

# The Cobra Compass

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## Principal Message

Remembrance Day, November 11th is a day on which we all take time to honour those who have sacrificed their lives to defend the rights of all people to be free. On the morning of November 10<sup>th</sup>, an assembly will take place for all students to help us recognize the importance of this day in the lives of all Canadians. All students will receive a poppy in support of the Royal Canadian Legion. We are gratefully accepting cash and coin donations at the school. Thank you to all who donate in honour of our veterans. We remember.

When parents are engaged in their child's learning, the child will do better at school. With this in mind, November is an excellent time to reflect on how we are working together to support your child's learning. All students will receive their Progress Report Card on Thursday, November 16, marking the mid-way point for Term 1. Please take some time to review, with your child, their strengths and next steps that have been identified in the progress report. On the evening of November 21, you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress to date during the parent-teacher conferences. Additional times may be offered by teachers depending upon their availability. Information will come out shortly in regards to booking a time. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.



- Treaty Week Begins..... Nov. 5
- International Inuit Day.....Nov. 7
- Indigenous Veterans Day...Nov. 8
- JK/SK Fluoride Clinic.....Nov. 9
- Remembrance Assembly...Nov. 10
- Remembrance Day.....Nov. 11
- Kindness (Cardigan)  
and Odd Sock Day.....Nov. 13
- Farm Fresh Pick Up.....TBD**
- Photo Retake Day.....Nov. 13
- Louis Riel Day.....Nov. 16
- Progress Reports Home.....Nov. 16
- Interview Evening..... Nov. 21
- My Favourite Spirit Day.....Nov. 23
- PA Day.....Nov. 24
- WNSS Open House.....Nov. 28
- School Advisory Council.....Nov. 28

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## Kindergarten Communication of Learning & Gr 1-8 Progress Report

On November 16, students in Kindergarten will bring home the Communication of Learning Initial Observations report. This provides parents/guardians with an overview of the initial observations of their child's learning and early evidence of growth in learning related to the overall expectations in the Kindergarten Program. It also provides information about appropriate next steps to further your child's learning. It serves as the basis for discussion with parents/guardians and as a support for parents'/guardians' ongoing participation in their child's learning.

Also, on November 16, parents of students in Grades 1-8 will receive their Elementary Progress Reports. Although it looks much like the Report Card, the Progress Report has a very different intent. The purpose is to share early and specific feedback on your child's development of work habits and the learning skills. Reporting on the Progress Report is about looking forward and setting a course for the learning journey ahead.

Based on the evidence that teachers see, as well as what teachers know about learning at this grade level, the report communicates the path your child is on towards achieving the grade level expectations by the end of the year. The Progress Report does not include letter grades or percentage marks for academic subjects; it instead identifies whether your child is progressing very well, well or with difficulty. For subjects in which your child is 'Progressing with Difficulty', the teacher will discuss specific next step plans needed for success. Progress reports are intended to be part of discussions, interviews, or conferences with students and their and are part of ongoing communication with parents and students about student achievement throughout the year.

We look forward to partnering with you and your child for a year of great learning and growth.

## Celebrating Our Students – Way to Go!

Class	Student of the Month Award	Character Trait Award Cooperation
<b>K1 Misener &amp; McPherson-Easey</b>	Ellie I	Noah H, Zane H
<b>K2 Killins &amp; Soutos</b>	CG	Jack C, Nolan B
<b>1 Donders</b>	Emma J	Declan G
<b>1/2 Sohi</b>	Tristan C	Alexandra V
<b>2/3 Bleich</b>	Charlotte S	Nate W
<b>3/4 VanDriel &amp; Gamble</b>	Brendan M	Dawson D
<b>4/5 Dosa</b>	Austin L	Rosie A
<b>5 Whitfield</b>	Brock B, Owen M, Landon Y	Hazel M
<b>6/7 Nawrocki</b>	Emerson T, Colton M	Hailey W
<b>7/8 Wellman</b>	Devon C, Ty C	Andy K

**Take Courage in November** - I face challenges directly. I speak up for myself and others even when it may be unpopular. I ask for help when necessary. I recognize risks and dangers and do not take unwise chances to please others.

## Treaties Recognition Week - November 5 to 11

Ontario has designated November 5-11, 2023 as Treaties Recognition Week with the goal of promoting education and awareness about treaties and treaty relationships. DSBN joins with other school boards across Ontario in encouraging schools to support learning about treaties as an important aspect of our province's history. I encourage our families to take a few minutes to view the video "[Voices from Here](#)" with Rick Hill. For more information on treaties, go to <https://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties>.

## World Kindness Day! Wear a Cardigan and Odd Socks on Nov 13!

We will be celebrating this day on Monday, November 13. When we think of kindness, many of us think of Mr. Rogers. To recognize this day, and the positive impact Mr. Rogers has had on many generations of children, we will celebrate World Kindness Day by encouraging our students to wear a cardigan to school (or a sweater if you don't have a cardigan) and to spread kindness to someone who might need a kind word, thought or deed.

**"Imagine what our neighborhoods would be like if each of us offered, as a matter of course, just one kind word to another person." (Mr. Rogers)**

The idea for also wearing "Odd Socks" is that it's not bad to stand out, and kids can be proud of their uniqueness and differences. Wearing odd socks is just one of the many ways that students can learn to embrace their differences and be proud of their diversity!

## Photo Retake Day - Nov 13<sup>th</sup>

Our Photo Retake Day is on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Please ensure that you contact your child's homeroom teacher in advance if you need retakes so that we can properly prepare. With thanks.

## School Advisory Council

Our second School Advisory Council Meeting was held on October 24th. Thank you to all the parents that attended our meeting. All School Advisory Council meeting agendas and minutes will be posted on the [Caistor Central Website](#) once they are approved. Our next meeting for the 2023-2024 school year is on November 28, 2023 @ 6:00 pm. New members are always welcome to join and meeting may be added if the need arises.

## Mr H's Artisan Card Contest

The Director's Artisan Card Contest invites students to share their artwork that celebrates all the special occasions, events, and times of year that are important to them.

DSBN Director of Education Warren Hoshizaki, known as Mr. H in schools, created artisan cards as a way for students to showcase their skills and creativity. Since Mr. H retires at the end of this year, we thought we would run one more Artisan Card Contest in his honour! More information and a consent form is available on the DSBN website: <https://www.dsbno.org/artisan-card-contest>

## Outdoor Classroom Sign Contest

All students of Caistor Central are welcome to submit sign designs for our outdoor classroom. The due date is Friday, November 3rd. An email with all the details was sent out on October 18<sup>th</sup>. We do ask that the artwork be student-generated. We can't wait to see the creativity of our students!

## Inclement Weather Procedures

There are times in Niagara when weather conditions are so poor that we must cancel student transportation, and/or close schools to preserve the safety of students and staff. The decision to cancel transportation and/or close schools is not taken lightly; a variety of factors are considered when making this choice. To learn more about how these decisions are made, please go to <https://www.dsbns.org/inclementweather>.

### Transportation Cancellations:

Information about transportation delays and cancellations are posted to <https://portal.nsts.ca/Cancellations.aspx>. When transportation is cancelled, every effort is made to communicate the decision by 6:00 am on the day of the cancellation. There are times when transportation is cancelled, but schools remain open. If, on those days you feel it is best for your child to stay home, please report your child's absence <https://dsbn.org/safearrival/> so we can make sure they are safe at home.

### School Closures:

When the decision to close schools is made, it refers to all schools. Every effort will be made to share school closure information before 6:00 am on the day of the school closure. You will find it on [dsbn.org](https://dsbn.org), all school websites, DSBNS social media, and local media share the news widely as well.

## December Winter Wonderland Sip & Sing – December 20

Hold the date! On December 20<sup>th</sup> we are celebrating the Winter Holiday with a Winter Wonderland Sip & Sing event! Come and enjoy a hot cup of cocoa, enjoy your child's class performance, take in the art show, browse the bake sale, make a take-away batch of magic reindeer food or create a beautiful winter decoration! Don't forget to bring your favourite holiday mugs and dress in holiday cheer!

### Holiday Bake Sale and Basket Raffle Fundraiser

The community Holiday Bake Sale in the evening is a time when you can also purchase some goodies for holiday get-togethers! Bake sale items will be available in fully wrapped singles, six packs, dozens, cakes and loaves. Caistor has a strong history and tradition of care and creativity at the holiday bake sale! Don't miss out. There will also be a basket raffle – ticket purchase process will be announced.



### There are two ways parents can support this event:

1. **By baking treats and sending them in on the morning of Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup>.**
2. **By donating items for each class' raffle basket theme. By mid-November we'll be sharing the theme for each class' basket. We are asking parents to consider donating items to place in their children's class basket, making a show-stopping collection for the raffle baskets.**

Note: All baked goods must be fully wrapped in cello bags, boxes or tins. Thank you so much for your support!

## Fresh from the Farm Food Pick-Up

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our Fresh from the Farm Fundraiser, with proceeds going toward the purchase of books for the library at Caistor Central. The fundraiser was a great success and we are thrilled to invest \$730.00 into the love of reading! We will share and celebrate our contributions to the library in the following weeks! Food parcels will arrive at the school near mid - November, with prompt pick up required. More details will follow.

## Coaches and Clubs Corner

Activity	Day & Time	Coach / Club Leader
Intermediate Volleyball	Games on Mondays and Wednesdays after school	Mr. Wellman – Girls Mrs. Whitfield – Boys
Junior Tripleball	Try-Outs and practices during breaks Games after school - TBA	Mrs. Sohi – Girls Mrs. Dosa - Boys
Eco Club	During breaks	Mrs. Killins and Mrs. LeBlanc

## “My Favourite” Spirit Day!

November 23<sup>rd</sup> is “My Favourite” Day - What's your favourite hobby, club, team, activity or sport? Are you a superfan? Show your spirit by wearing something that shows what your favourite is! It doesn't have to be a sports jersey. It can be a uniform or anything else! Let's go Cobras! Be creative!

## Servery is Opening!

Exciting news! Servery will be opening soon on November 6<sup>th</sup> with milk (white and chocolate), popcorn and chocolate chip cookies being available! Servery tickets can be purchased through School Cash Online beginning October 30<sup>th</sup>. Students are able to redeem any left over tickets from last year.

## JK/SK NRPD Dental Program

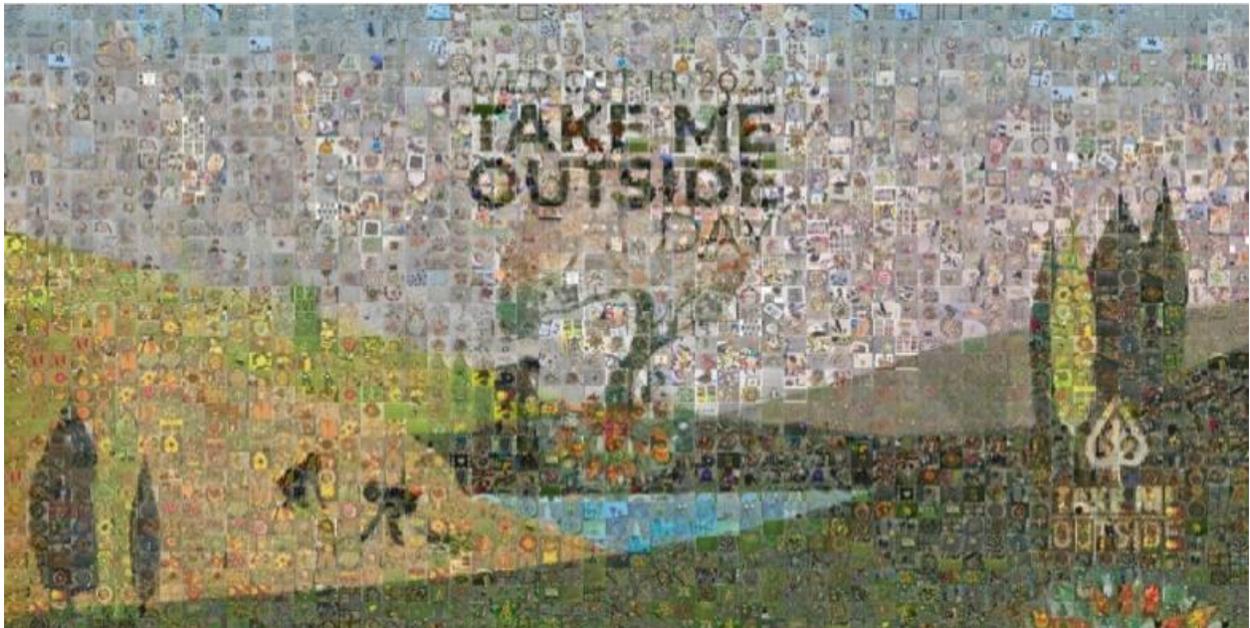
Niagara Region Public Health Dental Program will be visiting our school November 9, 2023 to provide FREE fluoride varnish to JK/SK students. This service is recommended to keep teeth healthy and help prevent cavities. Your child may be eligible for free dental services through [Healthy Smiles Ontario](#). To provide consent for your child to receive a fluoride varnish application, please complete the online [Fluoride Varnish Consent and Medical History](#) form.

## Special Lunch Days

While we have Pizza Days every week on a Tuesday, our special lunches are only offered twice each month, on the first and third Thursday of the month as below. Keep these dates on your fridge as a reminder. They will also be published in our newsletters.

November 2 – Domino's Pasta  
November 16 – Pita Pit  
December 7 – Domino's Pasta  
December 21 – Pita Pit  
January 18 – Pita Pit  
February 1 – Domino's Pasta  
February 15 – Pita Pit  
March 7 – Domino's Pasta  
March 21 – Pita Pit  
April 4 – Domino's Pasta  
April 18 – Pita Pit  
May 2 – Domino's Pasta  
May 16 – Pita Pit  
June 6 – Domino's Pasta  
June 20 – Pita Pit

## Take Me Outside Day!



Students across DSBN enjoyed Take Me Outside Day on October 18<sup>th</sup>. This mosaic was created using student artwork in nature!