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The newest addition to the Board!!!

The EFN Board is proud to support leadership roles for students by accepting a student representative from the Student Trustee group. The newest member is Lucas Durand, a grade 12 student at E.L. Crossley Secondary School who lives in Fonthill. He is very involved with school and community. He upholds a strong academic record along with his involvement in arts and athletics. He is a DSBN Student Trustee Senator and also holds the position of Minister of Communications in E.L. Crossley Students’ Council.

He is the President of the Debate Club, a Coach on his school’s Swim Team, belongs to the Chess Club, Improv Team, Concert Band, Jazz Band and is the webmaster for the E.A.R.T.H. (Environmental Advocates Ready To Help) Club. Being an EcoMentor, Lucas works with elementary students to raise environmental awareness.

Outside of school he plays for Pelham Minor Hockey and is part of a jazz combo called Take 2, as well as playing throughout the Niagara Region with other bands. He is a Co-Founder of the Canadian Youth Assembly, an organization created by youth throughout Canada to represent the political views of youth. His future plans include studying Sub-Atomic and Astrophysics while continuing to play and record music.

EFN GRANTS TO SCHOOLS

Twice yearly schools have the opportunity to apply for funding for programs or initiatives that enhance student learning. Deadlines are Feb 1 and Oct 1.

FALL PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT GRANT RECIPIENTS

Beamsville Second Chance Program - Cooking Basics
Briardale Public School - Behaviour Class Breakfast Program
Carleton Public School - Young Chefs Program
Central Public School - Instrumental Music - percussion instruments
Empire Public School - Music “Ambassadorship”
Forestview Public School - Reading Milestones - special needs education
Fort Erie Public School - Special Needs - Listening Centre and Stability Balls
Garrison Rd Public School - Morning Snack Program
Governor Simcoe S.S. - Weight Room Revitalization - for regular/special needs education
Greendale Public School - Power Up Program for special needs education
Grimsby Secondary School - Weight Room Revitalization
James Morden Public School - Home Reading Project
Kate S. Durdan Public School - Breakfast Program for Behaviour Class
Lakeview Public School - Lakeview Bookroom
Laura Secord Secondary School - Nutrition Program
Lincoln Centennial Public School - PhysEd Enhancement Project
Maywood Public School - Character Education Program
Plymouth Public School - Nutrition Program
Princess Elizabeth Public School - Hands On Literacy - Special Needs
Princess Margaret Public School - TEEACH Program for ASD students
Ridgeway Crystal Beach S.S. - Broadcast Coach upgrade
South Lincoln High School - Breakfast Program
St. Catharines Collegiate S.S. - Nutrition Program
St. David’s Public School - Home Reading Project
Stamford Collegiate Second Chance Program - Nutrition Program

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Educators should be checking the website prior to submission of application for news, updates and application revisions.
The Education Foundation of Niagara is most grateful to all those that contributed to the success of the first “Make Change for Children” campaign, held May 6, 2008. An incredible $35,000 was raised and all going towards the Poverty and Emergency Relief Fund (PERF) that was initiated by the Education Foundation of Niagara (EFN) in 2008. Individual student requests from Principals are received and funds are granted to help secure necessities for students in their schools who are living with the effects of low-income or emergency situations. In 2008 EFN allocated almost $25,000 to individual student requests to over 900 DSBN students for a variety of needs that include: winter clothing, eyeglasses, medications, cafeteria vouchers and foods for independent students, subsides for school athletic fees and other extra-curricular fees, shoes and footwear, dental work, student resource needs and the list goes on! Almost 50% of DSBN elementary and secondary schools have made applications.

The reality is there is a need in our community for more support of our under-privileged and it will get worse as we are further affected by job loss and increases in the cost of living. We need everyone in Niagara to rally around this issue and support these types of campaigns when possible. And we will need you in April for year two of the Make Change for Change for Children Campaign. As per requests from the Niagara community and the school principals themselves, the 2009 campaign will be held for a full week in April. The new operating group is being chaired by EFN Director Melissa Predote, assisted by Dara Goulet, EFN Program Assistant and supported by volunteers in our education and greater community. *Please refer to website for a list of 2008 MCFC donors.

EFN 2008 Donor Listing

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For over 56 years the Probation Officers Association of Ontario has fostered professional upgrading and learning opportunities through such forums as the Symposium and Professional Development Days. The conference, held in Niagara this year, invited POAO members and non-members to come together in the spirit of education, learning, camaraderie and community support. Each year a charity is chosen as a giveback to the community. This year EFN and the poverty and emergency relief fund benefited from a $3,000 donation along with hundreds of hats and mitten sets donated by delegates and earmarked for DSBN Adopt-a-Family campaign and DSBN schools in need.

Greg Frewin Makes the Holiday Season a Little More Magical

$800 was donated through the Greg Frewin Theatre Donation Program. DSBN school groups booking the show enjoyed top-notch magic right here in Niagara. EFN was honored to receive this sizeable donation earmarked for poverty relief and assisting kids when they need it the most. The Theatre also donated 250 magic mittens that were allocated to DSBN Adopt-a-Family campaign and DSBN schools in need.

PenFinancial proudly donated $5,000 to the Education Foundation of Niagara in support of the Poverty and Emergency Relief Program. Bob Watson, CEO remarked how “...tremendously proud we were, as an organization, to support such a worthwhile cause. It was our sincere pleasure to be able to raise funds and provide this donation to the EFN.”

PenFinancial also supports the EFN Golf Classic with player shirts and the EFN Gala Its All About the Kids as a banquet sponsor.

How can YOU help? Become a MEMBER!

Becoming a member of the Education Foundation of Niagara is an easy and economical way of supporting education in Niagara and includes a tax receipt, communications pieces, event invitations, updates on activities and the great feeling you get when you help a child. Every dollar generated from membership goes directly towards student support!

The Foundation accepts donations in a variety of methods, depending on the wishes of the donor:

- General monetary donation (restricted and unrestricted)
- In-kind donations
- Gifts in honour or memoriam
- Planned giving such as life insurance and bequests
- Gifts of securities
- Memberships
- Endowment building
- Student Achievement Award

Email: efn@dsbn.edu.on.ca for more information on how to donate and make a real difference today.

Please submit by post to: Education Foundation of Niagara, 191 Carlton St., St. Catharines, ON L2R 7P4 Or Fax: 905-641-9512
New Opportunities

Salute Your School with 105.7 EZRock

Listen 105.7 EZROCK morning show with Jack and Lori, weekdays from 5:30 am - 9:00 am for ways your favourite classroom can benefit. Much like “Coffee Break” with Jack and Lori, “Salute Your School” works in the same way. Students, parents, teachers and principals can call, fax or email the station to nominate a deserving classroom. Visit the website at www.1057ezrock.com for more information.

Jack and Lori visit one chosen elementary school class every Thursday. Paying a special visit to the class includes a nutritious lunch for the entire class and a special honour for the whole school. Parents are welcome, too! This promotion is sponsored by B & J Catering from St. Catharines and proudly supported by the Education Foundation of Niagara.

Since September 2008 the following DSBN schools have benefited from Salute Your School: Applewood Public School, Kate S. Durdan Public School, Gracefield Public School, Martha Cullimore Public School, Quaker Road Public School, Ontario Public School, Steele Street Public School and Fitch Street Public School.

The Education Foundation of Niagara and DSBN were honoured to work with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats this season as together we helped to empower the youth in our communities and build upon the increasing popularity of our sport in the Niagara region.

Eight DSBN secondary schools and a total of 750 participants took part this season, by joining the crowd at the October 24 game between the Tiger-Cats and the Calgary Stampeders.

This Tiger-Cat program is designed to aid schools in raising money for football programs, helping to cultivate passion and knowledge for football and teach students the values of dedication, commitment, and teamwork. This year, the first ever $1000 Tiger-Cats Student Athletic Award was awarded at the game to Grimsby Secondary School Football Team Captain Victor Bibby, an exemplary student who has demonstrated excellence as a student athlete and as a student committed to his studies, friends and peers.

A Night For the Kids

Twice a year DSBN staff are invited for “A Night for the Kids” held at Hernder’s Estate Winery. Teachers, support staff and administrators come together for a casual night of entertainment, food and celebration of a job well done. Thanks to many members of DSBN and facilitated by Tony D’Alessandro and Claude Ayotte, the event proceeds are donated to charities, including the Education Foundation of Niagara and in support of the Program Enhancement Grants.

Pictured here are some of the guests dressed up in the retro theme of the evening.
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EFN Gala It’s All About The Kids raises over $15,000!

On Saturday, November 15th, the Education Foundation of Niagara joined together with friends at the Quality Hotel Parkway Convention Centre to create a spectacular night filled with great food, fun, and entertainment.

Presenting Sponsor

Gary Lowes, President and CEO of Teachers Credit Union, presents $10,000.00 cheque to Lora Campbell, Gala Chair and DSBN Trustee, and Julie Densham, Executive Director of the EFN.

Major Sponsors

Fred Goldrup, EFN Treasurer and Lora Campbell accept donation from Victoria Davis, Catering Manager at the Quality Hotel Parkway Convention Centre in the amount of $3875.00.

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