please remember that the townhomes on the opposite side of the road are private residences and that we should not be parking in the driveways or on the road way on which these homes sit. We appreciate your continued support in ensuring that Plymouth is a safe and respectful learning environment.

FROM THE DSBN AND EARLY ON CENTRES

Thank you to the DSBN and EarlyON Centre for their generous support of our Kindergarten Courtyard. With their thoughtful support, we are having a cascading play structure installed in the courtyard which will be accessible to both the Kindergarten students and our EarlyON participants.

For more information on the EarlyON Centre, please feel free to come by the school Monday to Friday from 9-1 and check it out. Any preschool age children are welcome to join us!

FROM NIAGARA REGION PUBLIC HEALTH

Vaping Information Night

All Parents Invited!

Vaping among youth is an emerging issue in Niagara. Recent data shows that 25% of high school students in Niagara are vaping. The majority of youth also reported that there is no risk to vaping, even though many products contain nicotine which is highly addictive.

Come to our session to learn more about:

- The latest products on the market
- The laws and perspective from a Tobacco Control Officer
- Practical tools and resources for parents

Date: Thursday April 19, 2018

Time: 5:30-7:30 pm

Location: Niagara Region Public Health, 1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way Thorold - Room CE 102

To register please contact: roberta.santin@niagararegion.ca

PARENT COUNCIL UPDATE

Congratulations to our new Parent Council Board Members. The following parents were elected to represent the Plymouth parents at our February Council Meeting:

Chair- Stacey Damanis

Co-Chair- Krystal Olsen

Secretary- Candice Jones

Treasurer- Marie Spence

Next meeting is:

TUESDAY, MAY 22 at 6pm

A reminder that the Parent Council Garbage Bag Fundraiser continues until April 6th. All proceeds go directly back to the students of Plymouth so get your orders in on time!!

SUPERVISION REMINDER

Please remember that our outdoor supervision **does not begin until 8:45am**. This means that your child should not be arriving prior to this time unless they are attending Breakfast Club. Students are welcome to enter Breakfast Club through the side doors at 8:30am. Otherwise, there are no adults outside to ensure students are safe.

PROM PROJECT

Prom Project Niagara Invites You!

SATURDAY, APRIL 21st

Do you have a graduation or prom coming up?

Join us for a one day event to shop for FREE formal wear! Walk away with an outfit complete from head to toe, all for FREE!

Where: DSBN Academy (130 Louth St., St. Catharines)
Greater Fort Erie Secondary School (474 Central Ave, FE)
Beamsville District Secondary School (4317 Central Ave.)

When: Saturday, April 21st from 9:30am-1:30pm

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