



IMPORTANT DATES:

Oct. 6th—Professional Activity Day—NO SCHOOL

Oct. 9th—Thanksgiving Day—Schools CLOSED

Oct. 10th—Bus Safety

Oct. 12th—Picture Day

Oct. 17th—Parent Council Meeting @ 2:30pm at the school

Oct. 19th—Grade 7 immunizations

Oct. 24th –26th — Dental Bus (stay tuned for more information)

Oct. 27th—Character in Action Assembly

It has been a great start to the 2017-18 school year. We gathered together on September 29th to celebrate our Mustang Award Winners who demonstrated Respect in the month of September. We invite you to join us in celebrating some of our student's success at our next assembly on October 27th. The focus for October will be responsibility. Here are some things we will be looking for: students who follow the rules, complete assigned work, and are accountable for their own actions.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Daily attendance is important for student success. We would like to start recognizing students who attend regularly and are on time.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Please access the school website at www.jamesmorden.dsbm.org. There are useful links to classroom websites, helpful resources, calendars, and newsletters.

ABSENCES

If your child will be absent or late please notify the office at 905-358-5011. Voicemail is available 24 hours.

Ms. S. Welsh & Mrs. J. Poirier



A reminder, that the right lane in front of the school is reserved for buses and taxis. If you require parking, Caledonia St., Douglas Dr., and Adams St. are all good alternatives, if the parking lot is full. Please remember that you are at risk of being towed from the plaza parking lot next door as it is a private lot.

Every year, the school raises money through BINGO. This pays for a variety of things for students (eg. bus costs for field trips, presentations to the school, uniforms, etc.).

WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP

If you are available to volunteer even just one afternoon it would be extremely helpful for our school community. Please call the school and ask how you can help.



OUR STUDENTS THANK YOU!

SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

We will be starting our first fundraiser in the month of October. We have sent home a catalogue from DFS Canada Fundraising Solutions. If you have not received your catalogue and information please let us know. We are hoping to raise money to refresh our playground equipment. Your participation is appreciated!



All visitors, including parents/guardians, please remember to enter through the main door and check in with us at the office. You may be asked to wear a visitor tag while you are here. It is important that we know who is in the building at all times for the safety of all.

Please do not encourage students to open any of our other doors for you.

When you are picking up students at 3:15 pm, please wait at the front or south side of the building until the bell rings. **Please do not go beyond the end of the fire lane (end of the gym wall).** The backyard and tarmac are often used for instructional purposes and teachers need to be able to identify safety concerns.



Please note only service/therapy dogs who are here for our students are permitted at DSBN schools. All other animals are not permitted on school property. A reminder that smoking is not permitted anywhere

on school property (including in vehicles). There is a \$350 fine for smoking on James Morden premises.





SCHOOL COUNCIL NEEDS YOU

Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 @ 2:30pm in the Learning Commons. All parents/caregivers are welcome to attend. Come out to share your ideas, ask questions or just find out what's happening at JAM. If you are unable to attend but would like to participate, please contact the office.



Free Money for Your Child's Future!

What is the Canada Learning Bond (CLB)?

The Canada Learning Bond (CLB) is a government program that gives **\$500** in education money to **children born on or after January 1, 2004 whose families receive the Canada Child Benefit Supplement (family net income of \$45,916 or less or more based on number of children).**

Sound good? Keep reading...

- The Government will add **\$100 more every year** the child is eligible, up to age 15.
- **Each child could get up to \$2000 (plus interest) in RESP contributions!**
- **NO family contribution is required**
- **The Canada Learning Bond is retroactive for children born 2004 or after**

Great! Here is How You Get Started:

Go to: StartMyRESP.ca/EFNiagara

DSBN PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Calling all parents & caregivers

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER!

Join us for an evening of learning & FREE workshops!

Wed. November 1, 2017
4pm to 8:15pm at Eden High School
535 Lake Street, St. Catharines

The DSBN Parent Involvement Committee invites you to join us for an evening of learning, sharing and networking with a focus on ideas for all DSBN parents, caregivers and School Councils.

Session Topics Include:

Mental Health, Special Education, Mathematics, Kindergarten, Transitions to Secondary & Post Secondary... and so much MORE!

- 4:00 - 5:15** Light Dinner and Educational & Community Agency Showcase
Cafeteria and Gym AB
- 5:15 - 5:25** Opening Remarks
Cafeteria
- 5:45 - 6:45** 1st Session
- 6:45 - 7:15** Showcase and Refreshments
Gym AB and Cafeteria
- 7:15 - 8:15** 2nd Session

Information about Child Care:

PRESCHOOL CHILDREN: Certified Early Childhood Educators will be available at Sven H. Dohnberg Centre. Enter the Eden High School parking lot (facing Lake St.), the child care centre is on the right.

SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN: Children will be supervised by qualified teachers in the Eden Gymnasium.

CHILD CARE IS AVAILABLE BY PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY AND WILL BE PROVIDED FROM 4PM TO 8:15PM. IT INCLUDES A LIGHT DINNER.



DSBN Parent Involvement Committee

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REGISTER ONLINE AT
www.dsbn.org/pic

Registration, Food & Child Care are FREE!

Register online at www.dsbn.org/pic

OR speak to someone in your school office for assistance



Early Bird Draw!

Register before October 4, 2017 and you could WIN \$500 of support for your School and School Council!



Parenting Matters At DSBN

CCAT

All Grade 4 students in the school will take the Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test during the month of October. This assessment helps us to identify individual student needs and abilities to ensure appropriate programs are provided as well as information about student strengths in verbal, quantitative, and non-verbal reasoning. The assessment provides a benchmark for our as students complete future achievement tests - whether these tests are teacher-generated, board-wide, provincial or national.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office at 905-358-5011.

James Morden is Paperless!

We will continue to send out our monthly school newsletter electronically.

If you have already provided us with your email address (at the beginning of the school year, in the verification package), the newsletter will be sent automatically to that address every month.

If you would prefer a paper copy, or if your email address has changed, please complete the form below and return it to school with your child by October 16, 2017.

Student Name: _____

Class: _____

I have a new email address: _____

Please send a paper newsletter home every month.