

The Cobra Compass

Caistor Central Public School
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Principal Message

Welcome back and welcome to 2024!

We are very grateful that you have entrusted your children to our care. At Caistor Central, we believe that every child can achieve to a high standard. We believe that good character and good citizenship are integral components of academic achievement and success in life. We believe that parents and teachers, working together, can achieve great things for children. We are very proud of the positive climate in our school and are committed to working together for even greater student success.

As we begin 2024, we'll continue to focus on providing students with an opportunity to learn and develop in a safe and respectful environment. At Caistor we are committed to creating an environment where each student, parent and staff member feels a sense of belonging and where each person feels like their identity is celebrated and their voices are heard.

We welcome feedback from our community and will use this feedback to guide and shape the steps we take to make Caistor Central a great place to be for all students. Your partnership is an important part of our school community.

On behalf of the staff at Caistor Central and West Lincoln Community Care, I would like to send out a big heartfelt thank you to our Cobras for the amazing generosity that was shown during our Community Care Food Drive. Thank you to our Caistor Community for donating 1436 items for the food drive and \$1070 in gift cards to ensure all of our less fortunate families in our larger West Lincoln community felt cared for and supported.

Please keep up to date by checking your email for messages into the new year. Updates will be sent as needed.

We look forward to a new year ahead together.

J. Poirier



Happy New Year!

School Resumes.....	Jan. 8
PA Day.....	Jan. 19
School Council Mtg.....	Jan. 30
Family Literacy Day.....	Jan. 27
Pita Day	Jan. 18
Pizza Days.....	Jan. 9,16,23,30
Niagara Ice dog presentation at 9:30.....	Jan. 23
Kindergarten Open House.....	Feb. 1
Caistor Family Day game at Niagara Ice dogs	Feb. 4
Graduation photos for SK and Grade 8.....	Feb. 8

On Friday, January 19 all DSBN schools will be closed for a PA Day in which teachers will be engaged in assessment and evaluation activities.



Celebrating Our Students – Way to Go!

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

Class	Student of the Month Award	Character Trait Award Responsibility
K1 Misener & McPherson	James T.	Isla H. and Colt K.
K2 Killins & Soutos	Brooks G. and Lincoln C.	Emersyn E. and Emma S.
1 Donders	Ben R.	Isla M.
1/2 Sohi	Kylie H and Evelyn Z.	Noah V.
2/3 Bleich	Jaylyn K.	William C.
3/4 Van Driel & Gamble	Theo H	Brendan M. and Levi V.
4/5 Dosa	Ivy H.	Juliet V.
5 Whitfield	Caval M.	Kaley M_B.
6/7 Nawrocki	Kylie H. and Jakob V.	Paisley L.
7/8 Wellman	Ramona M. and David R.	Noah L.

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.

Character Focus for 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.

Student Shout Out!

We want to take a moment to celebrate Leia. She has been fundraising twice a year for the past three years selling old fashioned home-made lemonade and home-made Czech cookies. One Saturday in December, she has raised \$200 for The Last-minute dog rescue. She has also raised money for Pantry for Paws in Hamilton. WAY TO GO LEIA ... it is actions like this that make the world a better place 😊



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

Family Literacy Day – January 27th

Family Literacy Day takes place every January 27th to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. Since 1999, thousands of schools, libraries, literacy organizations and other community groups have taken part in the initiative. ABC creates free learning and promotional resources for anyone that wants to get involved. Taking time every day to read or do a learning activity with children is crucial to a child's development, improving a child's literacy skills dramatically, and can help a parent improve their skills as well.

On January 27, we encourage our families to recognize this day 'Learning in the Great Outdoors'. Spending time in nature provides many benefits, not just for bodies, but for minds too. This year, get outside and exercise both your mind and body together as a family. You can make outdoor time fun family learning time all while enjoying the wonders of Canada's Great Outdoors! [Click here for ABC Literacy Day activities!](#)

<https://abclifeliteracy.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/FLD-2022-Activity-Book-EN.pdf>

Snuggle Up and Read

To celebrate literacy at Caistor Central, our classes will participate in a casual "Snuggle Up and Read" event on Friday, January 26th.



Kindergarten Registration

Do you know a child who was born in 2020? If so, spread the word that Kindergarten registration is almost here! Please visit the [DSBN Kindergarten registration link](https://www.dsb.org/register) (<https://www.dsb.org/register>) for more details and to download a copy of DSBN's book, "Barkley's First Day".

Kindergarten Open House, taking place on **February 1, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

December Food Drive Fun!

Thanks to all our amazing families, the Caistor Central Food Drive was a HUGE success. Gainsborough PS and Caistor Central PS teamed up and competed against Smithville PS to see who could bring in the most items. Caistor Central had the largest donation and together with Gainsborough, we were clear winners. The team with the least amount of donations had to wear Caistor and Gainsborough spirit wear. Here is a picture of their admin team wearing the spirit wear.



Caistor Central Food Donations:

Food = 158 items

Food = 1278 pounds

Gift Cards = \$1070 (each gift card represented 1 pound of food)

TOTAL = 2506 pounds

Congratulations to our Triple Ball Teams

Congratulations to the Boys and Girls Triple Ball team for a great season! They worked hard all-season during practices and developed great volleyball skills. Special shout out to the Girls for making it to the Semi Finals. We are Cobra proud!!



Staff vs Student Volleyball Game!



Basketball Season

Jayden C	Ev
Lucas	Lynnah
Noah	Amelia
Patrick	Devin
Thomas	Ramona
Jayden D	Claire
Colton M	Grace
Bo	Judy
Andy	Aris
David	Zoe

Hello families,

Congratulations to the students who made Caistor's intermediate basketball team! We are excited for another season of growth and fun. Mr. Nawrocki and Mrs. Whitfield will be team coaching both teams this year.

We will be having daily practices with the team and will also **run an after-school practice on Wednesday, January 10th from 3:30-5 pm.**

Thank you for completing the approval to play as soon as possible. Feel free to reach out with any questions.

Schedule: (Boys first Tuesdays - Girls first Thursdays)

Tuesday, Jan 16
Caistor @ Lakeview

Thursday, Jan 18
Caistor @ Gainsborough

Thursday, Jan 25
Jacob Beam @ Caistor

Tuesday, Jan 30
Grandview @ Caistor boys only (girls' team has a bye)

Thursday, Feb 1
Caistor @ Smith

Playoffs (Week of Feb 5th)
Tournament (Week of Feb 20)

AUDITION NOTICE

LINUS HAND PRODUCTIONS YOUNG COMPANY PRESENTS

Disney
HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 2

PERFORMANCES WILL TAKE PLACE JUNE 2024 AT THE GREG FREWIN THEATRE

All roles will be performed by students between 5–18 years of age. For the audition please prepare a song (preferably musical theatre). The song can be performed acapella or with accompanying music.

If you have a child who is interested in auditioning please contact:
289-213-8001 or **handlinus@gmail.com**

Other
Productions
include



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DSBN WRITES



We are very excited to share a new System Literacy initiative called *DSBN Writes/DSBN Écrit!* *DSBN Writes/DSBN Écrit* will celebrate aspiring authors and book lovers in Grades 4 through 8! School clubs will have the opportunity to engage virtually with amazing Canadian and/or Indigenous authors to explore the writing process throughout January, February, and March and to produce and reflect on their own writing. This program will culminate with an exciting event to be held in April that will celebrate student work and connect readers and writers between schools.