



**MEADOWVALE NEWS**  
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**WORK HARD..... HAVE FUN..... DO WHAT'S RIGHT**

Well, it's official: Warton Willie and Fonthill Flossie couldn't see their shadow, so we are in for an early Spring (even though we've had such a mild winter, so far). It's the midpoint of our school year and on February 9 we will have been at school for 100 days. Some of our classes will be recognizing the half way point by celebrating 100's Day with lots of planned math and language activities.

**MAKE CHANGE FOR CHILDREN CAMPAIGN 2012 - FEBRUARY 20 - 25.**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Make Change for Children Campaign is happening February 20-24, 2012. All funds raised by the Campaign go towards the Poverty & Emergency Relief Fund, which was set up by the EFN in 2008 to support extraordinary, emergency, personal or school-related needs of individual students brought about by financial hardship. Since 2008, \$85,000 has been granted to 3400 DSBN students.

We invite you to consider contributing to the *Make Change for Children WEEK OF CHANGE February 20 - 24, 2012.*

To continue to do our best at helping children in need we are engaging in this year's campaign and invite you to participate in a small way.



**REPORT CARDS**



Report Cards for term 1 will go home on February 9. Remember to complete and sign the bottom of page 4 and return with the envelope. If you have not returned the report card envelope from when the progress report went home in November, please do so this week.

**EARLY RELEASE DAY / FAMILY DAY...**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17** is an Early Release Day for all DSBN schools. Students will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m. There will be no afternoon kindergarten class. Pizza day will be Thursday, February 16.

There will be no classes for students or teachers on **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20** due to Family Day; a statutory provincial holiday. Enjoy the time with your family!!



## GRADUATION PHOTOS

Our Senior Kindergartens and Grade 6s will be having their graduation photos taken on March 6, 2012. More information will be sent home closer to the date.

*Life touch*



## CAMP KANDALORE

Grade 6s are off to winter camp on Wednesday, February 8 for three days.

## LATES

We seem to be having an increase in the number of students arriving at school late each morning. A reminder that school begins **PROMPTLY** at 8:50 a.m. It is very important for your child to enter the school with his/her classmates every morning. Remember that we are encouraging our students to become responsible citizens in our community. We appreciate your support in this matter! Let's be on time!



## DSBN ROAD RACE

The 2012 DSBN Road Race is happening Sunday, April 29 at the DSBN Education Centre in St. Catharines (please note the location change back to our original venue).

You can get active and help your community at the same time. Last year \$10,000 was raised to support DSBN schools through the Education Foundation of Niagara and Niagara Nutrition Partners. The Road Race is a fun family activity that promotes a healthy lifestyle.

Volunteer forms and packages will be available to download off of the [www.efnonline.ca](http://www.efnonline.ca) website (under "events" and DSBN Road Race) in January and the physical packages will be sent out to schools in February (marked DSBN Road Race).

Last year we had 1000 participants from across our DSBN schools, and with your help I know that we can achieve that again this year!

For further information, please contact the EFN office at 905-641-2929 ext. 54103.

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We are now on Facebook. For information and updates on the DSBN's charity, please LIKE US!

<http://www.facebook.com/educationfoundationofniagara>

## WHAT'S BEEN ADDED TO MEADOWVALE'S WEBSITE

- Community Care thank you letter.
- FACS Free Skate Poster.
- Make Change for Children Brochure.

Check it out, a plethora of information you might like to know about!

# Parent Involvement Committee NEWS



## DANCE-A-THON



We are so excited for our upcoming Dance-A-Thon that will be held **Tuesday, February 14**. Pledge sheets and the song request forms have been sent home with your child (look for the pink paper). Students are welcome to bring in song requests by submitting them to the box outside the school office. We are encouraging our parents to come in and join us to get your groove on. Many thanks to Parent Involvement Council for organizing the event, and to all the families for continuing to support our school with your pledges.

The PIC is thrilled to announce that all proceeds from the Dance-a-Thon will be bringing back the Science program to our school, through "Scientists in School". We want our kids to participate in this program once again, help connect learning with the real world and get excited about Science. Our teachers will be able to choose the program that best suits their classroom. We know the kids will love this special in-class "Field Trip" into the world of science.

<http://www.scientistsinschool.ca/sis-sco.php>



As always, we invite all parents to attend our PIC meetings. The next meeting will be on Monday February 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Please contact us at [meadowvalecouncil@gmail.com](mailto:meadowvalecouncil@gmail.com) if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions.

## THANK YOU FROM COMMUNITY CARE

We received a letter from Community Care thanking us for the donation of 276 pounds of food and a multitude of new toys! If you would like to read the entire letter, it is posted on Meadowvale's Website [www.dsb.org/Schools/Meadowvale](http://www.dsb.org/Schools/Meadowvale). Meadowvale is a very generous community!



## DOORS

Thank you to all our students for using the **student** doors. The front entrance becomes quite slippery and chilly if students are coming through the front doors. We want to have the front hallway safe for our visitors to make sure there are no accidents.