



Read and Write Like a Champion Niagara Street School OCTOBER 2017 Newsletter

From The Desk of Mr. Merino:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to welcome both new and returning students back for the 2017 - 2018 school year. We look forward to another exciting school year at Niagara Street. We continue our commitment to provide each and every student with a safe, productive, and stimulating classroom experience. I believe that students should enjoy coming to school! Our team at Niagara Street looks forward to working with your child.

The following will help your child to have a successful school year:

- Excellent attendance- Students that are present in school every day learn the most and graduate from high school and college
- Talk with your child about school every day- Ask them if they have homework and what they learned
- Communicate often with your child's teacher- Call or email their teacher at least once a month, and be sure to attend Parent Teacher Conferences
- Rest and good nutrition- Students that get proper rest and eat healthy learn more in school

I also encourage you to visit the Niagara Street Elementary School homepage, Facebook, or Twitter for important information about our school.

Feel free to call me or stop in to see me at any time during the school year. I welcome your questions or suggestions.

Sincerely,
Principal Mr. Merino



Here are some important dates to remember for October:

- ❖ **October 4:** Mile Run
- ❖ **October 5:** Picture Day
- ❖ **October 9:** Columbus Day – No School
- ❖ **October 11:** Parent Group Meeting; and Harvest Celebration
- ❖ **October 18:** District Technology Night
- ❖ **October 23:** Book Fair
- ❖ **October 31:** Fall Festival



STAY CONNECTED

CHECK OUT OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE AT:

www.nfschools.net

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK AT:

www.facebook.com/niagarastreetsschool/

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER AT:

<https://twitter.com/NSSElementary>

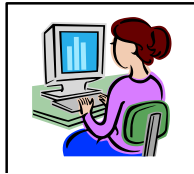
"Building Dreams, Minds, and Futures"



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 of the Month of October: Responsibility



Websites to try at home.....

- www.studyzone.org
- www.kidbiz300.com
- www.castlelearning.com
- www.raz-kids.com
- <http://www.nysedregents.org/> -
(test samples)
- 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:

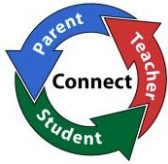
1. Immediate confiscation of the cellular telephone/wireless communication device from the student.
2. Immediate confiscation of the cellular telephone/wireless communication device. At the discretion of the administrator, student is subject to a short term suspension not to exceed five days. The device 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.



Calling all 4th Graders!

Please make sure you hand in your permission slip to Miss Gawron for the "Music Technology Club 2017." The club will start on Thursday, Sept. 28th from 3:10 p.m. to 4:10 p.m. in the STEM Lab. This club will run every Thursday when there is school until February 15.

Thank you,
Miss Gawron
Vocal Music Teacher



From the NSS Parent Group

The Parent Group was thrilled to welcome a few new members at our September meeting and would like to continue to grow throughout the school year. Please consider joining us at our next meeting on October 11th at 9:15 am in the school office.

We are working to define our mission with an emphasis on parent education. We'll be partnering with Cornell Cooperative Extension, Focus on Families and EPIC to provide workshops that are relevant to the needs of parents at our school.

Volunteers are needed for the Wild West Book Fair, during the week of October 23rd.

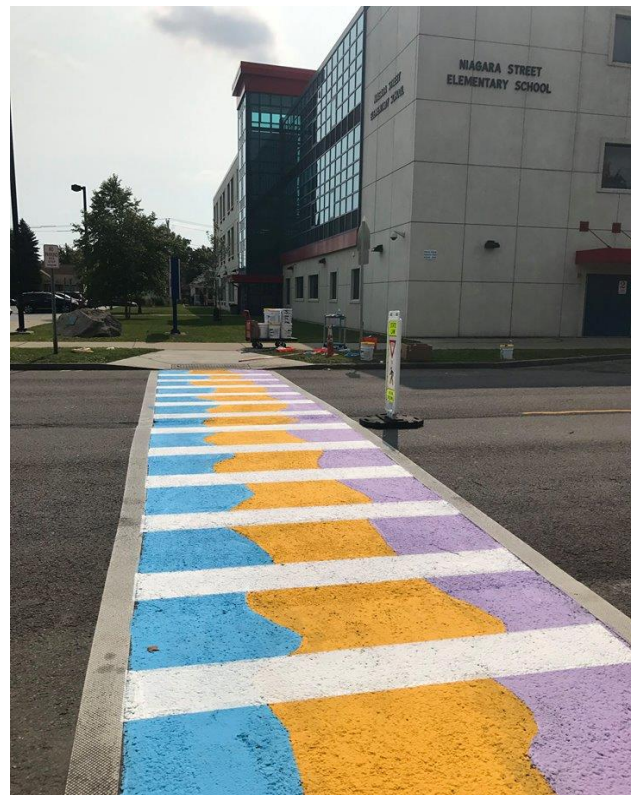
To volunteer for the book fair, other events or for more information about the parent group or upcoming workshops please contact us:

email: parentgroupnss@gmail.com
text: 760-580-9122 (Jillian)

A more colorful and safe walk across the street!

Niagara Street Elementary students partnered with officials from Niagara Falls Community Development, Go Bike Buffalo and Cornell Cooperative Extension to paint two of our crosswalks along Niagara Street. The students had a great time getting involved and the finished product deserves high marks!

This was another step the school has taken to improve safety around the building. Last fall, a new crosswalk area with a traffic yield sign were installed near the east end of the school.



****IMPORTANT NEWS FOR PARENTS FOR 2017/2018 SCHOOL YEAR****

FROM THE NURSE:



With the beginning of fall and the change of season, we see many viral infections in children. Signs of these could be a runny nose, fever, rash, cough, tiredness and headaches. If your child appears sick before school, please keep them home. Germs love to be shared! Please teach your child the importance of good hand washing. This is the best way to prevent the spread of germs.



Immunizations are requirements that all schools must comply with according to NYS Law. Letters are being sent home if your child is delinquent for shots. **If you receive notice that your child needed shots, this must be done ASAP. Your child may be excluded from school if this is not done.**



Physicals are required by NYS for all students in Kindergarten (who were not in a district UPK program), 2nd grade and 4th grade and any student new to our district. A doctor's physical done in the past calendar year will meet this requirement. Call the clinic for a form if you did not receive one in the mail. Avoid the rush and call your doctor for an appointment. If we do not receive your child's physical form by 12/1/17, our nurse practitioner will perform a physical here in our clinic during the month of December.



The fall is the most common time of the year to start seeing head lice in children. Periodic lice checks will be done in school. Lice are a bother, but do not carry disease. They do not jump. If your child complains of their head itching, please check their hair for signs of lice. If you see lice, please treat your child's hair and notify the school nurse.



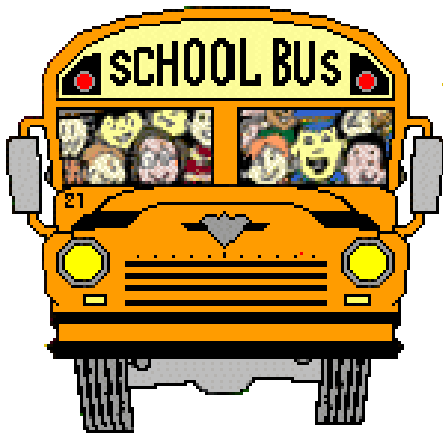
Health History forms were sent home in June. These are yearly forms. Please fill them out and return to school ASAP. We need the most current information for your child should they become ill in school.



REMEMBER...there are children in our school with food allergies. Please send in wrapped treats or non-food items if possible for classroom celebrations.

The main goal of the Niagara Street School clinic is to try to ensure the safety and well-being of your child when in school. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Mrs. Kelly Cook
School Nurse
Phone: 278-5863



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!

REMINDER

Don't
forget

Tuesdays
are
2:00 PM
dismissal

There's a club for everyone at NSS!

We have a wide variety of clubs that intermediate students can get involved in at Niagara Street. Our goal is to find out each and every student's interests. Student involvement in school clubs also has proven to improve attendance in school. We encourage every student to get involved in a club. Each club coordinator will send home permission slips to parents about their club. It will include meeting dates, times, projects, etc. Please feel free to reach out to them at **278-5860** to learn or visit www.nfschools.net/domain/1626.

- Meditation club will begin September 29, and will occur every Friday morning at from 8:25 to 8:45 in the gym.
- Art club will start the first Monday of October after school from 3-4 p.m. Students will receive a slip confirming which session they have been assigned to based on their first choice. Stay tuned for our Arts Alive Competition for our 3rd session of art club where we will recreate a master work of art life size!