

The Cobra Compass

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Principal Message

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 These Read Alouds with a Kindness Theme!

[Enemy Pie](#) by Derek Munson is a Reading Rainbow Book! "Enemy Pie serves up a sweet lesson as one little boy learns an effective recipe for turning a best enemy into a best friend." This is a wonderful story book about friendship, judgment, and bullying.

[Each Kindness](#) by Jacqueline Woodson is a picture book for children with a powerful lesson. However, it doesn't have a happy ending. When a group of children at school treat a new child poorly, they don't realize how hurtful they are being until it's too late. As the teacher talks to the children about the ripples of our actions, we as readers learn that it is up to each of us to create a happy ending in our own encounters.

We invite everyone to join our "Kindness is Catching" Campaign in February.

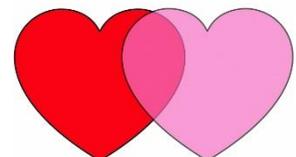
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Black History Month

World Hijab Day.....	Feb. 1
Kinergarten Open House.....	Feb. 2
National Sweater Day.....	Feb. 2
Groundhog Day.....	Feb. 2
Gr 8 Grad Photo Day.....	Feb. 9
SK Photo Day.....	Feb. 9
100 th Day of School.....	Feb. 10
Valentine's Day.....	Feb. 14
Red, White & Pink Day.....	Feb. 14
Term 1 Reports and Kindergarten Communication of Learning go home.....	Feb. 16
PA Day.....	Feb. 17
Family Day.....	Feb. 20
French Immersion Registration Ends	Feb. 21
Pink Shirt Day.....	Feb. 22

**On Friday, February 17 all
DSBN schools will be closed for
a PA Day and all schools will
also be closed as we recognize
Family Day on Monday,
February 20**



Celebrating Our Students – Way to Go!

Class	Student of the Month Award	Character Trait Award Responsibility
K1 Bleich & McPherson-Easey	Molly, Sophie	Ellis, Adam
K2 Killins & Corso	Matteo	Emma, Delilah
1 Donders	Casey, Tristan	Jordan
2 Sohi	Walker	Elena, Stella
3 Misener	Callie, Jaxon	Tyler
3/4 VanDriel & Sodtke	Logan, Juliette	Brock, Davina
4/5 Whitfield	Paisley	Emerson
6 Dosa	Jayden C	Thomas
7/8 Nawrocki	Addison, Claire, Jayden D	Jayen
7/8 Wellman	Ashley	Patrick

Class	Student of the Month Award	Character Trait Award Perseverance
K1 Bleich & McPherson-Easey	Declan, Quintin	Colt
K2 Killins & Corso	Ashton	Auston
1 Donders	Doug	Jaylyn
2 Sohi	Freddie, Bryce	Elliot
3 Misener	Avery, Will	Wyatt
3/4 VanDriel & Sodtke	Arlene, Gerrit	Colten, Oscar
4/5 Whitfield	Logan, Katie	Jackson
6 Dosa	Haeden	Coltyn
7/8 Nawrocki	Henry, Alex	Judy
7/8 Wellman	Addison, Cam	James

February – Caring and Kindness - 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.

Grade 1 French Immersion Registration Information

The French Immersion program (offered at French Immersion sites) is open to registration for Year 2 Kindergarten students from Monday, January 9, 2023 until Tuesday, February 21, 2023. If you want your child to develop a high proficiency and fluency in Canada's two official languages, French Immersion has a great deal to offer. For more information about French Immersion in the District School Board of Niagara, [please click here](#). To register for the virtual open house, please click on the image to the left.

Kindergarten Registration Information for 2023-2024 School Year

Do you know a child who was born in 2019? If so, spread the word that Kindergarten registration is almost here! Please visit the [DSBN Kindergarten registration link](#) for more details and save Thursday, February 2, 2023 between 10:00 – 6:00 pm for our Kindergarten Open House event!



Pink Shirt Day – February 22nd

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, upstandership 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 9th

Grade 8 and SK Graduation photos are scheduled for February 9th in the morning. All grade 8 students are encouraged to wear a white, button-down shirt and a tie if they wish. Flyers will be sent home this week.

School Advisory Council

Our fourth School Advisory Council Meeting was held on January 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 schedule of meetings for the 2022-2023 school year is as follows:

- February 28, 2023 @ 6:00pm
- March 28, 2023 @ 6:00pm
- May 23, 2023 @ 6:00pm

New members are always welcome to join and meeting may be added if the need arises.

Eco Club Updates

National Sweater Day - February 2nd

Each year on the first Thursday of February, Canadians turn down their heat and turn up the sweater to raise awareness about climate change and energy conservation. Founded by the WWF-Canada in 2010, more than a million Canadians have participated in National Sweater Day where they live, work and learn.

WWF National Sweater Day gives students an opportunity to reflect on how rising global temperatures are impacting the planet and how together we can keep climate change in check by making small changes in our daily lives, including how we consume energy.

EcoClub is excited to host this event and see all the wonderful sweaters. Pledges will also be available for students wishing to pledge their support.

Battery Recycling

We successfully filled and dumped our first 5 gallon bucket of batteries, totalling 22.67 kilograms! Thank you for supporting our initiative and keeping batteries out of landfills. Our giant marker is almost halfway full!



Coaches and Clubs Corner

Activity	Day & Time	Coach / Club Leader
Cursive Writing Club	Meet during lunch breaks	Mrs. Misener
Intermediate Basketball	After School Games Season ends Feb 2nd	Mr. Nawrocki – Girls Mrs. Whitfield – Boys
Primary Lego Club	Morning breaks	Mrs. Chilcott
Chess Club	Tuesdays and Thursdays	Mrs. Sohi
Robotics Team	Afternoon breaks	Mrs. Gamble
Forest Of Reading		Mme. Gravelle

February Spirit Days!

Feb 2 – National Sweater Day!

February 10 – “**Have a Heart**” Day – Wear hearts of all kinds! But more importantly, be a Kindness Champion! How many acts of kindness can we do together as a school?

February 14 – **Valentine’s Day** – Wear red, white and pink!

February 22 – **Pink Shirt Day** – Pink Shirt Day, is recognized on the last Wednesday in February in Canada

DSBN Academy

DSBN Academy is a very unique school. It is specially designed to support students in becoming the first in their family to graduate from college or university. A Grade 6 to 12 public school, DSBN Academy is for any First Generation Student who is committed to the goal of achieving a post-secondary education.

Interested? Learn about the school at **DSBN Academy’s Open House!**

- ❖ **Date:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023
- ❖ **Time:** 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- ❖ **Location:** DSBN Academy – 130 Louth Street, St. Catharines

Attend the Open House to find out:

- ❖ How we prepare students to attend, and succeed at, college and university
- ❖ What extra opportunities we offer, and how your child can benefit
- ❖ Why DSBN Academy could be a good fit for your child
- ❖ How to become a student at DSBN Academy

[Visit our website](#) to learn all about what DSBN Academy is, and what it takes to become an Argonaut. Online registration opened on **January 10, 2023** here: ACADEMY.DSBN.ORG/APPLY. Registration will close on February 27, 2023.

Staff and students are committed to the belief that, with hard work, all students can achieve their dreams. **Believe. Achieve. Become an Argonaut.**



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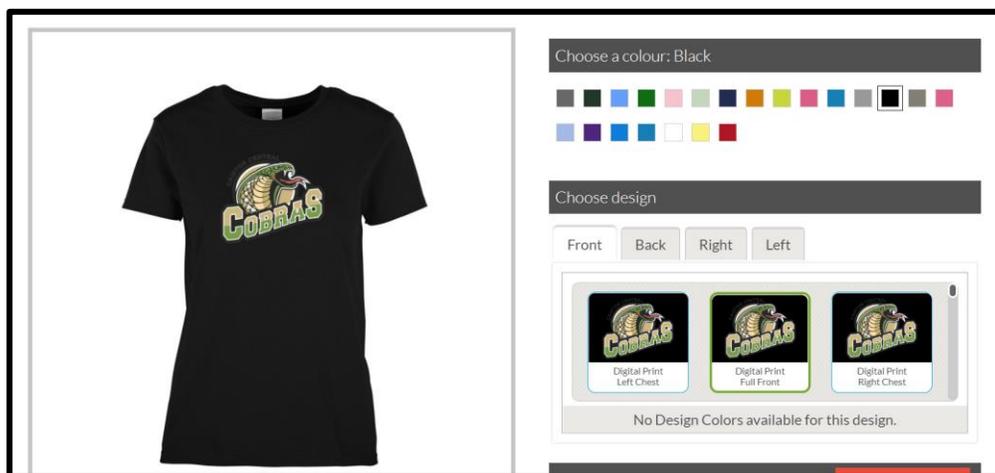
[Learn More](#)



Cobra Spirit Wear! Order Away!

Spirit wear is now available for order! Official Cobra colours are black and dark green. There are lots of items to choose from – Ts, hoodies, hats and toques, bags, jackets and more! You can [order here](#)! Note that you can select the size and location of the Cobra logo and add text for an additional fee.

You can also find an updates ordering link on our school website!



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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.dsbm.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://www.dsbm.org), all school websites, DSBM social media, and local media share the news widely as well.

Dressing for the Weather

As colder winter weather approaches, please be aware that children are expected to be dressed appropriately for the weather conditions every day. Coats, snow pants, hats, boots and mittens/gloves are necessary for your child to enjoy the outdoor fitness breaks and gym classes. Children should arrive at school already dressed as there are 15 minutes of arrival time spent outdoors and Kindergarten students start their day with a longer block of outdoor play. Students may continue to have gym classes outside from time to time. Students that are well enough to be at school are expected to be outside with their friends during fitness breaks as indoor supervision is not available during this time.

DSBM eFlyers

Many community events and activities are posted on the DSBM eFlyers website. I encourage you to take a look, on occasion, to ensure you do not miss any community events that might be of interest to you or your family. To view the eFlyers, please follow the simple instructions:

1. Log onto our website: www.dsbm.org
2. Click on "Community" tab
3. Click on "eFlyer Request" and you may browse through the 'Recent eFlyers' to find offerings from a variety of community organizations.