

THE LOCKVIEW LINKLETTER

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Character Trait for November *Integrity*

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Dates to remember in

December:

- 3rd - 9th - Computer Science Education Week
- 7th - Beauty & the Beast
- 14th - Bus Safety Presentation
- 17th - 21st - Spirit Week
- 18th - Staff Meeting
- 19th - Holiday Concerts
- 20th - Assembly & Carol-Sing
- 21st - L.S. Musical
- Dec. 24th - Jan. 6th Happy Holidays

A Note from the Principal...

December is here once again, and the classrooms and halls of Lockview are humming with activity! Students and staff are busy exploring new ideas and learning together, and we are grateful for your support from home. Please keep the December calendar and dates handy, as there are lots of special events happening this month!. The last day of classes for 2018 is December 21st. Classes will resume on January 7th, 2019.

Special Note: Lockview will once again be collecting non-perishable food items and toys for the holidays. As such, Community Care barrels will be here from Monday, December 17th to Thursday, December 20th. We will also have a mitten and hat tree to help give the gift of warmth this year.

Have a happy and safe holiday season!
Mr. Osmond & Ms. Meesters



Student Recognition Assembly

Congratulations to the students who were recognized with an "I Matter Award" or an award for Courage last month. As we move into December, students will be learning about Integrity, and what it means to "Do the right thing, even when no one is watching."



New Newsletter!

In an attempt to become even more eco-friendly and cut-down on our paper consumption, Lockview will be streamlining our newsletter. Starting in January, we will be sending home a condensed two-page version. The calendar of events will be on one side, and the other side will include items of importance for that month.

A more comprehensive version will still be posted on-line, where you can read about sports, assemblies and other events that have occurred throughout the month. **If you wish to continue receiving the full version, please indicate your wishes on the form that will be coming home with your child.**



NEWS YOU CAN USE

Inclement Weather Procedures

There may be times during the school year where inclement weather or other situations could cause transportation cancellations or school closures.

When student transportation has been cancelled and schools remain open, the decision to have children in school that day rests with the parent or guardian.

Should you decide not to send your child to school when transportation has been cancelled, but schools remain open, please ensure that you call the school to inform them of your child's absence.

A key resource in any emergency is the DSBN Emergency Information form that you filled out in September. Please let the school know of any changes in contact information or procedures you wish to be followed throughout the school year.

For secondary schools it may become necessary to cancel late buses. Notice will be provided via school announcements, the school website, and subscription features by 11:30 am.

Information about transportation cancellations and school closures will be available as soon as it is available through the following channels:

Bus Students:
If transportation is canceled and your child is staying home, please notify the school.

Websites:
www.dsbn.org/inclementweather
www.nsts.ca

Subscription Features:
DSBN Facebook or Twitter
NSTS Transportation
Delay or Cancellation Alerts

Phone:
NSTS Voice Auto Attendant
905 346 0290

Radio Stations:
CKTB (610 AM) St. Catharines
CHRE (105.7 FM) St. Catharines
WAVE (94.7 FM) Hamilton
CHTZ-FM (97.7) St. Catharines
CKOC (1150 AM) Hamilton
2DayFM (101.5) Niagara Falls/Fort Erie
CHML (900 AM) Hamilton
K-LITE-FM (102.9) Hamilton
CHAM (820 AM) Hamilton
GIANT FM (91.7) Welland
Y-108 (107.9 FM) Hamilton

Television Stations:
CHCH Hamilton
CTV Toronto
CityTV Breakfast Television

*In case of
Inclement
Weather* 

HOLIDAY BREAK

Begins Monday, December 24th
Classes resume Monday, January 7th



Throw No Snow!

Yes, this is Lockview's policy. Throwing snow jeopardizes the safety of other students. At Lockview, announcements will be made often throughout the season reminding students of our policy. We take this rule very seriously. Any snow throwing will be regarded as deliberate defiance. Failure to comply with this rule will be dealt with through warnings, detentions, communication with home, and loss of privileges.

We encourage you to talk with your child about their responsibility to play safely.



NEWS YOU CAN USE

French Immersion

The French Immersion program offered at Dalewood Public School is open to all students in Year 2 (Senior) Kindergarten. If you want your child to develop a high proficiency and fluency in Canada's two official languages, French Immersion has a great deal to offer.



FEATURES OF THE FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM:

- ◆ Development of French language skills in speaking listening, reading and writing from Grades one to twelve;
- ◆ Designed to be a second-language program for children whose first language is NOT French;
- ◆ Current enrolment of over 2,000 elementary students;
- ◆ Certificate of French Immersion Studies awarded upon successful completion of the elementary and secondary immersion programs;
- ◆ Opportunity to challenge the Diplôme d'études de langue française (DELF) exam in Grade 12 ;
- ◆ Promotes understanding of different cultures;
- ◆ Provides additional opportunities for employment using French as the working language;
- ◆ Increased ability to communicate and interact with confidence in French.

Registration will open January 7th, 2019

For more information about French Immersion in the District School Board of Niagara visit www.dsbni.org/fi or speak to your school principal.

A Parent Information evening will be held on January 9th at Dalewood Public School from 6:00 – 7:00 pm.

"A Fine-Feathered Holiday Musical"

Over the last several weeks, our grade 1 to 3 students have been working diligently on a holiday concert. They are having a fantastic time rehearsing and are eager to share their hard work with our Lockview community. *How the Penguins Saved Christmas* will also feature some of our junior and intermediate students as actors.

Productions will take place on Wednesday, December 19th at 1:30 pm and 6:30 pm. There will be no charge for admission, but the audience is asked to bring donations for Community Care and/or the Mitten Tree on the day of the performance. All of our Lockview families are invited to attend.

An important notice about ordering tickets will be sent home shortly with our primary students and cast members.

A colorful poster for "Save the Date for Kindergarten Kickstart at the DSBNI". The poster features the DSBNI logo (District School Board of Niagara) in the top left. The main title "SAVE THE DATE FOR KINDERGARTEN KICKSTART AT THE DSBNI" is written in large, colorful, bubbly letters. Below the title are four rounded rectangular buttons: "See a Kindergarten classroom" (pink), "Meet the Kindergarten Team" (green), "Register for school" (blue), and "Get a fun goodie bag with learning resources" (purple). At the bottom, there is a speech bubble that says "NEW THIS YEAR! REGISTER ONLINE DETAILS COMING SOON" and a cartoon illustration of a group of diverse children playing. The date and time "Thursday, January 31, 2019 • 10 a.m. - 6 p.m." are written at the bottom in a green banner.

Beauty and the Beast

On **December 7th** Gr. 1 to 8 classes will be attending a performance of *Beauty and the Beast* in Niagara Falls.

If your child is not attending, please let the office know if you will be keeping them home that day.

PALs Place - Holiday Spirit Week

This year PALs will be organizing a Holiday Spirit Week from **December 17th to the 21st**. More details will be coming home soon, but be prepared to get creative and help spread the joy of the holiday season.



December Assembly & Carol-Sing

On **Thursday, December 20th**, Lockview students will gather for our recognition assembly at **9:15 am**. This assembly will also feature a carol-sing. Please feel free to join us.



NEWS YOU CAN USE

A Message from Public Health—Clean Your Hands

Cleaning your hands is the most effective way to prevent the spread of germs. Regular hand cleaning with either soap and water, or an alcohol based hand sanitizer will reduce the risk of getting sick for both children and adults. Cleaning your hands should occur:

- ◆ Before preparing meals
- ◆ Before eating
- ◆ After using the washroom
- ◆ After coughing or sneezing
- ◆ After blowing your nose
- ◆ After playing with pets
- ◆ After playing outdoors



Use warm water and soap and lather and scrub for at least 15 seconds if your hands are visibly dirty. For more information, talk to your school nurse or go to www.niagararegion.ca/health

Hour of Code at Lockview!

We live in a world surrounded by technology. We also know that whatever field our students choose to go into as adults, will involve even more technology than we can imagine. Our students' success will increasingly depend on understanding how technology works. That's why our entire school is joining in on the largest learning event in history: The Hour of Code, during Computer Science Education Week (**December 3rd to 9th**). One hour of Code is making a statement that Lockview is ready to teach these foundational 21st century skills. We are also working towards a DSBN goal of 2 000 000 minutes of coding!

Hour of Code activities provide students with a basic introduction to computer science at a level that is appropriate to their age and stage of development. Activities range from simple to complex and help nurture creativity and problem-solving skills.



Check out hourofcode.com or code.org at home!



Mad Science at Lockview

Mad Science, the world's leading provider of educational and entertaining science programs for children is coming to Lockview Public School! They will be getting kids excited about science with fun, entertaining and exciting activities and demonstrations.

Students and teachers were thrilled on November 30th when Mad Science came to the school for a spectacular science show. The assembly was educational, entertaining, and a kick off to the Mad Science Club. The Club is a 6-week science enrichment program offered to the students. Students involved in the Club will go on a voyage of discovery designed to support the Ontario Science and Technology curriculum. The topics will be different this year than when Mad Science was last at the school. The Club will take place on Tuesdays: **January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, and 26 during second nutrition break (12:25 pm - 1:15 pm)**. Registration information went home on November 30th.

FROM THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank You!

We would like to give a heartfelt thank you to anyone who volunteered their time with us this month at Delta Bingo. We can't support the students without help from you and we appreciate all of the help we have received thus far. **We hope those who have volunteered will continue to return for future Bingo dates, and we are looking forward to training some new faces in the weeks ahead.**

More information about training dates and times will be sent home in the new year.



Delta
BINGO GAMING



Christmas Basket Raffle

Once again, we are very excited to be putting together a basket raffle during the Christmas play! Information has already come home with your child explaining the theme their class has been assigned. Please contact the school, or your child's teacher if you did not receive the information.

Please try to stick as close as possible to the theme, as each classroom has been given a unique, fun, and practical idea to collect items for. Items do not need to be expensive. **Please only donate what you can, and if you can!**

Tickets will be available for purchase at the school, and will also be sold before each performance on December 19th. The draw will take place after the evening performance. Winning ticket holders will be called by phone to come and pick up their baskets on Thursday, December 20th.

Next TLC Meeting

There will not be a general meeting in December due to the holidays. We look forward to seeing you all at the TLC meeting coming up in the New Year - **Tuesday, February 26th, 2019.** All parents are invited and welcome to attend!

We hope you all have a safe and wonderful holiday season!



LOCKVIEW SPORTS

Intermediate Boys V-Ball

Congratulations to the Intermediate Boys on their great season. Our Lockview boys finished their season as Consolation Finalists. The boys took on Dalewood in the first round of playoffs and our season finished with a loss to Power Glen. Congratulations to Marcus H., Lochlan B., Jordan M., Ari S., Tyler J., Hunter J., Carter D. and Jax E.

The boys wish to thank Mrs. Steenhuis for coaching and making it such a fun season.



Intermediate Girls V-Ball

The intermediate girls volleyball team had an amazing season. They won the consolation finals against Prince Phillip, and made it to the District Tournament Semi-finals. Where they lost a hard fought battle to Pine Grove two sets to one.

Congratulations to Emma H., Kaya M., Kya C., Shanya J., Amelia H., Ashlee M., Julia D., Sarah K., Talia C., and Mikaela K. on a great season!

The girls would like to thank Mr. Grosvenor for coaching and making it a fantastic season.



Intermediate Basketball

Try-outs for the Intermediate Girls and Boys Basketball teams are currently underway. We are looking forward to the upcoming season, starting in January of 2019.



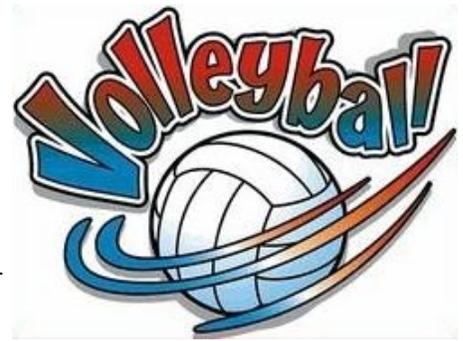
LOCKVIEW SPORTS

Junior Boys Volleyball

Congratulations to the following boys for making the junior volleyball team: Alex V., Arlind V., Tyler S., Reif S., Chase M., Sully R., Cody W., Nico C., Kai B., Graysen F., Jack M., Isaiah H., Isaac D., and Caleb G.

The boys are halfway through their regular season. The boys have shown great development in their skill level and confidence as the season has progressed. We are looking forward to the rest of the season and playoffs. Good luck boys,

Miss Rose



Junior Girls Volleyball

Congratulations to Amy, Jessica, Danika, Keatyn, Addison, Emily, Dina, Ellyot, Ellen, Brenna, Aivrey, Sophie, and Emmie for making the Junior Girls Volleyball team this year.

The junior girls volleyball team is midway through their season. It has been fun to try the new "tripleball" version of the game. The girls are showing improvement in serving, volleying and bumping. We have had some good rallies and are working hard to set the ball up using three hits. The girls should be commended for their effort, sportsmanship, and positive attitudes. Good luck in the final few games!

Future Sports Opportunities

Junior basketball tryouts will begin closer to March break, along with Intermediate Badminton. As we progress further into the new year, it won't be long before Track & Field, and 3 Pitch emerge on the horizon. Students will also have opportunities to participate in intramural sports during nutrition breaks. Students should be listening to the announcements for try-out dates, and their chance to participate on upcoming school and intramural teams.





Have A
VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
AND A
★ HAPPY ★
New
YEAR