

# PLYMOUTH SCHOOL

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

• **Thursday, January 19**

DSBN Academy Information Night for students in grades 5-7.

Grade 1 French Immersion Pilot Information Night at Princess Elizabeth at 6:30 p.m. (tonight).

Eastdale Open House at 7:00 p.m.

Pizza Lunch Day

• **Wednesday, January 25**  
Parent Council Meeting  
6:00 p.m.

• **Friday, January 27** Pizza

• Lunch Day

### PRINCIPAL

**Carl Glauser**

### VICE- PRINCIPAL

**Becki Falardeau**

### SUPERINTENDENT

**Sue Greer**

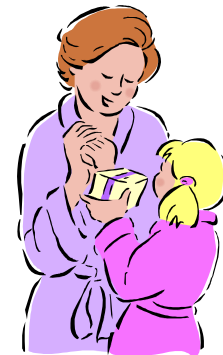
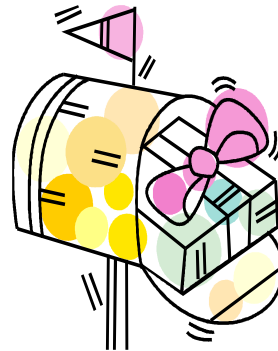
### TRUSTEE

**Sue Barnett**

## Friday, January 20th is a P.A. Day NO SCHOOL

Hopefully everyone enjoyed a much needed two weeks off and are back in to the school routine.

Our grade three and six classes will be writing a practice EQAO test in the next few weeks. The grade 3's are scheduled to write on February 1st and 2nd. The grade 6's are scheduled to write on February 3rd and 8th. Please keep these dates in mind if this affects your child as attendance is extremely important and appointments should be avoided if at all possible.



Hoping everyone had a great Holiday Season!

During the month of January, we are celebrating the character trait of caring. Each month a different trait is highlighted and those students who particularly exhibit that trait are honoured at an assembly.

## Canadian Tire Money

Our Christmas Fundraiser was a great success. As usual, Roger Montpetit outdid himself bringing in over \$250 in cash and Canadian Tire money..

With the collection we were able to assist over 35

families with food, gifts and certificates.

On behalf of the receiving families and out staff, THANK YOU! Without your assistance this would not have been possible.

We are still collecting Canadian Tire money to help send kids to camp. Feel free to send in money (any denomination is greatly appreciated).

Again, THANK YOU!

## French Immersion Registration

### ATTENTION PARENTS OF STUDENTS GOING INTO GRADE ONE AS OF SEPTEMBER 2012.

The District School Board of Niagara is pleased to now offer French Immersion beginning at the Grade 4 level across the system. In addition, as of September 2012, we will be implementing a Grade One French Immersion Pilot at 5 locations. As well as the new grade 4 entry, Grade 5 entry will continue across the Board for the

2012-2013 school year. Information re: entry levels and the application process is on the DSBN website [www.dsbn.org](http://www.dsbn.org). Click on the Parent Tab, under Programs, click on French and International Languages, click on French Immersion Registration. Applications for Grades 1, 4, 5 and 7 (at select schools) will be online. Application

packages will also be available at your child's school starting January 9, 2012. Further program information will be sent home with your child.

A Parent Information Evening to determine an expression of interest for the grade 1 the French Immersion is Thursday, January 19th at Princess Elizabeth at 6:30 pm.

### DSBN Academy

DSBN Academy was born out of the recognition that education plays a vital role in helping children to overcome the effects of life's challenges. The comprehensive social and academic support provided by the DSBN Academy will

be key to empowering students to become the first in their families to graduate from a post-secondary institution.

Applications are currently being accepted for the Academy for students

entering grade 6,7, or 8 for September 2012. Students who are interested in applying, please contact Mr. Glauser or Mrs. Falardeau at the school.

Online application can be printed at <http://academy.dsbn.org/>

## Kindergarten Open House at Plymouth

On Thursday, **February 2, 2012 from 4-6 p.m.** your Plymouth's Kindergarten will be buzzing with activity as we welcome new students, parents and community members at the annual "Kindergarten Open House" event.

Children who were born by December 31, 2008 are eligible to register for our full day Early Learning Program for September 2012. Registration forms will be provided



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at this time, as well as goodie bags and information about the program.

## Triple P Parenting

Parents living in the Niagara area with children aged 2-16 can sign-up for free parenting courses called "Triple P - Positive Parenting Program".

Each course is run by accredited Triple P instructors. The eight week program includes:

- Five two-hour sessions (once per week)
- Two 15-30 minute telephone calls (once per week) to

talk about your individual progress

- One final group session.

We offer two programs for:

[Parents with children 2-12 years old](#)  
[Parents with teenagers 12-16 years old](#)

Whether you want a quick tip on how to handle a specific problem, need some ideas on how to promote your child's development, or have more complex fam-

ily issues - Triple P may be for you.

Please call 905-688-8248 to register.

The course runs on Tuesdays from March 20th–May 8th at the Early Years Centre on Young Street from 9:15 am –11:45am.

Child care is available.

## Helping Others Parent Effectively

HOPE is a family support group offered by the Niagara Region Public Health department. This group is for parents and caregivers of children with ADHD.

Share what is working well in your family and get suggestions for managing the challenges.

The support group meets on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 pm at the St. Catharines Regional Child Care Centre at 179 Carlton St (next to St. Denis School).

For other support, resources and information visit [www.niagararegion.ca](http://www.niagararegion.ca) and search ADHD.

You can also email: [hope@niagararegion.ca](mailto:hope@niagararegion.ca) or call the HOPE FAMILY SUPPORT LINE at 905-688-8248 ext. 7400.



## Plymouth is Composting

Plymouth has started to place compost bins around the school and is looking to expand this successful project.

Composting teaches valuable lessons to our children. We need your help in order to keep this project going. We are asking for donations of composting bags in both the small and large bin sizes or brown paper lunch bags.

Composting can be described as nature's way of recycling and we hope that our food scraps and other compostable items such as paper towels and napkins can be diverted from the landfill.



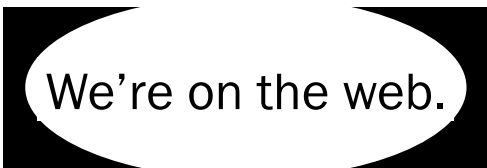
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**Plymouth Intermediate Boys and Girls Basketball schedules.**  
**Games are at 3:45 and 4:45. Teams will play back to back.**  
**Team playing first is in brackets.**

Thurs. Jan 19th @ PLY vs Westmount 3:45 pm (Boys)

Mon. Jan 23rd @ Crowland 3:45 pm (Girls)

Wed. Jan 25th @ Ontario 3:45 pm (Boys)

Mon. Jan 30th @ Westmount 3:45 pm (Girls)

Tues. Jan 31st @ PLY vs Crowland 3:45 pm (Boys)

Thurs. Feb 9th @ PLY vs Ontario 3:45 (Girls)

Playoffs will be February during the evening

**Thanks to Mr. Glauser, Mr. Faragalli and Ms. Cowell, and Mrs. Pomeroy for their time and expertise in coaching!**

## A Few Reminders

-The school day begins at 9 am and ends at 3:20 pm.

-All children are expected to go outside during their fitness break. Please dress according to the weather. If a child is well enough to be at school, they should be well enough to go outside at break.

-At Plymouth we want the children to have fun in the snow, but it needs to stay on the ground.

-All visitors to the school must come in through the front doors. Please help us maintain the safety of our students. Sign in and get a visitors sticker.

-Children need to wear shoes in the building after removing their outside boots. In the event of an emergency, children would not have time to put boots on their feet in order to head outside.

-We have had lots of generous donations of hats, mitts and scarves to keep our children warm. We also have had some boots and winter jackets donated. If your child is in need, please contact the office.

-We are always looking for volunteers. If you have some spare time to give, please contact Mrs. Falardeau.

-Some of our staff and stu-

dents have sensitivities or allergies to scents. We ask that you refrain from wearing perfumes or heavy scents.

-Please continue to send nut free products in snacks or lunches.

-NPCC is a terrific centre for kids with physical and communication disabilities and special needs. Check out their website at <http://npcc.on.ca/> to find out more about the services they offer to the region.

-If you have any questions about anything that is happening at the school, please call or email us. We will help in any way we can.