



# The Hawk Talk

NELLES PUBLIC SCHOOL

118 Main St. Grimsby, Ontario L3M 1N8

**February 1, 2012**

### IMPORTANT DATES TO RE-MEMBER:

- Carousel Players gr. 1-3
- Kindergarten Open House Feb. 2 4-6pm
- Term 1 Report Cards go Home Feb. 9
- National Sweater Day Feb. 9
- Cake Raffle Feb. 14
- Skating at Peach King Arena Feb. 17 9 -11:30
- Woodend Trip gr. 6
- Skating at Peach King Arena Gr. 1-6
- Early Release Day Friday February 17. Students dismissed at noon.
- Family Day Monday February 20. No School.
- School Council Meeting Feb. 27, 6:30
- Sharing Assembly Feb. 29, 9:40 a.m.
- Pink Day Feb. 29 (Anti Bullying)

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**B. Harley, Principal**



## FEBRUARY Newsletter

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



On February 9, 2012 all Grade 1 - 6 students will bring home the elementary report card. The Progress Report in November provided you with information about how your child was learning in the classroom and gave an indication of progress towards achieving the curriculum expectations for all subjects.

Learning Skills and Work Habits are an important focus of the report card. These are critical life skills that will work on from Grades 1 to Grade 12. Teachers evaluate how well students are achieving these skills for their grade level and include a comment about each student's strengths and some next steps for continued growth.

For each subject being taught this term, your child will receive a letter grade. If a subject is only being taught in Term 2, then the teacher will check NA (not applicable) for that subject on the report card. For each subject, there will be a comment that describes your child's strengths and some next steps that will support learning in Term 2.

You may notice some minor changes regarding how the subjects are supported. For Example, some subject areas are reported separately. These include: Music, Drama, Dance, and Visual Arts; and Health Education, and Physical Education.

Communication between teachers, par-

ents/guardians is an important support for student success. We encourage all parents/guardians to discuss the report card with their child. All parents/guardians are invited to contact the school if they would like to schedule an opportunity to discuss their child's achievement and next steps for learning with his/her teacher.

Nelles Public School is a positive place to learn and grow because of the co-operation between the students, parents and teachers.

Thanks to everyone for helping us ensure each student learns to their potential.

Educationally yours,

B. Harley

## Virtue of the Month

The virtue for the month of February is caring. What is caring? Caring is giving love and attention to people and things that matter to you. When you care about people, you help them. When you do a careful job, you give your best effort. You treat people and things gently and respectfully. You care for others when you show love and concern by doing kind things for them.

Check out our website at: Website: <http://www.dsbns.org/Schools/Nelles>



## PLEASE CHECK IN AT THE OFFICE

Please remember when visiting the school, report directly to the office. All guests of Nelles School, *including parents*, are asked to sign in and wear a name badge. We are concerned for the safety and well being of our students. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## EARLY RELEASE DAY

Friday February 17 is an Early Release Day. Students will be dismissed at 12:00 pm.

## FAMILY DAY—MONDAY FEBRUARY 20



**There is no school. Enjoy the day with your family.**

# Valentine's Day

Our Valentine's Cake Raffle takes place on Feb. 14. Order forms go home on Feb. 3 and are due back on Feb. 10. Donations for the raffle can be dropped off the morning of Feb. 14. Prizes will be drawn Tuesday afternoon and will be



sent home with students that day. Thank you to Mrs. Williams for coordinating this event. If you are able to help out that day for a few hours please let Mrs. Williams or the office know. Please contact her via e-mail [kelly-multi@hotmail.com](mailto:kelly-multi@hotmail.com)

# Birthday Book Club

January was Snuggle-Up-And-Read time at Nelles School. What a wonderful way to spend time with friends and family-reading! We have 15 new books for our Nelles Library thanks to all the Staff and Families support. Our new total for Birthday Books is 1,453. Well Done! Many thanks again from Mr. and Mrs. Nethery, Mr. Harley and Mrs. Naylor.

## A Missed December Birthday Wish Goes Out To:

Karli G. - Gr. 6 "Diary Of A Wimpy Kid-Cabin Fever"

## January Birthday Wishes go out to:

Ms. Dickson - " The Sea of Sleep" and "Interrupting Chicken"

Hayden C.- Gr. 2 "Darth Paper Strikes Back"

Brendan K.- Gr. 4 "The Wrong Book"

Alika E. - Gr. 3 "Rainbow Magic Fairies-Danielle The Daisy Fairy"

Abbee- Maree L.- Gr 3. "Over 1000 Fantastic Facts"

Kalista E.- Gr. 1 "Scooby-Doo- Abominable Snowman"

Declan A.- JK "Scooby-Doo- The Missing Tooth Mystery"

Blake F.- Gr.3 "Star Wars Clone Wars Encyclopedia"

Michael C.- Gr. 3 "Diary Of A Wimpy Kid- Cabin Fever"

Ms. Neufeld - "I Am Small" & "Thunder Boomer"

Liam B. - Gr. 4 "Measley Middle Ages" & "Horrible Histories Handbook: Knights"

Juliana V. - Gr. 3 " Looking for Miza: True Story Of A Gorilla"



## KINDERGARTEN COUNTDOWN

### We are Counting Down to Kindergarten!

Children who will be four years of age or older by December 31, 2012 are eligible to enroll in Kindergarten starting September 2012.

Going to school for the first time is a big step for children and their parents. At the DSNB, families start that journey together at the 'Kindergarten Countdown' open houses. Families can visit our school, meet the kindergarten teacher, and receive a gift bag filled with fun learning resources and information that will help children develop school readiness skills.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, February 2, 2012 from 4-6 p.m. for our Kindergarten Countdown open house. Visit [www.dsnb.org](http://www.dsnb.org) and click on "Kindergarten" for all the details!

**Can't make the open house?** No problem! Call the school at 905-945-8022 and we would be happy to set up an appointment to register your child. Upon registration, please provide us with your child's Birth Certificate, Health Card, Immunization Record and proof address.

### SILVER WISHES CAMPAIGN

In the past few years, Nelles students have supported the West Lincoln Memorial Hospital with their Silver Wishes Campaign. Monies raised helped purchase much needed equipment for the hospital. We will support them again this year by collecting coins from Feb. 27—Mar. 2.

Start digging through your couch cushions and in your coat pockets for spare change because Silver Wishes are coming soon.



### CONTACT INFORMATION

Please be sure we have the most up to date contact, emergency and work numbers at the office. Also, if you are going out of town for work or vacation and your child(ren) will be cared for by someone else we need to know the name and number where the care giver can be reached. This information becomes very important in the event that your child becomes ill at school or is injured requiring medical treatment and we need to reach someone quickly by telephone. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

### SKATING!

Nelles students will be skating at the Peach King Arena.



Feb. 17th - Grades 1 - 3  
9:30—10:30

Grades 4—6 10:30 - 11:30

Mar. 7th - Grades 1 - 3 9:30—10:30

Grades 4—6 10:30 - 11:30

### Public Speaking



This month the junior students will be writing and presenting speeches. This is a great opportunity for students to practice the trait of "Voice" not only in their writing but in the presentation of their speech. Please support your child during this process. Nelles has a tradition of fine public speaking and we look forward to hearing the results of the students' hard work.

## ILLNESS AT SCHOOL...

To prevent the spread of germs, we encourage all children to wash their hands frequently during the school day. If your child is not feeling well in the morning, please do not send him/her to school. Normally, we call home to parents regarding an illness if a child has a fever or is throwing up.



Here are some helpful guidelines to consider when deciding whether to send your child to school. It is advisable to keep your child at home if....

- \* he/she has been up during the night due to illness and, as a result, has not had adequate sleep
- \* your child has had a fever or was throwing up the night before
- \* he/she has gone home from school the day before with a fever or other illness
- \* he/she has an unidentified rash not yet seen by a physician
- \* your child may pass on an illness or virus to another classmate or staff member
- \* your child is unable to participate in the regular activities of the day such as physical education, regular classroom assignments or outdoor recess

## NATIONAL SWEATER DAY



Our school will be taking part in **National Sweater Day** this year! **On Thursday, February 9th, students are asked to wear a sweater to school.**

The World Wildlife Fund Canada is calling on Canadians to turn down the heat and wear their brightest sweaters for one day. We will lower the temperature a couple of degrees in the school for the day and save energy to help our planet. We look forward to having a warm and cozy day as we turn down the heat to help save our planet.

## VACCINES AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

At this time of year, Niagara Region Public Health conducts 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 suspension letter in the mail from Public Health next month (March 2012).

Please take a moment to ensure that your child's immunizations are up-to-date and that you have reported your child's vaccinations to Niagara Region Public Health using ONE of the following:

WEBSITE: [www.niagararegion.ca](http://www.niagararegion.ca)

TELEPHONE (Immunization Report Line): 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7459

FAX (a copy of your child's Immunization Record): 905-688-8225

In most cases, we are missing vaccination information about your child's: booster dose of diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus and polio (DPTP/Quadracel) between the ages of 4 and 6; and, second dose of the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine.

If you are a parent/guardian not wishing to immunize your child, you will need to provide Niagara Region Public

Health with an original legal exemption document (i.e., a statement of medical exemption, or a statement of conscience or religious belief affidavit).

Please call the Vaccine Preventable Disease Program at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425 if you have any questions or concerns.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL



Our next scheduled School Council meeting is set for Monday February 27th at 6:30 p.m.