



# Valley Way School January Updates

## Family Literacy Day: Celebrate Your Heritage

Family Literacy Day takes place every January 27th to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. Since 1999, thousands of schools, libraries, literacy organizations and other community groups have taken part in the initiative. ABC creates free learning and promotional resources for anyone that wants to get involved. Taking time every day to read or do a learning activity with children is crucial to a child's development, improving a child's literacy skills dramatically, and can help a parent improve their skills as well.

On January 27, we encourage your families to celebrate this day by learning about your heritage. We are fortunate to live in a country that celebrates our diversity. Let's explore our heritage and learn about others as well! [Click here are ideas from ABC Literacy and learn about your family. with your family.](#)

## Important Dates

January 27...Family Literacy Day  
February 1.... Pizza Day  
February 14....Valentine's Day  
February 15....Pizza Day  
February 16...Report Cards Go Home  
February 17....PD Day  
February 20...Family Day  
(Schools are Closed)



## Kindergarten Registration for the 2023/2024 School Year

Do you know a child who was born in 2019? If so, spread the word that Kindergarten registration is almost here! Please visit the [DSBN Kindergarten registration link](#) for more details and save Thursday, February 2, 2023 between 10:00 – 6:00 pm for our Kindergarten Open House event!



## Grade 1 French Immersion Registration

The French Immersion program (offered at French Immersion sites) is open to all Year 2 Kindergarten students from Monday, January 9, 2023 until Tuesday, February 21, 2023. 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. For more information about French Immersion in the District School Board of Niagara, [please click here](#).

Monday January 9th, 2023 to Tuesday February 21st, 2023 [Register Now](#)

## Dressing for the Weather

As cooler weather approaches, please be aware that children are expected to be dressed appropriately for the weather conditions every day. Coats, hats, boots and mittens/gloves are soon going to be necessary for your child to enjoy the outdoor fitness breaks and some gym classes or outdoor learning experiences. Students that are well enough to be at school are expected to be outside with their friends during fitness breaks as indoor supervision is not available during this time.

## Parking Lot Safety Reminder

Our parking lot is an incredibly busy place before school and at the end of the day. Ensuring the safety of students is a primary concern. Please remind your child(ren) to look both ways when crossing the parking lot and to use the sidewalk to walk to the playground entrance. Even though it might not be a street, cars are coming and going, so looking left and right for traffic is important. We have asked students to avoid walking across the parking lot and to use the sidewalk only.

## DSBN Academy: Virtual Open House Coming Soon

Learn about the DSBN Academy at the Virtual Open House on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 from 6:00- 8:00 pm! Join us to find out:

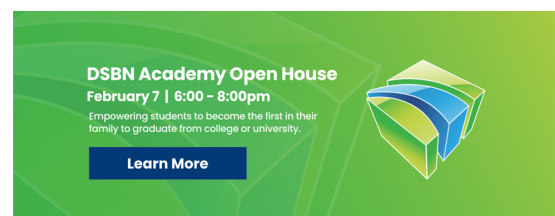
- How this unique program prepares students to attend, and succeed at, college and university
- What extra opportunities are offered and how your child can benefit
- If the DSBN Academy is a good fit for your child

The DSBN Academy is a Grade 6-12 public school designed to support and empower students to be the first in their family to graduate from college or university. Staff and students are committed to the belief that, with hard work, all students can achieve their dreams.

[Visit our website](#) to learn all about what DSBN Academy is, and what it takes to become an Argonaut. Online registration will open on **January 10, 2023** here: [ACADEMY.DSBN.ORG/APPLY](https://ACADEMY.DSBN.ORG/APPLY). Registration will close on February 27, 2023. Limited spots available.

### WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY TO DSBN ACADEMY?

- Student must live within the Niagara Region
- Student must be entering grade 6, 7, or 8 in September. (Note: spaces are limited in grades 7 and 8)
- Student would be the first in their family to graduate from a college or university. (If a sibling of the student has attended a post-secondary institution but the parent(s)/guardian(s) have not, the student is still considered a first-generation student.)
- Student must be willing to attend a school location, the DSBN Academy site, which may be outside of their community. Transportation will be provided for these students.



- Student understands there is a mandatory after-school program that enhances the student experience beyond the classroom. These include enrichment opportunities and academic supports. After-school ENCORE enrichment opportunities include: Mixed sports, Chess, Karate, Dance, Zumba, Coding, Mad Science, Board games, Photography, Makerspace, Choir, Canvas painting, Crochet, Crafts, Podcasting, Baking, Debating, Drama and many more!

- DSBN Academy Secondary programming is designed to prepare students for College and University.

If you have any questions, please contact: [jennifer.moore@dsbn.org](mailto:jennifer.moore@dsbn.org) - Elementary Principal

## Nutrition Program Fundraiser

We will be accepting donations of Granola Bars to support our Nutrition Program at Valley Way. If you are able to donate, please send in or drop off Granola Bars at the office. We will be accepting the following types of Granola Bars for the Nutrition Program.



## School Advisory Council

Our third School Advisory Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at 5:00 pm. New members are always welcome to join.

