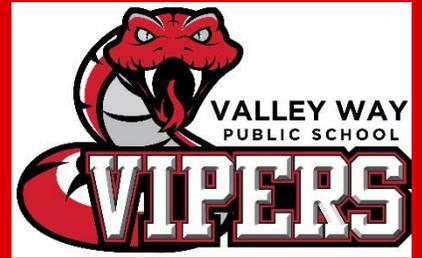


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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As summer draws nearer, things will begin to heat up at Valley Way! The warmer weather will certainly heat things up, but so will many of the exciting activities that are planned for the month. From trips to fun days to graduation, there is a lot on the go this month. Please keep your school calendar handy to keep on top of the many events this month.

## MOVING BEFORE SEPTEMBER?

In order to assist us with making the best decisions possible with respect to class organization and student placements for Valley Way Public School for the 2018/2019 school year, we would appreciate if you would let the office know if your family is planning to move in the next few months. We thank you in advance for keeping us informed! School and classroom organization begins shortly so sharing this information with us now is very helpful for our planning for next year!

## THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

As we are heading into the final month of school, we would like to thank all of our parents and community members that volunteer their own time to make Valley Way a great place to be. We look forward to thanking each of you on June 13.

## SAVE THE DATES FOR GRADUATION EVENTS

This year's graduation ceremony will take place on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 beginning at 6:00pm at the Grace Gospel Church. The ceremony should last approximately 1 hour. Following the ceremony, the Grade 8 students will celebrate at Boston Pizza on Clifton Hill. Our Year 2 (Senior Kindergarten) students will also celebrate their graduation to Grade 1. This celebration will be held in the morning of Monday, June 25.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Grade 7 Immunizations .....	June 1
Kindergarten Trip.....	June 1
Car Wash .....	June 2
Grade 4/5 Trip to PALS.....	June 4
Ice Cream Sandwiches .....	June 5/12
Family Movie Night.....	June 7
PA Day.....	June 8
DSBN Track and Field Day .....	June 13
Volunteer Tea .....	June 13
Talent Show.....	June 19
Junior Three-Pitch Tournament .....	June 20
End of Year BBQ .....	June 21
Intermediate Toronto Trip.....	June 22
Kindergarten Graduation .....	June 25
Grade 1-3 Bowling Trip.....	June 25
Grade 5/6 to PALS.....	June 27
Report Cards go home .....	June 27
Grade 8 Graduation.....	June 27
Last Day of School .....	June 28

## PA DAY

The school will be closed for a PD Day on Friday, June 8 as teachers work on assessment and evaluation.



## STUDENT RECOGNITION

During the month of May, Valley Way students were recognized for their work as a learner for their learning skills and/or academics, as an individual for their character traits, and as a community member for contributing to the school and/or classroom. The following students were recognized:

<b>MRS. MIHELIC AND MRS. O'TOOLE</b> Serena, Peighton, Benjamin	<b>MRS. NAGY AND MRS. MILLS</b> Nate, Serina, Noah
<b>MRS. ROGERS</b> Seina, Logan, Daron	<b>MRS. CARTER</b> Abigail, Landon
<b>MRS. TAYLOR</b> Jazmyne, Aiden, Victor	<b>MRS. WIENS/MR. CLANCY</b> Gavin, Siana, Maddox
<b>MS. SCUDAMORE</b> Trinity, Shy, Adrianna	<b>MRS. BOLES</b> Haylee, Jesse, Alexander
<b>MS. FONG</b> Ben, Lilly, Aviah	<b>MR. DESANTI</b> Seriph, Hunter
<b>MR. ALLEN (FSL)</b> Kim, Mina, Alyssa, Sean, Abby	<b>MR. SARKISIAN (PHYS. ED)</b> Rhegan



## OUTDOOR FAMILY CHALLENGE

The staff would like to present an outdoor challenge to our Valley Way families. With the summer weather upon us, we challenge families to spend time together outdoors. Make a picnic lunch and eat it at a park or in the backyard (with no devices), fly a kite or blow some bubbles together. Post a picture on Twitter and tag @ValleyWayDSBN or email it to [vvwy@dsbn.org](mailto:vvwy@dsbn.org) with the subject Family Challenge. Let's celebrate the weather together as a family, with no devices!

## VALLEY WAY FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

The staff at Valley Way, with the support of the Parent Advisory Council, is excited to present our first Family Movie Night on Thursday, June 7. We will feature the movie "Wonder" and we will watch it under the stars – weather permitting! If the weather doesn't cooperate, we will move into the gym. Pizza, juice, water and popcorn are available through pre-sales only! Please RSVP at the office so we know how many people to expect. Bring lawn chairs and/or blankets and dress for the weather! Doors open at 8:00 pm and the movie will begin at dusk. There is a PA Day the following day so students can sleep in. We can't wait to enjoy a great movie with our Valley Way families! Please note that this is a family event so students must attend with their parent/guardian.

## GRADE 8 CAR WASH

The Grade 8 students are holding their annual car wash on Saturday, June 2 from 9:00 – 1:00 pm. Please come out and get a car wash for \$5.00. All funds raised will go towards the graduation ceremony for our graduates. Your support of the Graduating Class of 2018 is greatly appreciated!

## ICE CREAM SANDWICH SALES

The Grade 8 students will be selling ice cream sandwiches for \$1.00 during second break on Tuesday, June 5 and Tuesday, June 12. All proceeds will go towards graduation and their year end trip. Thank you for supporting the Grade 8 students!

## CLASS PLACEMENTS 2018-2019

The staffing process for a new school year always continues through the remainder of the school year and often requires “fine tuning” during the first weeks of September. The teachers assigned to each class and class organizations have not been finalized at this point. When we organize classes, a great deal of consideration goes into the placement of students for the next year. The staff takes into account the children’s needs in order to provide an appropriate academic and social environment. Regarding class placement, if your child has any significant learning/education needs which you feel should be considered, please advise the office in writing, stating these factors no later than June 7. All requests will be considered (but cannot be guaranteed), in conjunction with the above staff considerations, when making decisions about student placements.

## SCHOOL VANDALISM

Now that the warm weather has arrived, we seek your cooperation in reducing school vandalism. Should you observe unusual activity at our school, please call in confidence either of the following emergency numbers:

905.682.8065

905.563.1293

We appreciate your assistance with this matter. As you can imagine graffiti and other damage is very costly to remove/repair, not to mention how unsightly it can be.

## DROP OFF AND PICK UP - PARKING

If you must drive to drop off or pick up your child before or after school, please remember to respect our school neighbours and refrain from blocking driveways. Also, please do not block the bus loading zone. There is a great deal of parking at FH Leslie Park across the street from Valley Way and we have amazing crossing guards in front of the school that will ensure your child safely crosses the street. ***Of course, now that the nice weather is here, walking is always the best option. With a little physical activity on the way to school, children are ready to learn when they arrive and you get a few minutes of time to be able to have a family conversation as you walk.***

## SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

With School Cash Online, you will be able to approve permission forms and make payments for items online. Understanding that we’re quickly becoming a cashless society, we know it can sometimes be a challenge to find exact change for items and then send it to school through your child’s backpack. Using School Cash Online, you’ll be able to use your debit, credit card or echeque to make quick and easy payments online. It will also allow you to track payments made and receive an invoice for your purchases.

School Cash Online is a safe, reliable portal that will ensure the security of your information. The system is already active. You are able to gain access through the School Cash button which has been placed on our school website. We are asking that you click on the button and follow the simple instructions to register. Registration should take less than five minutes. If you registered last year, you do not need to register again!

If you require some assistance registering for School Cash Online, please visit the office and we will be happy to help you get started.

## HOT LUNCHES AND BREAKFAST CLUB

Please note that the last pizza day will be held on Wednesday, June 20. Our breakfast club will run until June 15.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

With the end of the year upon us, we will be recognizing students with top attendance patterns at the June assembly. We look forward to celebrating students with fewer than 10 absences and zero lates for the entire 2017-2018 school year. Congratulations to those students that will be recognized!

## LEARNING COMMONS UPDATES

The second week of June marks the last week that students will be able to check out books from our library collection for the school year. Over the next few weeks in June, Ms. Wiens will be following up with students who have overdue or lost library books. Fines will be issued for lost books - soft cover: \$5, hard cover \$10. Please make every effort to return our books so that we can all continue to enjoy them in the future. Thank you!

## TRACK AND FIELD

The Valley Way Track and Field team represented the school with pride! We are proud of all of our students that represented the Vipers at the regional meet. A few of our Vipers have qualified for the DSBN meet that will be held on Wednesday, June 13 at the Niagara Olympic Club in St. Catharines. Congratulations to the students that have qualified for the DSBN meet. We wish you all the best!

## DRESS CODE

When the warm weather arrives, students are expected to dress appropriately for a school setting. Dress which is suggestive, offensive, shows undergarments or otherwise inappropriate is, of course, unacceptable. This dress code applies to all school related activities, from regular classroom days, field trips, and sporting events.

## DSBN SUMMER PROGRAMS

There are summer programs available for current Grade 6, 7, and 8 students available in our area. They include Super in 7, Great in 8, High School Head Start, and Reach Ahead credits. Please visit the DSBN Summer Programs website for more information or speak to the office for further information.

[www.dsbn.org/summerprograms](http://www.dsbn.org/summerprograms)

## DSBN SUMMER HEAT

We are pleased to offer SUMMER HEAT, a primary Summer Learning Program, again this year. The program will run from Monday, July 9th to Friday, July 27th for students entering JK to grade 4 in the fall of 2018. Kindergarten Kick Start is for students entering junior and senior kindergarten in the fall, while Funshine Kids is for students entering grades 1, 2, 3 and 4. This three week program is entirely FREE, but space is limited so please be sure to register early. Registration can be done online. If you require assistance registering, please contact the office. The program will begin at 8:15 a.m. with breakfast provided, and it will end at 12:15 p.m. Students will be involved in a variety of learning opportunities throughout the morning, with a focus on literacy, numeracy and active living. We are excited about being able to offer this amazing program to our families. Check it out on the DSBN website at [www.dsbn.org/summerheat](http://www.dsbn.org/summerheat). If you have completed a registration form already and returned it to the office, your child is registered. Otherwise, registration can be done online by visiting [www.dsbn.org/summerheat](http://www.dsbn.org/summerheat). If you require assistance registering online, please contact the office and we will ensure you are registered.

## DSBN eFLYERS

Many community events and activities are posted on the DSBN eFlyers website. I encourage you to take a look, on occasion, to ensure you do not miss any community events that might be of interest to you or your family. To view the eFlyers, please follow the simple instructions:

1. Log onto our website: [www.dsbnschools.org](http://www.dsbnschools.org)
2. Click on "Community" tab
3. Click on "eFlyer Service"

## FIGHT THE BITE

Ticks, mosquitos and rabid animals have no boundaries and can be a risk to you and your family when walking to and from school or work, waiting at the bus stop, family trips, and while playing in the yard at home or at the park.

Protect yourself and your family from West Nile Virus:

- Reduce standing water where mosquitoes breed
- Cover up, wear long sleeved shirts, long pants, hats socks and shoes
- Repair any damaged window screens
- Use insect repellants containing DEET or Icardin (follow manufacturer's instructions)

Reduce the risk of Lyme disease:

- Wear light coloured clothing to help spot ticks
- Use insect repellants containing DEET or Icardin (follow manufacturer's instructions)
- Check yourself, your children and pets for ticks after being outdoors
- Cut your grass and dispose of leaf litter where ticks can live

Prevent rabies:

- Vaccinate your pets
- Do not feed or approach any wild, stray or strange animals
- Do not trap, transport, keep or pet any wild animals
- Do not try and nurse sick animals back to health

Presently, all of these diseases exist in Niagara. For more information, contact Niagara Region Public Health. 905-688-8248 ext. 7767 or 1-888-505-6074

## STAY INFORMED AND CONNECTED – TWITTER, FACEBOOK, REMIND, WEBSITE

Please take some time to visit the Valley Way Public School website. Our websites includes current newsletters, school calendars, code of conduct, school council information, a school year calendar, classroom websites, and bell times. You can find our website and Twitter account at:

<http://valleyway.dsbnschools.org>

@ValleyWayDSBN

In our busy lives, events can sometimes be overlooked. Sign up for the free Remind App and receive text or email reminders about school events. To sign up, text @73836 to the number (289) 806-1173 or download the Remind App and register with class code 73836.

**PIC CONFERENCE – SAVE THE DATE!**

Calling all parents & caregivers

# IT'S TIME TO SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

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

Join us for an evening of learning & **FREE** workshops!

Mark your calendar for the 2018 DSBN Parent Involvement Conference, at Eden High School in St. Catharines. Join us for an evening of free workshops for parents and caregivers of DSBN students of all ages.

For more information about the event visit [www.dsbn.org/pic](http://www.dsbn.org/pic)



*Early Bird Draw!*

Register before October 3, 2018  
and you could **WIN \$500 of support**  
for your School and School Council!

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