



# Happy Holidays!



## Read and Write Like a Champion Niagara Street School December 2017 Newsletter

### From The Desk of Mr. Merino:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have much to be thankful for at Niagara Street Elementary School as we approach the holiday season. Our beautiful school has a very dedicated staff committed to making sure that each and every child has a safe and productive elementary school experience. We also have great support from several area community partners. The Sertoma Club, Italian Son's & Daughters, 7 Eleven, Dairy Queen, Zajac's, and Piccirillo Florists are always there when we need them. Our Parent Group also continues to work very hard to make sure that our students and staff feel appreciated, and to plan parent workshops to benefit our many parents. Working together we will make a difference for our kids!

We wish your family a safe and happy holiday season! Please always feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions.

Happy Holidays,

Mr. Merino  
Principal



|                       |                                 |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Nutcracker Field Trip | Dec. 8th                        |
| Holiday Concert       | Dec. 11th                       |
| Theatre Trip          | Dec. 15 <sup>th</sup>           |
| Movie Field Trip      | Dec. 22 <sup>nd</sup>           |
| Winter Recess         | Dec. 25 <sup>th</sup> – Jan 2nd |

### Reminder: Tuesdays are 2:00pm dismissal



**STAY CONNECTED**

**CHECK OUT OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE AT:**

[www.nfschools.net](http://www.nfschools.net)

**LIKE US ON FACEBOOK AT:**

[www.facebook.com/niagarastreetschool/](http://www.facebook.com/niagarastreetschool/)

**FOLLOW US ON TWITTER AT:**

<https://twitter.com/NSElementary>

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### ATTENTION PARENTS

Please call the Niagara Street School Office at 278-5860 if there are any changes in your address and/or telephone number. It is very important for the school to have the correct & most recent information.

### Character Trait for the Month of December:

# Kindness



### Websites to try at home.....

[www.studyzone.org](http://www.studyzone.org)

[www.kidbiz300.com](http://www.kidbiz300.com)

[www.castlelearning.com](http://www.castlelearning.com)

[www.raz-kids.com](http://www.raz-kids.com)

<http://www.nysedregents.org/> -

(test samples)

[www.websites.nylearns.org/ecanada](http://www.websites.nylearns.org/ecanada)

Here are some resources right here in the community for you and your children:

If your child is having behavior problems and needs counseling, or you as a parent need support:

Monsignor Carr Children's Clinic: -1-877-448-4466 (intake)

Family Resource Center: 278-5866 (can provide parenting classes, support workers, and more)

Family and Children's Services: 285-6984

If you are without health insurance or are struggling to make ends meet:

Fidelis/ Child Health Plus (affordable health coverage): 1-888-FIDELIS or 285-1563

Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center Health Clinic: 278-4623

HEAP (Gas Bill Assistance for those who qualify): 1-800-342-3009

WIC (for those pregnant or with children under 5 in their home and within income guides) - 285-0975

Food Pantries: Community Missions 285-3403, Heart, Love and Soul 282-5681, Niagara Community Action Program (NiaCAP) 282-4375, Salvation Army 283-7697, St. Vincent DePaul 1-800-783-7969.

Northpointe Council (alcohol/drug issues): 282-1228

If there is something that you are seeking that is not listed above, there are many more opportunities for help in the community! Thanks!



Disciplinary Procedures for unauthorized use of cellular telephones/wireless communication devices:

1. Immediate confiscation of the cellular telephone/wireless communication device from the student.
2. Immediate confiscation of the cellular telephone/wireless communication device. At the discretion of the administrator, student is subject to a short term suspension not to exceed five days. The device will be returned to the parent/guardian.
3. Immediate confiscation of the cellular telephone/wireless communication device. At the discretion of the administrator, student is subject to a short term or long term suspension at the conclusion of the school year.

# **The following Students had Perfect Attendance for the 10 week marking period. Great Job!!**

|                    |                    |                     |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Emelia Amado       | Kayden Goldsmith   | Rubina Nocera       |
| Jackson Amado      | Kayla Goldsmith    | Landon Panepinto    |
| Jaidon Amado       | Camrin Goodearl    | Aveon Payton        |
| Destiny Beghtol    | Jaidon Gregg       | Ja'varis Price      |
| Nicholas Boodhan   | A'Mya Hall         | Camilla Ralands     |
| Urijah Bracero     | A'Bryauna Harris   | Carmello Ralands    |
| Zion Brantley      | Ethan Hatcher      | Joshua Ramsell      |
| Ayden Bruining     | Susanna Hedgepeth  | Amari Rich          |
| Brayden Bruining   | Keira Hoffman      | Ashlynn Rich        |
| Faith Caffee       | Brooklyn Hunt      | Keeley Roessler     |
| Katharine Caldwell | Jack James         | Emma Santos         |
| Kyle Carpenter     | Trenton James      | Camron Saunders     |
| Michael Cleary     | Joseph Johnson     | Jordon Saunders     |
| Zy'Lier Coates     | Summer Johnson     | Courtae Sistrunk    |
| Isaiah Cole        | Noah Leiser        | Courteisha Sistrunk |
| Aiden Conti        | A'Zyiah Levick     | Kaleigh Smeal       |
| Alexis Conti       | Nic'Keya Levick    | Tessann Smith       |
| James Dussault     | Julianna Marsh     | Victoria Stewart    |
| Ayden Faultersack  | Sophia Martinez    | Dakari Streeter     |
| Hailee Faultersack | Mackenzie Mason    | Jacob Szurgot       |
| Gabriel Fitzgibbon | Madison Mason      | Aidan Torres        |
| Jeremiah Freeman   | Joseph Matthews    | Emily Trosky        |
| Anastasia Friskey  | Shamarah McDougald | Derrick Tyson       |
| Zachariah Garcia   | Lozado Mercado     | Sarah Weston        |
| Lillee Gilbo       | Maxine Miljour     | Hanif Whitmore      |
| Michaela Gilbo     | Adam Morello       | Alexandria Wunsch   |
| Nina Gilmer        | Vanna Muldoon      | Jasmine Wunsch      |
| Nolan Gilmer       | Michael Murphy     | Miracle Yancey      |
| Kaycee Goldsmith   | Susan Nicholas     | Bailey Zadul        |
|                    |                    | Riley Zadul         |



# Attendance.....Every day counts!

## What you can do!

**Attendance matters as early as kindergarten.** Studies show many children who miss too many days in kindergarten and first grade can struggle academically in later years. They often have trouble mastering reading by the end of third grade.

**Preschool is a great time to start building a habit** of good attendance. Studies show that poor attendance in preschool can predict absenteeism in later grades.

**By middle and high school, chronic absence is a leading warning sign** that students will drop out.



## From The Nurse



### Fall Head-Lice Reminder

This is a reminder that in most cases, head lice are a community problem brought into the schools unintentionally by unsuspecting children. The peak time that children become infested with head lice is in the summer, because of sleep-away camps, slumber parties and vacationing. However, because head lice are so small, and because symptoms of itching may not develop for weeks or even months after infestation, parents and children alike often do not even know there is a problem unless the parent inspects a child's head closely and often.

The Fall is the time of the year when we start to see some cases of head lice on children in school. This is a good opportunity to begin looking carefully through your child's scalp at least once a day, especially if you notice that your child is scratching his/her scalp more than usual. If you see any stage of head louse, nits (eggs) attached to the hair shaft or live lice, your child needs to be treated, and the nits removed before you send your child back to school. Adequate treatment requires 4 ounces per six inches of hair of an over-the-counter product you choose and use exactly according to package instructions. Treatment should be repeated, in all cases, in ten days.

Head lice are a nuisance, but they are treatable and are not life threatening. The District monitors carefully every instance of any potentially contagious condition and the school nurses work closely with everyone involved to ensure the health, safety, and dignity of every child. Your own healthcare provider is an excellent resource for you if you have any questions, or if you find that over-the-counter treatment does not help. Your school nurse can help you with specific issues related to your child's attendance in school.

**The single most important way to prevent a lice problem in school is surveillance by the parent at home**

# **The Character Trait for the month of October was RESPONSIBILITY**

## **The Character Choice Winners for October are:**

| <b>Teacher</b>                | <b>Student</b>      |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Mrs. Zona                     | Chase Scott         |
| Mrs. DePalma                  | Nolan Gilmore       |
| Mrs. Walaszek                 | Jaymere Caldwell    |
| Miss Everts                   | Zachary Wheaton     |
| Mrs. Jones                    | Aniyah Carver       |
| Mrs. Aversa                   | Deborah Watson      |
| Mrs. Ranieri                  | Haylee Molina       |
| Mrs. Piccirillo               | Emery Alsup         |
| Mrs. Aceti                    | Halo Shepard        |
| Mrs. Dunlap                   | Tom Mondanos        |
| Mrs. Sarkees                  | Ja'Mari Lewis       |
| Mrs. Valvo                    | Demitria Spurgeon   |
| Mrs. Sahagian                 | Beau Blanc          |
| Mrs. Andreana                 | Aniyah Hardy        |
| Mrs. Zaker                    | Zacharia Garcia     |
| Mr. Kladke                    | Nicholas Dyrda      |
| Mrs. Thompson                 | Jesus Loza          |
| Mrs. Ruffolo                  | Jazlyn Chandler     |
| Miss Ligammare                | Alexis Smiegielski  |
| Mrs. Gaczewski (Fronczak)     | Dominic Quarantillo |
| Miss Critelli                 | Katharine Caldwell  |
| Mr. Weiss                     | Neveah Hall         |
| Mrs. Peters                   | Trenton James       |
| Mrs. Chandler                 | LaNeya Moore        |
| Mr. LeBlanc                   | Chloe Clark         |
| Mrs. Ofokansi                 | Kaleigh Smeal       |
| Miss Sillett (Mrs. Ligammare) | Landon Panepinto    |
| Miss LePage                   | Janaeh Freeman      |



## Bus Transportation

**If your child is a bus student and you don't want your child to take the bus home on a particular day, you are required to send in a note stating that your son/daughter will not be taking the bus on (date) only.**

**Also, every student will be dropped off at his or hers designated stop only, unless the bus company has sent us notification.**

**Again, "no note" and your child will be automatically placed on their bus.**

**Thank You!**



Here in the Niagara Falls City School district we have a special award for students that are caught doing the right thing. Students receive an award as well as a t-shirt. A committee reviews these student nominations and some students are selected to attend a special ceremony and receive a plaque with their name on it.

Here is our first round of winners for the do the right thing award, so far, for the 2017-2018 school year:

**Jeremiah Maye** – Mrs. DePalma  
**Deborah Watson** – Miss Aversa  
**MacKenzie Mason** – Miss Everts  
**Aniyah Hardy** – Mrs. Andrea  
**Janaeh Freeman** – Miss LePage  
**EmilyAnn Bongioanni** – Mrs. Peters  
**Destiny Swaitkowki** – Mrs. Peters  
**Trenton James** – Mrs. Peters  
**Kaleigh Smeal** – Mrs. Ofokansi  
**Courtae Sistrunk** – Mr. LeBlanc

A special note goes to **William Martinez** from Miss Ligammare's class, who was selected by the do the right thing committee to receive a special award for his act. Great job and congratulations William!

Thank you to all of our friends here at Niagara Street School that were caught doing the right thing. We hope that you are picked next time for choosing to do the right thing!



## After School Programs

The 21<sup>st</sup> Century and School Improvement Grant extended day programs are in full swing. Please make sure if your child is signed up for a before or after school program, they attend each day. If you have any questions, please call the school 278-5860 ext.310. Thank you!

# December Field Trips

**December 8** – Mrs. Zaker, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Kladke and Mr. LePage's classes are going to see the Nutcracker

**December 15** – Mrs. Sarkees, Mrs. Sahagian, Mrs. Valvo and Mrs. Andreanna's classes are going to Theatre of Youth to see the play "Charlie Browns Christmas"

**December 22** – Mrs. Ligammari, Ms. LePage and all 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes are going to the movies.



*From the Niagara  
Street School Music  
Department...*

Attention Niagara Street School parents!

**Gill Creek Gazebo Performance...**

This year's annual Gill Creek Gazebo Event will be held on Friday, December 1st, 2017 at