



# Prince Philip Public School January 2012 Newsletter

## FROM THE VICE PRINCIPAL'S DESK....

Happy New Year to all of our Prince Philip families! It is hard to believe that here we are in 2012...the school year continues to fly by. I hope everyone had an opportunity to rest throughout the two week break and an enjoyable holiday season.



January is shaping up to be another busy month here at Prince Philip. Grade 8 Open Houses will take place later this month, as well as their trip to Ottawa. Please read on for further details for both of these events.

We're excited that beginning next year, Prince Philip will be opening up the French Immersion programs to Grade 4 students. This is sure to make our great school that much better!

- *Mr. Mayhew*

## FRENCH IMMERSION OPEN HOUSE

Parents of our Grade 8 French Immersion Program students



are asked to please mark Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM on your calendars. We will be having an Open House concerning the transition into grade 9 for the French Immersion Program at A.N. Myer in September 2012.

## AREA HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

All DSNB Niagara Falls high schools (A.N. Myer, Stamford and Westlane) will be



holding their annual open houses on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 6:30 pm. All grade 8 students

and their parents are encouraged to attend. Eden High School's Open House will be Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm.

## JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to both our boys and girls Junior volleyball teams on their successful seasons. The girls finished their season as DSNB Champions while the boys successfully



captured the Consolation Championship in the DSNB tournament. A BIG “thank you” to our coaches, Mr. Cushing, Mr. Mayhew and Mr. Russell for all your time and effort!

## INTERMEDIATE BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the following students who made the Intermediate. basketball teams. It proved extremely difficult for Coaches Dunlop and Cushing to select the team members with so many talented athletes. Great job to everyone who tried out. Team members are:



### BOYS

Tyler T.  
Jonah C.  
Michael V.  
Nate C.  
Michael M.  
Peter F.  
Brenden K.  
Aleks S.  
Gary F.  
Miko J.  
Reid Y.

### GIRLS

Mackenzie C.  
Taylor C.  
Samantha M.  
Sarah L.  
Ally P.  
Emily B.  
Naomi B.  
Chelsey S.  
Yuchen Y.  
Jadyn F.  
Alexa M.  
Caitlin F.  
Destiny C.

## PRINCE PHILIP SHOWS "COURAGE"

The following students were recognized for showing **COURAGE** throughout the month of November/December:



<b>COURAGE</b>	<b>CLASS</b>
Mack W.	5P
Sebastian C. & Brent M.	5M
Jennifer L. & Maria Y.	6K
Erica G. & Sydney Z.	6D
Michaela M. & Luka V.	7G
Connor B. & Andrea B.	7V
Lauren G. & Marko H.	7H
Brendan K. & Aleksandra K.	7I
Calvin B. & Austin S.	7C
Amanda E. & Emily F.	8M
Marshall J. & Kyle M.	8D
Sean G. & Heather N-C.	8Mc
Fedor B. & Keon W.	8S

January's trait of the month is Co Operation. Our assembly for this character trait will take place on **Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:40 am.**

## PROJECT SHARE FOOD AND TOY DRIVE

A BIG "thank you" to all families for their support of our Toy/Food Drive for Project SHARE. As a school, we raised over 1500 pounds of food and toys which was given to families less fortunate in our community. Congratulations on a job very well done!



## FAMILY LITERACY DAY

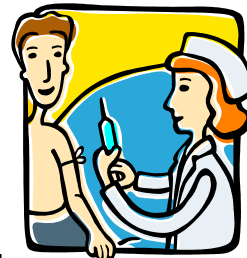


January 27<sup>th</sup> is Family Literacy Day in Canada. On this day, Canadian families are encouraged to read together, play together, and plan to continue to learn as a family all year long.

This special day was created by ABC CANADA, a charity that researches and promotes literacy within our country. It is very important to set aside at least 15 minutes per day to read as a family. For ideas on fun things to do to celebrate literacy with your family visit the website, [www.familyliteracyday.ca](http://www.familyliteracyday.ca).

## VACCINES AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

Niagara Region Public Health is conducting an annual review of vaccination records for all elementary school children in the Niagara region. **If the vaccination information we have on file for your child is NOT complete, you will receive a letter and questionnaire from us in the mail later this month (January, 2012).**



- Please follow the instructions for reporting your child's vaccinations to us, as outlined in the letter. Various options for reporting are available.
- If your child is overdue for one or more vaccinations, you will need to make an appointment with your child's doctor to get your child vaccinated. You can also make an appointment for your child at one of Public Health's General Immunization Clinics by calling 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425.
- If you are a parent/guardian not wishing to vaccinate your child, you will need to provide Niagara Region Public Health with an original legal exemption document.

Students under 18 years of age attending Ontario schools must have proof of immunization against diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, and rubella (German measles). We are required to have this information by law (*Immunization of School Pupils Act, 1990*). **Please provide us with your child's missing vaccination information by March 8, 2012 or your child may be suspended from school.**

For more information, please call the Vaccine Preventable Disease Program at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425.



## *District School Board of Niagara Expanding French Immersion for 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 (Grade 7 entry will continue in St. Catharines and Niagara-on-the-Lake).

Information re: entry levels and the application process is on the DSBN website [www.dsb.org](http://www.dsb.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 in January.

“The ability to communicate in French is a valuable skill, because French is **one** of Canada’s two official languages and because it is a language used widely around the world. Research confirms that knowledge of a second language strengthens first-language skills and that the ability to speak two or more languages generally enhances reasoning and problem solving skills, as well as creative-thinking skills. Learning a second language not only strengthens students’ ability to communicate, but also develops their capacity to understand and respect other cultures. In this way, second-language learning prepares students to participate more effectively in the workplace and in the global economy, and provides them with a distinct advantage in a number of careers, both in Canada and internationally.” (pg 3 of the E.F./F.I. Curriculum Document (C.D.) 2001)

Parent Information Evenings will take place during the weeks of January 30 – February 10<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to find out more details about the French Immersion program, please attend one of the Information Evenings listed below or call your school.

Central	January 30, 2012 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Alexandra	January 30, 2012 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Parliament Oak	January 31, 2012 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Dalewood	January 31, 2012 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
McKay	January 31, 2012 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Prince Philip (Niagara Falls)	February 1, 2012 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Sheridan Park	February 1, 2012 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Gordon	February 6, 2012 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Princess Elizabeth	February 6, 2012 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Oakridge	February 6, 2012 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Briardale	February 7, 2012 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Queen Mary	February 7, 2012 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
John Marshall	February 8, 2012 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

# **Bienvenue!**

## Cold Weather Alerts at DSBN



- Winter is a time of wonder for many children; many enjoy the crisp air, the freshly fallen snow and participating in a whole host of exciting winter sports and activities.

Although we feel it is important for students to spend some time outside each day exercising and socializing with their peers, there are times when bitterly cold temperatures and other inclement weather conditions require that we keep children inside.

Because Niagara is such a large geographical area, and weather conditions may vary from one municipality to the next, the decision whether or not to hold recess outdoors is made by the individual school principal. When making this decision, principals will often consult with neighbouring schools, talk with parents as they arrive in the morning, and if the decision to send children outside is made, will equip yard duty staff with walkie-talkies so that they can communicate with the office to sound the bells to bring students in earlier.

The health and well-being of our students is a top priority at the District School Board of Niagara, and if it is determined that the weather conditions pose a risk to their safety, students will be kept indoors. Extreme cold weather alerts issued by the Niagara Region are often good indicators that students will stay inside.

Even when temperatures are not low enough to necessitate an indoor recess, it still may be quite cold outside. Here are a few tips to help ensure that your child stays warm during the cold winter months.

- Try to send children to school with plenty of layers, such as long underwear, sweatshirts, sweaters and pullovers. Layering their clothing will allow them to add or remove items depending on the weather.
- Students should have a warm winter coat that repels the snow, sleet and rain, while blocking the wind.
- Warm socks and boots will keep their feet warm and dry in the snow and slush.
- Hats are one of the most important parts of dressing warmly in the winter. A thick winter hat will keep students from losing too much of that essential body heat.
- Put on a good pair of gloves or mittens that are water-resistant as well. Gloves will keep kids' hands toasty warm and protect their skin from becoming damaged by the wind and chill.