

Fitch St. Public School



**FITCH ST.
FALCONS**

Falcons NEWSLETTER

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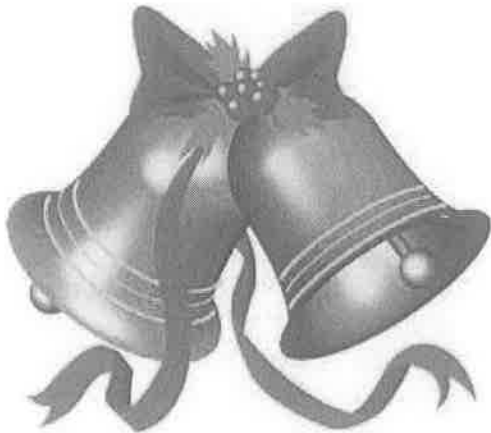
Principal: Mr. D. Howell/Mrs. J. McDowell

Superintendent: Mrs. K. Pisek

Trustee: Mrs. S. Barnett

From the Principal's Desk

At this very busy time of year, the staff and students at Fitch Street PS would like to wish all of our families and community members a very safe and happy holiday. Here at school, we have been busy learning and have packed the days and evenings full of action and excitement. Amongst the items we have been engaged in are Math learning, Junior Volleyball, Kindergarten Joy Day, Caroling, Choir club, Football intramurals, Lego Robotics, pizza days, DreamBox monthly challenges, Hour of Code Operation Christmas Child, and Grade 8 visits to feeder schools just to name a few.



I have very much enjoyed my brief, but meaningful time here at Fitch and wish you all the best in the days, months and years to come. Thankfully, Mrs. McDowell is able to return to her post as Principal in January and I know that she is looking forward to catching up with all of you in the New Year.

Mr. D. Howell

Kindergarten-Open House

If you have friends or neighbors in the Fitch Street community, please spread the word about our Kindergarten Open House slated for Thursday, February 1st, 2018. We are looking forward to seeing our newest Falcons on their first visits.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR
KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE**

DURING YOUR VISIT YOU WILL:

- See a Kindergarten classroom
- Meet the Kindergarten Team
- Register for school
- Get a fun goodie bag with learning resources

**★KINDERGARTEN★
KICKSTART**

Thursday, February 1, 2018
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The graphic features a dark grey background with white text. At the bottom, there is an illustration of three children: a girl with blonde hair sitting on the floor, a girl with dark hair standing and stacking blocks, and a boy with dark hair standing next to her. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical manner, with the main title at the top, followed by the event details and the list of activities.

All Together Now!

In the interest of keeping our students together after graduation, the DSBN Board of Trustees has adjusted our school boundary.

As a result, Welland Centennial is now the home school for all students living in the Fitch Street Public School catchment area. Transportation to the school will be provided to students living at least 2.5 kilometres from Centennial.

This will allow all Grade 8 students the option of attending the same school together. We hope this will be welcome news to you and your family. If you have any questions about this change, please feel free to contact our Principal, Mrs. McDowell, at the school.

Monthly Character Winners

We will be holding our first Character trait assembly on Friday, January 12th, 2018 at 9:15a.m. As of press time all of our winners were not determined as of yet. Hopefully we will see many of you on the 12th.

French Immersion options for Senior Kindergarten students

The French Immersion program offered at Princess Elizabeth PS is open to all students in Senior Kindergarten. 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.

FEATURES OF THE FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM:

- Development of French language skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing from Grades one to twelve;
- Designed to be a second-language program for children whose first language is NOT French;
- Current enrolment of over 2,000 elementary students;
- Certificate of French Immersion Studies awarded upon successful completion of the elementary and secondary immersion programs;
- Promoting understanding of different cultures;
- Providing additional opportunities for employment using French as the working language;
- An increased ability to communicate and interact with confidence in French.

Registration will open January 8th, 2018

For more information about French Immersion in the District School Board of Niagara visit www.dsbni.org or speak to your school principal.



A Parent Information evening will be held on Thursday, January 11th at Princess Elizabeth Public School from 6:00-7:00 pm.

Junior Girls Volleyball

The Junior Girls volleyball team had a tremendous season this year! The girls were undefeated in their league earning first place and defeated Westmount School for the league Championship. The girls then participated in the DSNB Jr Girls Volleyball tournament at Niagara Sport and Social, on December 12th. The girls played extremely well, and advanced to the quarter-finals. We are very proud of the dedication and commitment the girls demonstrated throughout the season. Their skills improved with every practice and the girls played with a lot of heart and determination throughout. We would like to thank Savannah for accompanying us to the tournament as our scorekeeper and to the many parents and grandparents who came out to cheer us on! Well done, girls!

Mrs. Janzen and Ms Parks

