



# Lakeview Views

*February 2012*

## We are Counting Down to Kindergarten



On **Thursday, February 2** there will be an Open House at our school from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. to welcome new children to the Kindergarten Program at Lakeview. Please make certain to have your **child's birth certificate, health card, immunization card, and a recent utility bill.**

Children who will be four years of age or older by December 31, 2012 are eligible to enroll in Kindergarten starting September 2012.

Going to school for the first time is a big step for children and their parents. At the DSBN, families start that journey together at the 'Kindergarten Countdown' open houses. Families can visit our school, meet the kindergarten teacher, and receive a gift bag filled with fun learning resources and information that will help children develop school readiness skills.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, February 2, 2012 from 4 -6 p.m. for our Kindergarten Countdown Open House. Visit [www.dsbn.org](http://www.dsbn.org) and click on "Kindergarten" for all the details!

**Can't make the Open House?** No problem! Call the school at (905) 945-5427 and we would be happy to set up an appointment to register your child.

## Dates to Remember

**February 2**

Kindergarten Open House 4-6 pm

**February 8**

Pizza Day

**February 9**

Report Cards Go Home

**February 17**

Early Release Day

**February 20**

Family Day





## French Immersion Expansion The following information is available for Central/ Lakeview Program Only

**Parent Information Session will be held at:**

**Central Public School - Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012 - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**  
**Applications to French Immersion will be accepted for Grades 1, 4 and 5 entry  
at Central Public School**

### **Program Location**

#### **Central/ Lakeview**

Central is accepting:

Grade 1 (pilot)

Grade 4 (entry)

Grade 5 (entry – 2012-2013 only)

\*Central may “wait-list” Out of Boundary students

Lakeview is **continuing** with Grade 6, Grade 7 & Grade 8 (**no entry**)

As many of you are aware, the District School Board of Niagara is expanding the French Immersion Program. Students who are currently in Senior Kindergarten, Grade 3 and Grade 4 may all apply for this program. In September 2012, the new grade 1 and 4 programs will open up in Central School – this will be the primary and junior age site. The Grade 5 entry will continue at Central and students currently in the Grade 5 program will stay at Central for Grade 6 and then transfer to Lakeview for Grades 7 & 8. Students currently in Grade 5 at Lakeview will continue their studies at Lakeview until the end of Grade 8. Lakeview will be the intermediate site. Bussing will be provided to access these programs.

Please remember that if your child is currently in one of these grades (SK, Grades 3 or 4), this will be your only opportunity to apply to the French Immersion program. For example, students currently in Senior Kindergarten cannot apply to the French Immersion program when they are in Grade 3. Like many School Boards across the province, French Immersion will become a full Grade 1 to 12 program.

*For more information on French Immersion programming or the application process you can do any of the following:*

1. Attend the Parent Information session listed above
2. Contact your school principal
3. Visit – [www.dsbni.org/fi](http://www.dsbni.org/fi) and click on either French Immersion Information or French Immersion Registration
4. Contact Julie Stapleton, French as a Second Language and International Languages Consultant, School Support Services – 905-227-5551 ext 52220 or [Julie.stapleton@dsbn.org](mailto:Julie.stapleton@dsbn.org)
5. Contact Kelly McDonnell, Student Achievement Leader – French Immersion, School Support Services (905)-227-5551 x52402 – [Kelly.mcdonnell@dsbn.org](mailto:Kelly.mcdonnell@dsbn.org)





## WEATHER CONDITIONS

In severe weather situations, students will be admitted to the school earlier at the discretion of the teacher on duty. Please listen carefully for the local radio station reports on school closings and bus situations. At Lakeview, when buses are canceled, the vast majority of our students will not be in attendance and there will not be regular classes. However, we will provide activities for those students in attendance. The Board's representative will contact the local radio stations regarding any bus cancellations (First Student, formerly Laidlaw Buses-Town of Grimsby) or school closings, prior to the 7:00 am report. **Please tune in to these radio stations for information: CHRE 105.7, CKTB 610, CHTZ 97.7 FM, CHSC 1220, CJRN 710, CKOC 1150, K103 FM, and CHML 900. Please do not call the school. Check the DSNB or Lakeview website.**

## FAMILY DAY-FEBRUARY 20th

Please be advised that schools will be closed on this day. We wish you and your family an enjoyable day.



## "THROW NO SNOW" POLICY

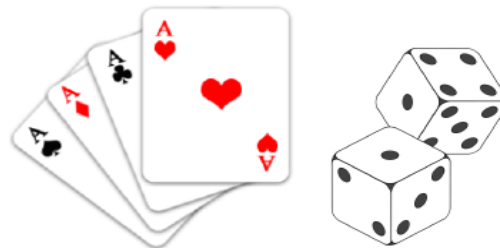
Just a reminder to all students that snow is to be left on the ground for the safety of everyone. Often, snow contains ice, dirt and stones which can cause serious injury if it is thrown. Snow can be used for building forts, snowmen, making angels and other fun things! So use your imagination Lakers but "Throw No Snow". We hope no snow letters will have to go home this year as this can lead to school suspension.

## HAVING FUN WITH MATH DURING THE WINTER MONTHS

On those cold days when you're stuck in the house, take the time to play games with your child. Play board games, dice games, card games, dominoes, chess and backgammon. Solve puzzles together.

While playing ask questions:

- Who is winning? By how much?
- What number do you want to roll? Not want to roll?
- How many cards do you have left?
- Which card would be the most helpful? Least helpful?
- How many dots are there on this domino?
- Where could you move that piece?
- Which piece do you want to move next time?
- How did you know that puzzle piece went there?
- How did you add up those two dice? Cards?



Ask questions about their thinking?

- Why did you move this piece instead of that piece?
- What did you do to try to win the game or solve the puzzle?
- Would you do the same thing next time? Why or why not?
- What could you do to make it easier to win this game?

Remember to keep it FUN!

## **Special Education Workshops**

These workshops are being offered at Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre call 905-688-1890 Ext 0 or email receptionist@npcc.on.ca

### **REGISTERED DISABILITY SAVINGS PLAN PARENT PRESENTATION**

***Wednesday February 8, 2012 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.***

Find out if you are eligible to receive a government bond or grant and how to apply for this benefit. It's not too early to start planning. Presented by Rebecca Blanchard, COMPASS.

### **LOOK MOM AND DAD – NO CAVITIES!**

***Wednesday February 29, 2012 9:30—11:00 a.m.***

Keeping children free from cavities and gum disease is a challenge. This presentation will discuss the various causes & preventions of these common oral conditions. You will be provided with realistic brushing, flossing & nutrition options which will help care for the teeth and gums of children with all abilities. Presented by Dani Botbyl, Registered Dental Hygienist & Mom to Elise & Devon (child with special needs).

### **MY CHILD WAS DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER: NOW WHAT?**

***Wednesdays March 28, April 4, April 11 and April 18, 2012 6:30-8:30 p.m.***

What is Autism? How to navigate ASD services, Behaviour Management and Ask the Doctor.

### **PARENT AND CHILD ADVOCACY**

***Wednesday April 11, 2012 9:30-11:00 a.m.***

Learn effective strategies to advocate for supports and services for your child. Communicate your needs with increased success. Presented by Dorothy Harvey, Manager NPCC.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS....**

***Wednesday May 9, 2012...9:30—11:00 a.m. – Toilet Training my Child with Special Needs***

## **An Evening of Family Empowerment**

Do you want more information about supports and services that are available to you and your family in the Niagara Region?

Pathstone Mental Health's Parent Advisory Committee and Parents for Children's Mental Health Niagara are jointly hosting an evening of family empowerment to be able to provide you with this valuable information.

Our mission is to have as many agencies and services from the region in one location at one time so that this information is conveniently available to you.

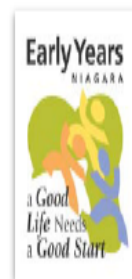
**Where: Pathstone Mental Health  
1604 Merrittville Highway, Welland  
When: February 29th, 2012 6 to 8 p.m.  
(Snow Date March 7th, 2012)**

We'll provide drinks and light snacks and child care.



## FREE Group Triple P Parenting Sessions in Niagara For Families with Children 2 - 12 years of age

**Spring 2012**



Seminar Date	Location	Time	Facilitators
Thursdays March 8 – May 3 (no class during March Break week)	<b>St. Catharines</b> Quest Community Health Centre 145 Queenston Street, Suite 100	9:30 am – noon	905-688-8248 ext. 7555
Mondays March 19 – May 14 (no class Easter Monday)	<b>St. Catharines</b> Ontario Early Years Centre (OEYC) 25 YMCA Drive	6 pm – 8:30 pm	905-688-8248 ext. 7555
Tuesdays March 20 – May 8	<b>Welland</b> Ontario Early Years Centre (OEYC) 12 Young Street	9:15 am – 11:45 am	905-688-8248 ext. 7555 <i>Child care is available</i>
Saturdays March 24 – May 12	<b>Thorold</b> Niagara Region Headquarters 2201 St. David's Road Campbell West – Committee Room 4	9:30 am – noon	905-688-8248 ext. 7555
Tuesdays March 27 – May 15	<b>St. Catharines</b> St. Catharines Regional Child Care 179 Carlton Street	6 pm – 8:30 pm	905-688-8248 ext. 7555
Thursdays April 5 – May 24	<b>Niagara Falls</b> OEYC - Mary Ward School 2999 Dorchester Road	6 pm – 8:30 pm	905-688-8248 ext. 7555 <i>Child care is available</i>
Thursdays April 12 – May 31	<b>Niagara Falls</b> OEYC - McBain Community Centre 7150 Montrose Road	9:30 am – noon	905-688-8248 ext. 7555 <i>Child care is available</i>
Thursdays April 12 – May 31	<b>Port Colborne</b> Ontario Early Years Centre Port Cares - 92 Charlotte Street	6 pm – 8:30 pm	905-688-8248 ext. 7555

Triple P stands for Positive Parenting Program. It is a well researched program which creates excellent outcomes for parents and children. The eight-week program aims to build positive behaviours in children and teens and confidence in parents. For more information and to register call:

**Parent Talk Information Line**

**905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074**

**Ext. 7555**

Information about the Triple P program can also be found at: [www.beagreatparent.ca](http://www.beagreatparent.ca) (search: Triple P)



*Nelles Public School*  
*presents*  
**“TALKING TO TWEENS”**  
PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

*January 25, 2012*  
*7:00 p.m.*



Nelles Public School and the School Council is sponsoring a "Talking to Tweens" Parent Information Night on Wednesday January 25 at 7 pm in the gym. We welcome Michelle Keeley as our guest speaker. We would like to invite all our Nelles parents and community to attend this informative and inspirational presentation.

Michelle Keeley is a dynamic speaker, teacher and Certified Life Coach who communicates her wealth of knowledge on the teenage experience, parenting and transition with both candour and sensitivity.

Michelle has twenty-five years of varied experience in the field of education. Her teaching experiences include grades kindergarten through to 8 as well as Special Education. She has a B.A., B.Ed. & Executive Life Coaching Certification from Royal Roads University.

Michelle is a certified life coach who specializes her coaching in the areas of teens and parenting. Michelle is a mother of two teenage sons.

She was awarded a Ministry of Education: "Parent Reaching Out" grant last year and coached students and their parents at Malvern Collegiate Institute. In addition, she also coaches educators.

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!**

Come out for an evening filled with inspiration, ideas and valuable information.  
Child minding and refreshments will be provided.



**Grimsby  
Secondary  
School**

**5 Boulton  
Avenue  
Grimsby, ON  
L3M 1H6  
905-945-5416**

**Grimsby Secondary School's  
Parent Advisory Council**

Presents:

**DRUG USE & ABUSE  
WITH  
DONNIE EDWARDS**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2012**

**7:00 P.M.**

**GRIMSBY SECONDARY SCHOOL AUDITORIUM  
(LIMITED SEATING)**

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Donnie Edwards is a Port Colborne Pharmacist with Boggio Pharmacy and is also a noted expert on drug addiction. As former president and CEO of the Ontario Pharmacist's Association, Donnie was the spokesperson on drug addiction to the government, the media and the public. He was also instrumental in putting together a program that could be used for schools with grades 7 to 12.

Donnie will be covering the names and characteristics as well as the consequences and effects of the most abused drugs in the region. He will discuss the street names of these drugs including the signs and symptoms for parents and friends to be watching for. Some of these pharmaceuticals are legal prescription drugs such as Oxycontin which can be abused and misused.

All are welcome to attend this event which will help open the door to conversation and empowerment for all who care about our youth!