

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 11th, 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 17, 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 24, 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. 6
- International Inuit Day.....Nov. 7
- Indigenous Veterans Day...Nov. 8
- Gr 7/8 to Adventure Campus.....
.....Nov. 8
- Remembrance Day.....Nov. 11
- Kindness (Cardigan)
and Odd Sock Day.....Nov. 14
- Diabetes Awareness Day....Nov. 14
- Farm Fresh Pick Up.....Nov. 14**
- Photo Retake Day.....Nov. 14
- Louis Riel Day.....Nov. 16
- Progress Reports Home.....Nov. 17
- Book Fair Arrives!.....Nov. 21
- Gr 7/8 Vaccine Clinic.....Nov. 22
- School Advisory Council.....Nov. 22
- Niagara Ice Dogs Visit.....Nov. 23
- Interview Evening..... Nov. 24
- My Favourite Spirit Day.....Nov. 24
- PA Day.....Nov. 25
- Santa Claus Parade.....Nov. 26

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Lest We Forget.

Kindergarten Communication of Learning & Gr 1-8 Progress Report

On November 17, 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 17, 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
K1 Bleich & MacPherson-Easey	Charlette B., Alivia M.	Michelle V., Lucy M.
K2 Killins & Corso	Isak J., Nate L.	Alessya M., Willder E.
1 Donders	Charlotte S.	Ethan L.
2 Sohi	Elliot A., Nate W.	Leah E., Olivia T.
3 Misener	Rosie A., Ellie H.	Caden G., Austin L.
3/4 VanDreil & Sodtke	Mikayla K., Dereck V.	Rowan P., Sam A.
4/5 Whitfield	Colton S.	Hazel M.
6 Dosa	Carly P.	Kylie H.
7/8 Nawrocki	Cora B., Jordyn D.	Henry H.
7/8 Wellman	Ava W., Patrick W.	David R.

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 6 to 12

Ontario has designated November 6-12, 2022 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 14!

World Kindness Day is celebrated annually on November 13. We will be celebrating this day on Monday, November 14. 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!

Pink Shirt Days – Bullying Awareness

The DSBN Pink Shirt (Every) Day Kick-Off Campaign is taking place November 14 to 18, 2022 during Ontario's Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week. Any day is an appropriate day to have a Pink Shirt Day throughout the school year, but we will be acknowledging Wednesday, February 22, 2023 as Pink Shirt Day to celebrate a positive school climate.

Photo Retake Day - Nov 14th

Our Photo Retake Day is on November 14th. 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 25th. Thank you to all the parents that attended our meeting before the Paul Davis presentation. At this meeting, we reviewed scoreboard options for the gymnasium.

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 2021-2022 school year is as follows:

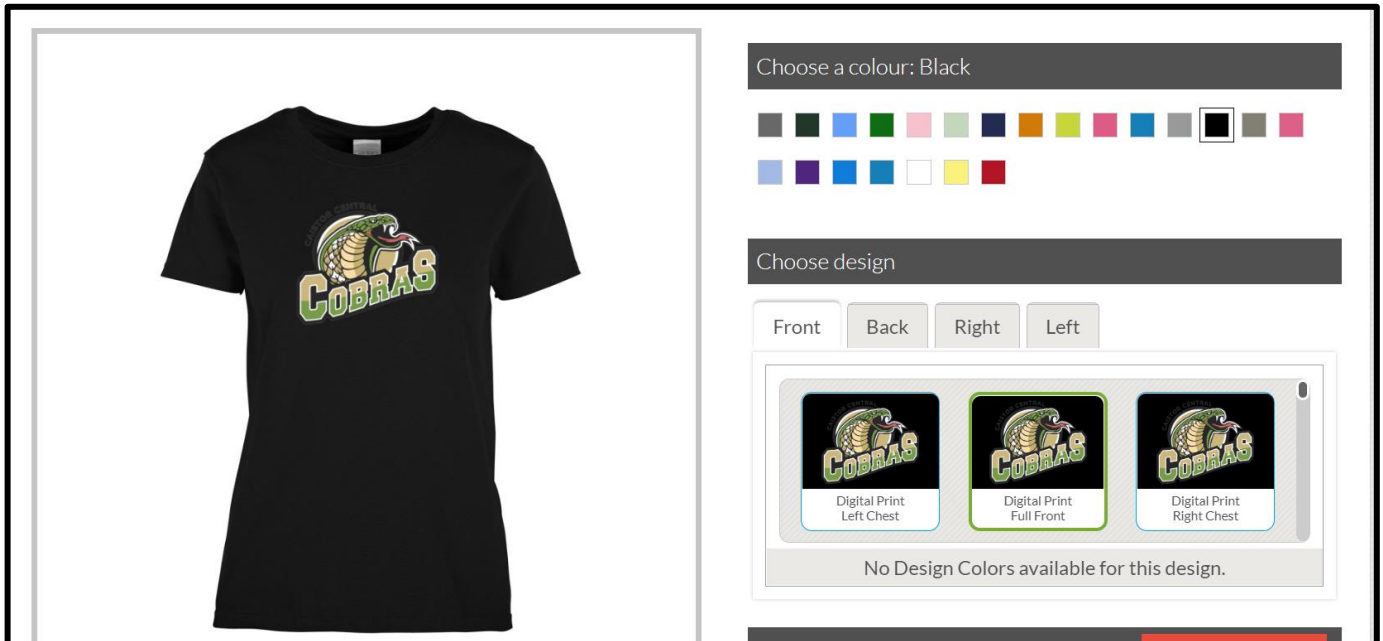
- November 22, 2022 @ 6:00 pm
- January 24, 2023 @ 6:00pm
- March 28, 2023 @ 6:00pm
- May 23, 2023 @ 6:00pm

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

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!



Incident 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.dsbni.org/incidentweather>.

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, all school websites, DSBNI social media, and local media share the news widely as well.

Grade 7&8 Vaccine Clinic – Nov 22nd

Caistor Central has a grade 7 and 8 vaccine clinic coming up November 22nd. Our School Nurse will be making a visit to the classrooms beforehand to provide the students with some information on what the vaccines are, answer any questions they may have about the vaccines and hand out consent forms. More information will follow.

DSBN Social Worker Available

Do you have questions about your child's mental health and well-being, such as anxiety, behaviour or self-harm? Do you need support in accessing supports in the community? Do you need advice for setting goals to help with regular school attendance? Do you have any questions or looking for support regarding a certain aspect of parenting?

If these are some questions you've been asking yourself, please speak with your child's teacher or Mrs. Chilcott. Julie Pearce is a DSBN Social Worker that works with families in West Lincoln schools, including Caistor Central, to provide an additional layer of support to help our students and families achieve success. She is an invaluable member of our Caistor Central team and is looking forward to connecting with families.

Scholastic Book Fair – Nov 22 to 24

Reading for pleasure unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Here's what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:

- Set the example. Let children see you read.
- Have a collection of books in your home. Update this collection routinely to keep up with changing tastes and reading skills.
- Support our school's Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books to read.

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

Book Fair dates: Tuesday, November 22 to Thursday, November 24

Shopping hours: Each class will have times assigned throughout the Scholastic Book Fair dates to come to the book fair to preview, make wish lists, and purchase books. Class schedules will come home closer to the date of the book fair.

Special activities: Open to families on Thursday, November 24 during parent-teacher interview evening

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school.

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 Music and the Arts at Caistor Central. The fundraiser was a great success and we are thrilled to invest \$1527.20 into the Arts! We will share and celebrate our contributions to the Arts shortly!

Food parcels will arrive at the school on November 14th, with prompt pick up required. More details will follow.

Coaches and Clubs Corner

We are looking forward to offering a variety of extra-curricular opportunities for our Cobras during the 2022-2023 school year. Here is what is currently being offered!

Activity	Day & Time	Coach / Club Leader
Anime Drawing Club	Meet during lunch breaks	Mrs. Gamble
Intermediate Volleyball	Games on Tuesdays and Thursdays 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	To be announced	Mrs. Killins, Mrs. Whitfield and Mrs. LeBlanc

“My Favourite” Spirit Day!

November 24th 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!

Niagara Ice Dogs Visit Caistor & January Family Night!

We have an upcoming visit from the Niagara Ice Dogs on November 23rd! We’ll enjoy getting to know the players and look forward to our Family Game Night on January 21st! More details to follow.

