



# The Hawk Talk

NELLES PUBLIC SCHOOL

118 Main St. Grimsby, Ontario L3M 1N8

January 9, 2012

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Snuggle Up & Read Jan. 23 – 27
- Speeches TBA
- PA Day Friday January 20. **NO school.**
- Parent Information night "Talking to Tweens" Jan. 25 7:00 pm
- Pyjama Day Jan. 27
- School Council Meeting Jan. 30 at 6:30
- Sharing Assembly Jan. 27, 1:40 p.m.

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B. Harley, Principal



District School Board of Niagara  
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## Newsletter

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy Holidays and New Years to everyone! I hope that you had an exciting and fun filled holiday.

With the new year comes change. I am very excited to be the new Principal at Nelles Public School and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for making me feel so welcome. I am truly enjoying getting to know the students, staff and parents. I am also excited to have the opportunity to be part of Nelles Public School.

Our teachers will continue to use the effective instructional strategies that will support our vision for student success.

Although, we are returning to school in a new calendar year, we are still completing the end the of the first term. Over the next few weeks, students will continue to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the content that has been taught in their classes.

The JK Progress Report, the SK Term 1 Report Card and the Provincial Report Cards for grades 1—6 will arriving home February 9th.

The Learning Skills and Work Habits are the same as the ones that were on the Progress Reports. These are essential skills that help students be successful in school and as active members of the Grimsby community.

As always, I invite you to communicate with us if you have any questions or concerns. Great schools ensure

that families and school work closely together to ensure that the fullest potential is reached by all of our students.

Educationally yours,

B. Harley

## Virtue of the Month

The virtue for the month of January is optimism. Optimism is being hopeful and always expecting the best. Let's all be optimistic as we start a new year together. Let this coming year be better than all the others. Vow to do some of the things you've always wanted to do but couldn't find the time. Call up a forgotten friend. Drop an old grudge and replace it with some pleasant memories. Vow not to make a promise that you can't keep. Walk tall, and smile more. Resolve to make at least one person happy every day, and then in ten years, you may have made 3650 people happy!!!!

### SNUGGLE UP & READ

January 23-27 is Snuggle Up and Read Week at Nelles. The whole school will be reading each morning from 9—9:15 with the following activities:

Jan. 23—Read with your reading buddy

Jan. 24—Bring your favourite book

Jan. 25—Bring a stuffed animal

Jan. 26—Teachers share a favourite book

Jan. 27—Partner reading



## 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.



## ACTIVESTART & FUNDAMENTALS

Active Start & Fundamentals is a program created by Special Olympics, these programs promote physical activity, skill development, social interaction and positive recreation experiences for children with intellectual disabilities. Early instruction can improve their physical, social and cognitive abilities.

If interested, please register at the Peach King Centre Mon.—Fri. 8:30 am— 4:30 pm, Wed until 9pm.

Activestart: 2-6 yrs—6:15 - 7:00pm Fundamentals: 7-12yrs - 7:00—7:45pm.

Program runs Jan. 11– Feb. 29 . The cost is \$50.00, which includes a T-shirt.

## Birthday Book Club

December is a month we really think about and appreciate our Friends and Families. Thanks to our Nelles Families we have fifteen new books for our Library. Our new total is now 1,438, Wow! Many thanks to you all for your continued support.

Although we are sad to see Mrs. Slade leave us, we wish her continued success at her new school. Thank you for all your support and help with the Birthday Book Mrs. Slade. We also look forward to Mr. Harley joining our Nelles Family.

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday. Mr. & Mrs. Nethery, Mrs. Slade and Mrs. Naylor.

Brynn T.- SK- Human Body

Mrs. Put - Old Bear

Ava C. - GR.4 -Diary Of A Wimpy Kid:Cabin Fever

Maria B. - GR.1 - A Very Baby mouse Christmas

Sydney C.- JK - Olivia And the Christmas Present

Blake B. - GR.1 - Snowmen All Year

Christian J.- GR.3 - The Best Goalie Ever

Elly R. - GR.5 - Calvin And Hobbes

Kieran M.- JK - If You Give A Dog A Doughnut

Stephen W. -K. - GR.3- Deadliest Creatures

Mackenzie C. -.GR.2 -.Rainbow Magic: Charlotte the Sunflower Fairy

Emilee Lozecki - Chicken Soup For The Soul: Christmas

Zander S. - GR.3 - Defend The Castle

Sam N. - GR.3 - Sabre Tooth Tiger & Wooly Mammoth

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The Nelles School Council is sponsoring a "Talking to Tweens" Parent Information Night on Jan. 25 at 7 pm in the Nelles Gym. Nelles Public School and the School Council welcome Michelle Keeley as guest speaker. Michelle Keeley is a dynamic speaker, teacher and Certified Coach who communicates her wealth of knowledge on the teenage experience, parenting and transition with both candour and sensitivity.

Come out for an evening filled with inspiration, ideas and valuable information. Child minding and refreshments will be provided.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next scheduled School Council meeting is set for Monday January 30th at 6:30

## Next HOPE Meeting

The HOPE (Helping Others Parent Effectively) group's next meeting is January 18, 2012 at the St. Catharines Regional Child Care Centre- 179 Carlton Street, St. Catharines. The topic will be: Healthy Eating Tips for the Whole Family - Sandy Maxwell, Registered Dietitian, Suggestions for weight, sleep and physical activity concerns.



**Friday January 20 is a P.D. Day. There is no school.**



## We are Counting Down to Kindergarten!

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

Going to school for the first time is a major step for children and their parents. At the DSBN, 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.dsbn.org](http://www.dsbn.org) and click on "Kindergarten Registration" for all the details!



Students wishing to toboggan on the Nelles hill during both breaks this winter are required to wear a bike, hockey or ski helmet. This is to ensure student safety while on the hill. An adult supervisor will be present while students are tobogganing. Students should supply their own sled, snow pants and helmet. Thank you for your support.

## Where can I go to find out about school closures?

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

Information about transportation changes and school closures will be available on the websites, social media, radio and television stations listed below as soon as it is available. Please do not phone the school for transportation or school closure information.

### Radio:

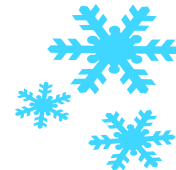
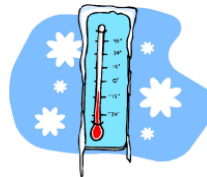
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- CHML 900 am
- EZ Rock 105.7 fm
- Htz 97.7 fm
- KLite 102.9 fm
- The River 105.1 fm
- Wave 94.7 fm
- Y-108 – 107.9 fm
- Z 101.1 fm

### Television:

- Cogeco Cable 10
- CHCH Television
- City TV

### Websites/Social Media:

- [www.dsbn.org](http://www.dsbn.org)
- [http://twitter.com/D\\_S\\_B\\_N](http://twitter.com/D_S_B_N)
- <http://www.facebook.com/DSBNIagara>



At times when student transportation has been cancelled and schools remain open, the decision of whether or not to have children go to 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, or if your child is ill or late, please ensure that you call the school to inform them of your child's absence.



## **“Hey Parents! Do you know what your kids are watching?”**

**Young people look to celebrities for reassurance about their fashion and behaviour.**

**The evidence is clear....**

**The more youth see smoking in movies, the more likely they are to start smoking.**

### **Ways to Protect our Kids**

- 1. Be aware** of what your children are viewing and learn which movies have smoking in them. Updates available every Thursday at [facebook.com/ hookedbyhollywood](http://facebook.com/hookedbyhollywood).
- 2. Talk to your children** about tobacco and movies and teach them to be media aware.
- 3. Show your support** to get tobacco out of youth-rated films in Ontario at [smokefreemovies.ca](http://smokefreemovies.ca).
- 4. Spread the word** to other parents and join the discussion on facebook and twitter.

[www.smokefreemovies.ca](http://www.smokefreemovies.ca)

[facebook.com/ hookedbyhollywood](http://facebook.com/ hookedbyhollywood)

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## **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.

### **Your Future is Here!**

Grade 8 students and their families are invited to attend High School Open Houses in January 2012. For a full list of open house dates, times and details, please go to [www.dsbns.org](http://www.dsbns.org)

In December the Nelles students & staff collected 21 boxes of food and other supplies for the Grimsby Benevolent Fund. Great job!!!

## **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.

If you have any questions about our inclement weather procedures, please visit our website [dsbn.org](http://dsbn.org), or contact the principal.