

The Cobra Compass

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Kindness, Caring and Empathy

Our focus for February is on kindness, caring and empathy. Sometimes it's easy to be kind "on the surface" by being polite, sharing and so on. That is a good thing. However, we want to take this idea of being kind a little deeper. Sometimes a special type of kindness is required to make this world a better place. A type of kindness that follows out of empathy. Empathy is the ability to understand and share someone else's feelings; kind of like thinking about what it would be like to walk in someone else's shoes. We wonder what would happen at our school if we all became more "other-centred" than "me-centred". It's easy to see things from our own perspective, but what if we took a little more time to think of someone else's? If we better understand each other, we can better support each other and enjoy life together. We share this Earth together, let's make the most of it!

Check Out This Read Aloud with a Kindness Theme!

[The Sound of Kindness](#)

This heartwarming book touches on the themes of kindness and socio-emotional resonance, and the idea that our words matter. Follow an adult and child as they explore their neighborhood, listening for the sounds of kindness. Words of friendship, gratitude, support, generosity, and love...we can see and hear them if we try. What will you hear if you take a kindness walk?

Kindness is all around us every day, if we know where to look—and listen!—for it. This book is a gentle and encouraging acknowledgment of how much it matters to be kind...in our families, friendships, and communities.

Staffing Update

We would like to welcome the following new staff to Caistor Central.

J. Russel - in the grade ½ classroom. This is a short-term position and we look forward to Ms. Sohi's return.

M. Heywood – an additional 0.25 prep teacher position

K. Lyons – an additional EA

E. Rouse – an additional EA

J. Woodham – an ECE in K1, we look forward to Mrs. McPherson's return

J. Poirier



Kindergarten Open House.....	Feb. 1
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Report Cards go home.....	Feb. 15
PA Day	Feb. 16

February 28th - Pink Shirt Day - wear your pink shirt in support of anti-bullying

On Friday, Feb. 16 all DSBN schools will be closed for a PA Day in which teachers will be engaged in professional development.

Congratulations to the following students who made some amazing accomplishments and reached personal bests this month!

DECEMBER: – Responsibility – I am responsible for my thoughts, words, and actions. I am accountable for my choices. I admit my mistakes and work to correct them. People can depend on me to honour my commitments. I demonstrate active citizenship.

Class	Student of the Month Award	Character Trait Award Responsibility
K1 Misener & McPherson	James	Isla & Colt
K2 Killins & Soutos	Brooks & Lincoln	Emma & Emersyn
1 Donders	Ben	Isla
1/2 Sohi	Noah	Evelyn & Kylie
2/3 Bleich	Jaylyn	William
3/4 Van Driel & Gamble	Theo	Levi & Brendan
4/5 Dosa	Ivy	Juliet
5 Whitfield	Caval	Katie
6/7 Nawrocki	Jakob & Kylie	Paisley
7/8 Wellman	Ramona & David	Noah

JANUARY – Perseverance - I finish what I start, even when it is difficult. I do not give up even when faced with challenges or obstacles. I complete all tasks and assignments to the best of my ability.

Class	Student of the Month Award	Character Trait Award Responsibility
K1 Misener & McPherson	Lincoln	Annabella
K2 Killins & Soutos	Cordelia	Robert & Daynica
1 Donders	Molly	Sophie
1/2 Sohi	Tegan	Nathan & Kayden
2/3 Bleich	Olivia	Donna
3/4 Van Driel & Gamble	Ruby	Elliot & Caden
4/5 Dosa	Jacob	Colten
5 Whitfield	Elodie	Jayden
6/7 Nawrocki	Patrick & Daytona	Tyler
7/8 Wellman	Ashley	Leland

Character Focus for February – Kindness and Caring

I respect the feelings of others. I seek to understand what others are thinking to appreciate their perspectives. I listen and consider their views, even though we may not agree. I act with kindness and compassion. I show interest in others and take care of their needs.

Family Shout Out!

A big shout out to Lucia Durward

Lucida knitted some beautiful hats, mitts, and scarves for our Cobra Students. They are at the office for students who need something warm and dry. Thanks so much for your kindness.



**KINDERGARTEN
OPEN
HOUSE**

**FEBRUARY 1, 2024
10AM - 6PM**

**JOIN OUR OPEN HOUSE
FEBRUARY 1, 2024**

Drop in between 10am and 6pm

- Learn about the Kindergarten Program
- Meet our staff and see classroom
- Register for September 2024

dsbn.org/kindergarten

Kindergarten Open House

We are excited to share that Kindergarten Open Houses will take place at DSBN elementary schools on Thursday, February 1, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Future students and their families are welcome to drop in, explore their student's home school, meet the staff, see the classrooms and more! Parents/guardians can also register students in person, during the Open House event.

Please review our website for the necessary documents you will need to bring with you to Open House to complete registration. [Click here](#) to visit the registration page on our website.

DSBN Academy: Open House Coming Soon!

Open House at DSBN Academy will take place on Tuesday, February 6 – 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Online registration will open week of January 8th at ACADEMY.DSBN.ORG/APPLY.

Detailed information regarding registration and the Open House will be shared in January. (Registration will close on February 26, 2024 - limited spots available.)



WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY TO DSBN ACADEMY?

- Student must live within the Niagara Region
- Student must be entering grade 6, 7, or 8 in September. (Note: spaces are limited in grades 7 and 8)
- Student would be the first in their family to graduate from a college or university. (If a sibling of the student has attended a post-secondary institution but the parent(s)/guardian(s) have not, the student is still considered a first-generation student.)
- Student must be willing to attend a school location, the DSBN Academy site, which may be outside of their community. Transportation will be provided for these students.
- Student understands there is a mandatory after-school program that enhances the student experience beyond the classroom. These include enrichment opportunities and academic supports. After-school *ENCORE* enrichment opportunities include: Mixed sports, Chess, Karate, Dance, Zumba, Coding, Mad Science, Board games, Photography, Makerspace, Choir, Canvas painting, Crochet, Crafts, Lego Robotics, Baking, Debating, Fashion, Drama, Stop Motion Animation and many more!
- Note: DSBN Academy Secondary programming is designed to prepare students for College and University.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer.Moore@dsbn.org - Elementary Principal

French Immersion Registration

Each year, online registration opens the first Monday in January following the winter break.

Online registration closes the Tuesday following Family Day weekend. The French Immersion online registration will be open from noon Monday January 8th, 2024 to Tuesday February 20th, 2024. Once the registration link is open, you will need your child's OEN which is found in the upper right-hand corner of the report card.

If you have any questions about online registration, please send them to K8_css@dsbn.org

Pink Shirt Day February 28th

Anti-Bullying Day, also known as Pink Shirt Day, is recognized on the last Wednesday in February in Canada. Pink Shirt Day is a platform for engaging students and building knowledge in bullying prevention, acts of kindness, and supporting students through critical conversations. Everyone has the power to prevent bullying. Being an upstander is one of the best ways to make a difference in our school.

Bullying - is typically a form of repeated, persistent, and aggressive behaviour directed at an individual or individuals that is intended to cause (or should be known to cause) fear and distress and/or harm to another person's body, feelings, self-esteem, or reputation. Bullying occurs in a context where there is a real or perceived power imbalance.

Graduation Photos – February 8th

Grade 8 and SK Graduation photos are scheduled for February 8th. All grade 8 students are encouraged to wear a white, button-down shirt and a tie if they wish.