



Hello Grand Ave families,

Please see below for a few updates for the week ahead:



### **Reminder - Please no Peanuts, Tree Nuts or related products**

A reminder that as we have many students with severe peanut and/or tree nut allergies, we ask that any and all nut (peanut, tree nut) products remain at home. **Please DO NOT send these items in your child's lunch.** In addition, we ask that Nutella remain at home, as it does contain hazelnuts which are a tree nut.

### **Donate Button**

For those who are interested in giving a donation to the school (e.g., for playground/swing maintenance, for technology replenishment), there is an easy way to do this!

1. Go to <https://grandave.dsbk.org/>
2. Click the **Green tab** "Information for Families & Bell Times"
3. On the right hand side, scroll down to "Resources" - click this
4. On the Resources page, scroll down to "Support your school - Online Donations"
5. On the "Support Your School - Online Donations" page, you will see the following:

## Four Ways to Show Your Support

**General**—By donating to the school's General Fund, you will help support a variety of important school programs. These may include breakfast or snack programs, or assistance for students to participate in field trips, sports and other extra-curricular events which enhance the learning experience.

DONATE

**Capital**—Thinking big? Donations can be made to support school capital projects that are not eligible for government funding. Examples of these projects include playgrounds, school signs or scoreboards.

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**Scholarships**—Your donations can help support a students' higher education. Gifts can be made to establish college/university scholarships which will be awarded to graduating high school students.

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**Program Specific**—Your donation can help support a specific program. For example: rowing, robotics, etc...

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6. Click the tab that applies to your donation and follow the prompts.

Thank you for your support!

## **Pasta Day**

Pasta Day will be on Wednesday, Oct 23rd. You can order on School Cash Online up until Sunday at midnight.

## **Proceeds from Pizza Lunches**

We are most appreciative for the ongoing support from families with regard to pizza lunches. For those who are wondering what the proceeds from pizza lunches are used for, here is a list of items that have been supported:

- Off-set the cost of trips
- Pay for bussing for trips
- Lunch Bunch for grade 8s
- Replenish outdoor equipment for students for breaks (e.g., soccer balls, 4 square balls etc.)
- Technology (chromebooks)
- Grade 8 Grad - decor, programmes, medals, engraving/plaques
- Library - replenish books and other materials
- Classrooms - support teachers with specific materials and consumables (e.g., virtual workshops, butterfly kits for Kindergarten etc.)

## **Grade 7 Vaccine Clinic**

A reminder for Grade 7 parents and their children that the vaccine clinic is happening here in the library on Thursday October 24th first thing in the morning. If you would like to opt out of this, you will need to connect with Public Health. Likewise, please ensure you have given permission if you would like your child to have their vaccines. This can be done via:

<https://www.niagararegion.ca/health/vaccinations/children/school.aspx>

## **Halloween**

We will celebrate Halloween at school on Thursday, October 31st. Students are welcome to wear orange and black or a costume on that day if they choose. Classes can set aside some time in the day to have fun together. **Families are welcome to send a "treat" for their own child, however, we are not accepting treats to share with everyone.**

### **Guidelines for costumes:**

Costumes must be worn comfortably all day, including outdoors for recess and phys. ed. periods.

- Costumes must allow for your child to use the washroom independently.
- Please avoid masks (that cover the face) and large accessories (e.g., cane, broom).

- Costumes must be respectful of others. They should never be a representation of someone's creed, race, historical experiences or personal identity.
- Halloween at school is for fun and not for scaring others so please leave simulated weapons and excessive gore at home.



<b>Oct 21 - Day 3</b>	<b>Oct 22 - Day 4</b>	<b>Oct 23 - Day 5</b>	<b>Oct 24 - Day 6</b>	<b>Oct 25 - Day 7</b>
	JK/SK Fluoride/Dental for those who signed up with NRPH Dental	Pasta Day  Intermediate Volleyball here @ 3:45 pm (Girls play 1st)  School Council 5:30-6:30 pm	HPV Vaccine Clinic for Grade 7 students  Intermediate Volleyball here @ 3:45 pm (Boys play 1st)	
<b>Oct 28 - Day 8</b>	<b>Oct 29 - Day 9</b>	<b>Oct 30 - Day 10</b>	<b>Oct 31 - Day 1</b>	<b>Nov 1 - Day 2</b>
	Virtual Royal Botanical Gardens workshop for Grade 2/3 in the library!  Intermediate Volleyball here @ 3:45 pm (Girls play 1st)	Pizza Day  Intermediate Volleyball @ Lakeview (Boys play 1st)	Halloween - details to come	
<b>Nov 4 - Day 3</b>	<b>Nov 5 - Day 4</b>	<b>Nov 6 - Day 5</b>	<b>Nov 7 - Day 6</b>	<b>Nov 8 - Day 7</b>
	Intermediate Volleyball @Gainsborough (Boys only)	Subway Day		

Please know that I am always available to discuss your child's progress, along with any concerns, questions or compliments you may have at 905-945-2227, or via the Grand Ave email, [gra@dsbn.org](mailto:gra@dsbn.org).

Sincerely,

Ronna Parkhouse, Principal, & Grand Ave Staff