

# Crystal Beach Comet

Mr. S. Shad, Principal

Dear Parents, Guardians

Happy New Year! I am greatly looking forward to 2012. The staff and I are eager to continue all the excellent work that is happening in each classroom. Staff will be assessing writing tasks to look for improvements in making connections over the next few weeks. We are looking forward to seeing growth in writing as part of our school wide focus. Staff will also be busy over the next few weeks preparing for Term 1 Report Cards. Our grade eight students are looking forward to the High School Open Houses taking place next week. While we look forward to starting a new year, we are also saddened by the passing away of our grade four student, Lucas Light. Lucas will be greatly missed by the entire Crystal Beach community. We want to honour the memory of Lucas by showing great care for each other and giving our best effort in 2012. Thank you to everyone for supporting the family and each other during this difficult time.

Mr. S. Shad

## Character Education



### January Character Trait: Perseverance

Perseverance is:  
Working hard and not giving up.

Example: I show perseverance when I stick with something until it is finished.



### INCLEMENT WEATHER

The policy of the District School Board of Niagara is for schools to remain open for students who can get to school safely. Inclement weather or poor road conditions may force the cancellation of transportation services. If buses are cancelled every attempt will be made to provide the public with information by the 7:00 a.m. radio news report (CKTB 610 AM, CHTZ 97.7 FM, CHRE 105.7 FM, CKEY 105.1 FM, SPIRIT 91.7 FM, CHSC 1220 AM, Y108 107.9 FM, WAVE 94.7 FM). Information on school closings and/or bus transportation interruptions will be broadcast by the local radio stations and procedures arranged in the School Emergency Information form will be followed. We will make every attempt to put a message on our answering service so parents can get information by calling the school phone number.

### School Council



Crystal Beach will be meeting on

Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm in the staff room. We will be planning for the Parents Reaching Out Literacy Night and our next Movie Night fundraiser. The School Council is also looking forward to our After Christmas Social on Saturday,

January 21<sup>st</sup>. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend the school council meetings. Please be a part of our excellent, growing team!

### Students of the Month



Each month, the staff at Crystal Beach takes time to recognize students who demonstrate excellence in a particular area. Our December recognition assembly was held on Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 am. Thanks for Mrs. Poitras, and Mrs. Brown for the great student pictures for our slideshow.

Congratulations to the following:

Effort: Barrington Brownie, Spencer Daudelin, Dexter Pongracz, Nick Horne, Anna Rosina, Alyssa Horne, Jaxon Aquilina

Attendance: Zachary Thomas, Kaiden Vachon, Mikey Bell, Dawson Bell, Hunter Mathes, Tommy Matthews, Adam Spear

Movement/Attentive Listening: Kailynn Lyrette, Cash Pongracz, Anna Beahm, Emilee Schinkel, Madison Stevens, Jordyne Exnowski, Cora Ann Mackinnon

Courage: Amy Potter, Connor MacQuarrie, Jonathan Hill, Evan McLeod, Mackenzie Newsham, Andres Barboza, Reginald Quaranta

Our next Student Recognition Assembly will be Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. We will attempt to notify parents with our Blaze Cast prior to the assembly. We look forward to seeing you there.



### Lunch Program/Breakfast Club

The Breakfast program has benefitted from a grant from the Breakfast For Learning organization. Thanks to Mr. Mealing, Mrs. Eade and the amazing volunteers from Victory Church (Liz, Kyle, Melanie) for running our Breakfast Program. Our Hot Lunch Program is running full speed to start the new year. A special thank you to Ms. Mealing for your great work! Students are reminded to please make sure you submit your order to a staff member on yard duty before the first bell at 8:40 am.

### Expanding French Immersion for 2012



The District School Board of Niagara is

pleased to now offer French Immersion beginning at the Grade 4 level across the system. Mackay Public School is the French Immersion site for Crystal Beach. Information regarding entry levels and the application process is on the DSBN website [www.dsbn.org](http://www.dsbn.org). Click on the Parent Tab, under Programs, click on French and International Languages, click on French Immersion Registration. Applications will be online. Application packages will also be available at school. Mackay will be hosting an information night on Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm.

### Grade 8 High School Open Houses



Grade 8 students and families are invited to attend the High School Open Houses at Ridgeway Crystal Beach High School and Fort Erie High School. Ridgeway will host on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>

from 6:30 pm-8:30 pm. Fort Erie High School will host on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm-8:30 pm.

### DSBN Kindergarten Countdown!



The first day of Kindergarten is a big step for both

you and your child. DSBN's Kindergarten Countdown will help both of you prepare for school, from information on registering and attending an Open House to tips to prepare for the first day of school, we are with you every step of the way. You and your child are about to embark on a wonderful journey of learning with the District School Board of Niagara.

Contact the school to set up a time to visit and register.

### At what age should my child attend Kindergarten?

If you have a child who will be:

#### Four years of age by December 31, 2012,

He/she will be eligible to attend Junior Kindergarten in September 2012;

#### Five years of age by December 31, 2012,

He/she will be eligible to attend Senior Kindergarten in September 2012. Children who currently attend JK in the District School Board of Niagara do not need to register for Senior Kindergarten. Registration packages will be available at the school office after February 1st or, you may wish to complete the registration at our Kindergarten Open House on February 2 from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM. At our Open House, you will be able to see the classroom, speak to staff about the program and receive a special gift.

### What do I need to bring with me to the school when I register my child?

The following documents are required to complete registration:

1. A Birth Certificate, Birth Registration or Baptismal Certificate
2. Immunization Certificate
3. Provincial Health Card

You may also be asked to show proof of address such as a recent utility bill or driver's license.

To save time you may bring a completed registration form, however, this is not necessary.

### What if I don't have a Birth Certificate for my child?

Some have recently applied for a birth certificate. In the interim, schools may accept the following as temporary proof of age until the actual birth certificate is received.

- Letter signed by the child's doctor, on the doctor's letterhead, confirming the date of birth.
- Confirmation of application for Statement of Live Birth from the hospital the child was born (e.g. receipt for payment). There is a cost for this, and a waiting period to receive it.
- Registered mail or courier receipt as confirmation that the Birth Certificate application has been submitted to the Office of the Registrar General (certificates are processed in 6 to 8 weeks provided the birth has been registered).



### Throw Shooting Competition

We had great participation

for the Knights of Columbus Free Throw competition at school. Congratulations to the following

students who will be competing on Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, at the Fort Erie YMCA: Savannah Richardson, Adria Beach, Alyssa Horne, Bonnie Nadjiwan, Tommy Matthews, Tyson McCourt, Justin Spears, Adam Spears, Jaxon Aquilina. Thanks Mr. Hosking for coordinating the competition at Crystal Beach.



### PA Day

There will be no school on Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

### NEWSLETTER DRAW:

Congratulations to our December Newsletter Draw winner: Kierra Minken

Please sign and return this slip to indicate that you have read the Crystal Beach Comet. One return slip will be chosen randomly. This lucky student will win a prize!

The \_\_\_\_\_ family has read the Crystal Beach Comet.

Student(s) Names

Teacher(s)

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this page by Thursday, January 17th, 2011

## **PROBLEM SOLVING**

The Indian python is 1.7m long. How long would 4 pythons measure if they were placed end to end?

