

RICHMOND REVIEW



Home of the
RAPTORS
January 2011



Principal: Brad Butler

Vice –Principal: C. Kohinski

Narrow Focus Smart Goal: All staff will use small group instruction (guide reading), co-created anchor charts/rubrics and explicit feedback/instruction (3 questions) so that 56% of students will move up one level and 44% of students will move within a level for reading for meaning as measured by May 31, 2010.

Strategies Used by Proficient Readers

A good reader is **metacognitive**—aware of and able to use and describe the following strategies in order to interact with the text (book).

- 1. Make Connections.** An active reader is able to draw from background knowledge and personal experiences while reading to help create meaning from the text (book).
- 2. Ask Questions.** An active reader asks questions before, during and after reading to clarify and deepen understanding.
- 3. Visualize.** An active reader is able to create multi-sensory images in the “mind’s eye” while reading to help make sense of the text.
- 4. Draw Inferences.** An active reader knows that not all information is included in a text, and is able to hypothesize and predict what is going to happen next, based on evidence in the text (book).
- 5. Determine Importance.** An active reader sifts through information in the text to select important ideas, choose what to remember, and set priorities.
- 6. Analyze and Synthesize.** An active reader is able to break down information and to draw conclusions based on both the text and his or her own thinking.
- 7. Monitor Comprehension.** An active reader is aware when understanding is being compromised and is able to stop, go back, and reread in order for understanding to occur.

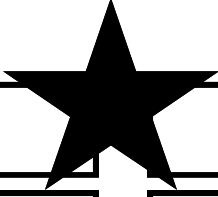
(Based on the research of P. David Pearson)

*I did it! I did it! Come and look at what I've done!
I read a book! When someone wrote it long ago for me to read, how did he know?
That this was the book I'd take from the shelf
And lie on the floor and read by myself?
I really read it! Just like that! Word by word, from first to last!
I'm sleeping with this book in bed,
This is the FIRST book I've ever read!*





**RICHMOND STREET SCHOOL'S
"HONOURED" STUDENTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER**



Academic Award

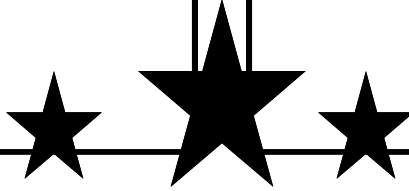
Character Trait Award—Empathy

JK/SK (Mrs. Lombarczki/Mrs. Nicolls) *Grace Sargent
 JK/SK (Mrs. Fowle/Mrs. McGregor) *Katarina Cebic
 JK/SK (Mrs. Sullivan/Miss. Sims) *Ella Turcin

JK/SK (Mrs. Lombarczki/Mrs. Nicolls) *Devon Ryckman
 JK/SK (Mrs. Fowle/Mrs. McGregor) *Tegan Passfield
 JK/SK (Mrs. Sullivan/Miss. Sims) *Sutter Pilon

Grade 1 *Hamza Asghar-Ms. Hale
 Grade 1 *Carson Shannon-Mr. Oakes
 Grade 2 *Connor Burke-Mrs. Rankie
 Grade 2 *Kylie Lambert-Mrs. Harmer-Lewitzky
 Grade 3 *Rylie Gambell-Mr. Ridgway
 Grade 3 *Zachary Beards-Mrs. Steinbachs
 Grade 4 *Eryn Evans-Mrs. White
 Grade 5 *Rachel Gillespie-Mr. Goar
 Grade 4/5 *Callum McNamara-Mrs. Cavers
 Grade 6 *Daniel Plumb-Mr. Garrah
 Grade 6 *Gabby Dheilily-Ms. Davidson
 Grade 7 *Daija White-Mr. Currie
 Grade 7/8 *Rosina Armenti-Mrs. Visscher
 Grade 8 *Brittany Evans-Mr. Bryk
 SESN *Jeremy Graves-Mr. Kent
 Jr. French *Hunter Alton-Mlle. Cirusuolo
 Int. French *Hendrix Hanes-Mlle. Smillie
 Music *Claire Lenson-Mrs. Moccio

Grade 1 *Cora Scott-Ms. Hale
 Grade 1 *Lorraine Eaton-Mr. Oakes
 Grade 2 *Hailey Palys-Mrs. Rankie
 Grade 2 *Jayda Gruhl-Mrs. Harmer-Lewitzky
 Grade 3 *Amy Thompson-Mr. Ridgway
 Grade 3 *Brooke Sittler-Mrs. Steinbachs
 Grade 4 *Eden Alton-Mrs. White
 Grade 5 *Mitchell Jenkins-Mr. Goar
 Grade 4/5 *Zachary Manning-Mrs. Cavers
 Grade 6 *Kimi Pollard-Mr. Garrah
 Grade 6 *Travis Norton-Ms. Davidson
 Grade 7 *Colton Winfield-Mr. Currie
 Grade 7/8 *Brandon McLean-Mrs. Visscher
 Grade 8 *Samantha Thompson-Mr. Bryk
 Jr. French *Alexandra Garrah-Mlle. Cirusuolo
 Int. French *Zachary Manning-Mlle. Smillie
 Music *Andrew Unruh-Mrs. Moccio



**Please view your certificates in the front foyer during the month of January.
 Certificates will be handed to the students at the awards assembly.**

FRENCH IMMERSION

The **Entry French Immersion** program offers an excellent opportunity for students to study in Canada's two official languages. We encourage students and parents to carefully consider this program option. The application process time lines have shifted to align with the new Report Card. In January, French Immersion students will visit Richmond Street and distribute French Immersion information and talk about the program. In addition, there will be evening information sessions for parents/guardians and students in grades 4 and 6 at various French Immersion sites starting in February.

January/February -French Immersion students visit Richmond Street.
-French Immersion application form and parent brochure is distributed.
-Evening information sessions:

Grade 6 *Wednesday, February 16, 2011 7:00 p.m. Oakridge Public School*

Grade 4 *Wednesday, February 23, 2011 7:00 p.m. Princess Elizabeth Public School*



March -Applications for French Immersion are due. Applications can be completed on-line through the DSBN website or in paper form.

April -Notifications to parents/guardians regarding status of the application.

If there are any questions about the French Immersion program please contact Madame Cirasuolo or Madame Smillie



Grade 8 Intention Sheets for Secondary School

January is the month for Grade 8 students to select their courses for high school. Watch for intention sheets to arrive home shortly.

KINDERGARTEN COUNTDOWN

Do you know a child who is turning 4 or 5 in 2011? Help them get ready for their big first day of school with the DSBN's Kindergarten Countdown Open House!

Parents and children are invited to our KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE on Thursday, January 27, 2011 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Families can tour our school, meet the kindergarten teacher, receive a gift bag filled with fun learning resources and information that will help children develop school readiness skills, and register for the coming school year.



Go to www.dsbn.org/kindergarten for more information.

High School Open Houses 2010



Sir Winston Churchill—Monday, January 17—6:30 p.m.

Thorold Secondary—Tuesday, January 18—6:30 p.m.

Kernahan Park—Tuesday, January 18—6:30 p.m.



Coed Senior Volleyball Team

On December the 2nd the senior coed volleyball team travelled to Virgil School to compete in the annual Coed Invitational Tournament. They played from 4:00- 8:30 and ended up winning the Consolation Finals against Vineland School.

Members of the team were Bridget Dagenais, Brittany Evans, Tallulah Williams, Shyla Cardy, Darby Taylor, Weston Hilchey, Sandor Jackson, Evan Marshall and Daniel Alexandrov.



Junior Girls Win DSBN Tournament

The Junior Girls Volleyball team went undefeated and won the DSBN Tournament, defeating Maywood, Lakeview, John Marshall, Lockview (twice), and Prince Phillip (St. Catharines) schools.

Team members include: Hannah Baker, Taylor Byford, Gabby Dheilly, Christina Ford, Alexandra Garrah, Allison Gilliard, Nicole Pirillo, Jena Pugh, Grace Pyatt, Mya Ramnarain, Tabatha Scarbo, Amber Stover, Neenah Williams, Alyssa Hanysh, Lillian Ranicci, Eryn Evans, and Caitlin Gibson.



Congratulations from Mr. Garrah!

Junior Volleyball Co-ed Team

The Junior Volleyball Co-ed team won the DSBN Tournament. They went undefeated playing Jacob Beam, Meadowvale, Parnall A, Parnall B, Grapeview, and Prince Phillip (St. Catharines) schools.

Team members included: Hannah Baker, Alexandra Garrah, Nicole Pirillo, Mya Ramnarain, Neenah Williams, Kealan Pilon, Ben Evans, Aaron Marshall, and Colton Spencer.



Congratulations from Mr. Goar & Mr. Garrah!

Garbage Bags For Sale

We have garbage bags for sale here at Richmond Street. The cost is \$8.00 for 50 garbage bags while supplies last. Please inquire in the office.



REMINDER



Please call in when you know your child(ren) will be home from school. It saves the office time and it avoids the early wake up calls. Thanks for your support.



Kiss and Ride



There have been some concerns with the Kiss and Ride this year. The Kiss and Ride is only to be used to drop off your child(ren). If you are going to be bringing your child(ren) into the school, you are to park in the parking lot to do so. When one parks in the Kiss and Ride lane it impedes the flow of traffic causing a traffic jam that has cars backed up at the Collier Road entrance, which is hazardous. We have already had one bad car accident on Collier Road this year. We will be monitoring this situation to ensure that the Kiss and Ride is used appropriately and that the flow of traffic improves. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Asking For Kleenex Boxes

We are requesting for every child to bring in a box of Kleenex for their classroom. We have been going through a large quantity of Kleenex lately and if we can get your help we would appreciate it. Thank you Richmond Raptors for your continued support!



Movember - Thank You!

Thank you to all our male staff members who participated in Movember and to everyone who made a donation. In all Richmond Street raised \$530 dollars towards Prostate Cancer. Way to go Richmond Raptors!!



Santa Claus Parade

Thank you to Mrs. Kohinski, Mrs. White and Miss Solski for all of their hard work in organizing Richmond Street Public School's participation in the Thorold Santa Claus Parade. Also, thank you to all students involved.



Thank you!

Thank you to all families for helping us raise \$460 in Canadian Tire money for Community Care. We would also like to thank all that supported our food bin collections and decoration of our mitten/hat/scarf tree. We will be making Christmas a little brighter and warmer for a lot of families in the Thorold Community.



Popcorn, Get Your Popcorn Here

Starting this month popcorn will be sold everyday during the first ten minutes of first break.



Welcome Centre for Newcomer Families

All new students to Canada or whose first language is not English is encouraged to visit the Welcome Centre before registering at a school. The Welcome Centre is located at the District School Board on 191 Carlton Street, St. Catharines. For general information you can contact Brandie Lancione 905-641-1550 ext. 54152.

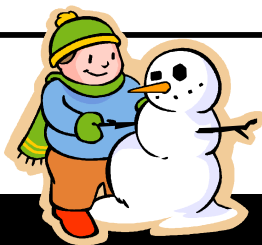
Richmond St. Presents: Meet and watch the Niagara Ice Dogs

The Niagara Ice Dogs and Richmond St. school are planning some special upcoming opportunities.

Four players from the Niagara Ice Dogs and Bones, their mascot, will be coming to Richmond St. in mid- February (date to be finalized later), to talk to the students about the importance of education- specifically about Literacy.

On Thursday March 3rd, members of the Richmond St. Community can go cheer on the Niagara Ice-Dogs as they play the Sudbury Wolves. Those purchasing tickets are welcome to participate in a pre-game skate from 5:00-5:50 p.m. and then watch the game (7:00 p.m. start). Cost for tickets are \$15 each. All students, families, and friends are welcome (students must be chaperoned during pre-game skate/game).

Please contact Mr. Garrah for information. Cheques are to be made payable to: Richmond St. School.



Snowball, Snow Throwing and Sliding on the Ice Policy

Students at Richmond Street School are not allowed to throw snow while out on the school yard. Cold, frozen snow presents a threat to student safety especially when thrown and/or kicked. Sliding on the ice presents a safety risk often resulting in many injuries. Parents/Guardians are asked to please review this policy at home and we will continue to remind students here at school. Consequences for kicking/throwing snow are as follows:

- 1st time: Warning with a detention
- 2nd time: In-School suspension/ removal of privileges
- 3rd time: Formal at-home suspension



We all thank you for your support in helping to keep the school yard safe!

Nevada News



Just a reminder that the Richmond Street Public School's Nevada Boxes are located at the Avondale store located in the Big Red's Plaza on Richmond Street. All proceeds from the Nevada Tickets will be put towards purchasing new technology for our classrooms. Your generous support would be greatly appreciated!

Winter Clothing

Students do go outside for one 20 minute break and one 25 minute break every day. Students will go outside as long as there is not an extreme cold weather advisory or freezing rain. That is why it is important that everyone is dressed properly for the weather.

One of the problems that often comes with winter clothing is losing winter clothing. Please make sure that all of your child's winter clothing is labeled. This makes it much easier for us to help your child find missing articles. This also helps when there are children who have the same boots or coats, as we can help tell them apart.

Please make sure that your child has indoor shoes that they can leave at school. It is important to have these shoes at school everyday, as no child is allowed to go barefoot in the classroom, and therefore would be asked to wear their boots all day. This brings water into the classroom, which is a problem as we often will do activities that may require your child to sit on the floor. Please make sure your child's name is on their shoes as well.

Thank you so much for your support.



Breakfast Club / Snack Program Donation

I would like to support Richmond Street School

Breakfast Club Snack Program

Please find my enclosed contribution of \$ _____. cheque (preferred) cash

Name _____

Address _____

**\$15.00 or more are eligible for a charitable donation receipt for income tax purposes.
CHEQUES MUST BE MADE TO NIAGARA NUTRITION PARTNERS IN ORDER TO
RECEIVE AN INCOME TAX RECEIPT.**

Would you like a receipt for your donation? __ yes __ no

Would you like to be contacted about volunteering with the Breakfast Club? __ yes __ no

Thank you!



January Newsletter Draw

Return this form to your homeroom teacher for a chance to win an office supply in a draw. Congratulations to Kevin Paton, Sara Jackson, and Cole Parkin for winning the December newsletter draw. They each received a school supply from the office.

Student's Name: _____ Homeroom teacher: _____

I have read this newsletter.

COMMENTS

Your comments, suggestions and/or concerns are very important to us.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____