

EFN UPDATE

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New Website
efnonline.ca

The **Education Foundation of Niagara** was established to provide funding for projects designed to enhance learning opportunities, using new and creative approaches for students served by the District School Board of Niagara. EFN funding supports many programs and initiatives provided by DSBN schools in areas of arts & music, innovative practices, literacy and numeracy, healthy lifestyles, environmental studies and technology. Take time to visit the new website at www.efnonline.ca to see the many ways you can help us help the kids. **After all, isn't that what it's all about?**

EFN DONATES \$55,000 TO SCHOOLS

The **Education Foundation of Niagara** is dedicated to supporting DSBN students through grant funding. Applications are accepted for programs and initiatives designed to enhance student learning.

In November 2006 \$27,000 was donated to various school projects and \$12,000 went directly in support of nutrition programs. In the spring of 2007, \$7,000 in securities was donated directly to Grimsby Secondary School and Stamford Collegiate for their needs.

In May 2007 the Education Foundation of Niagara received dozens of applications from various schools asking for funding in a variety of areas. The Board of Directors made their decisions at the AGM on May 16th and 15 schools benefited from EFN support in areas of music programs, literacy support, fitness needs, pilot projects and nutritional needs. \$20,000 was allocated this May disbursement date.

MAY 2007 GRANT RECIPIENTS:

- ◆ Alexandra/Maywood/Memorial Schools - reading program for home literacy support.
- ◆ Battlefield Elementary School - music program and physical education equipment support.
- ◆ Campden Elementary School - in support of the partnership celebration with their aboriginal school partner S. Lloyd King.
- ◆ Colonel John Butler - literacy support program.
- ◆ Fort Erie Elementary - breakfast program.
- ◆ Maywood Elementary - breakfast program.
- ◆ Ontario Public Elementary - instruments for music program.
- ◆ Peninsula Youth Centre - culinary pilot project.
- ◆ Rainbow Bridge Program - for AV equipment needs.
- ◆ Richmond Street Elementary - breakfast program.
- ◆ Ridgeway-Crystal Beach S. S. - breakfast program.
- ◆ South Lincoln High School - fitness facility needs.
- ◆ Welland Centennial S.S. - lunch program.



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Kids!

The November selection date deadline is Thursday, November 15th and the new application form will be available for download off the website in September 2007. Applicants are encouraged to read the criteria and methodology of selection on the website at www.efnonline.ca under GRANT RECIPIENTS.

TRUST FUND SET UP FOR CONNAUGHT SCHOOL

Recently the "Ed Mirynech Trust Fund" was set up in support of Connaught School. Annual support is given to the school on behalf of the late Ed Mirynech, Connaught School graduate. Mr. Mirynech was raised by a hard-working immigrant family from Poland and began his school career at Connaught School with English as a second language. Driven to succeed, he later became a very successful educator and one of the first professors hired at the newly built Brock University. Mr. Mirynech passed away on April 10, 2004.

Mrs. Anne Mirynech wanted to create a fund in support of Connaught School students programs and in memory of her dearly departed husband. Because of this Trust Fund, Connaught school benefits from an annual donation to the school towards program needs and graduates will also be able to apply for a financial-support based bursary when seeking post-secondary education. Mrs. Mirynech is as dedicated to education as her husband was and intends to carry on the tradition through this endowment.

NEW DIRECTORS FOR FOUNDATION



On May 16, 2007 the Education Foundation of Niagara 06/07 Board of Directors met for the final time to make last minute decisions before re-electing directors and officers. Changes were made for the betterment of the Foundation including the expansion of the Board of Directors from 9 to 15. At the end of the day, 11 Directors were voted in by membership.

EFN was sad to lose one of its treasured Directors, Gary Atamanyk, who wishes to dedicate more time to other pressing DSBN initiatives as his role of DSBN Trustee for Pelham/Thorold. The Board expressed its gratitude for years of service to the Foundation. Gary is still assisting EFN with major projects, including the *White Ice Winter Gala*.

If you want to make a difference, too, there are still opportunities to join the Board of Directors; four (4) positions are available. The Board meets five times annually as a full board, but is also split into various sub-committees such as: events, promotions, and fundraising. Call 905-641-2929, ext. 4104 , for more information.

07/08 EFN Board of Directors

- Bill Mozina—President
- Randy Daly—Chair
- Liz Fulford—Secretary
- John Davis—Treasurer
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- Denis Letourneau—Director
- Fred Goldrup—Director
- Lora Campbell—Director
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- Robert Lewis—Director
- Peter Bolger—Director
- John Lawrence—DSBN Rep.

Executive Director—Julie Densham
Events Assistant—Laura Church

"Educational funding covers the basics, but it's the extras that children remember and the extras that help build a community."
Jennifer Ribaric, Principal, Applewood Elementary

BUILDING STONG RELATIONSHIPS
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Providing insurance opportunities to DSBN staff, Johnsons Inc. is a competitive insurance provider. They also provide support to our events and our communication's pieces. DSBN staff can look forward to communications throughout the school year.

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Schools Out!

An educational-based elementary student publication produced four times a year assists us in the fundraising mission with proceeds going right back into our program. The Foundation also uses every edition to promote its own activities and communicate with the DSBN community.

RAISING \$\$\$ IN MANY WAYS

EFN's 2007 strategic plan has identified many ways in which to raise money to allow for school programs, initiative support and operational needs, including:

- ◆ Donations and including that of securities, endowments and bequests
- ◆ Third party event donations
- ◆ Memberships
- ◆ Promotions and partnerships
- ◆ Special events

NOTEWORTHY DONATIONS:

- ◆ Congrats to **ETFO-Occasional** as our **FIRST** donor of 2007!!!
- ◆ **Many thanks to DSBN staff members** who dedicate much of their free time on events such as *A Night for the Kids, DSBN Road Race and DSBN Staff Golf Tournament*. Donations to EFN from these events are expected to reach over \$12,000 in 2007!
- ◆ **Grimsby Secondary School** received almost \$6000 from an anonymous donor in Securities and to go towards G.S.S. school needs in arts & music.
- ◆ **Stamford Collegiate** received \$1150 donation from Ann-Louise Branscombe for the fitness centre.
- ◆ **Memberships** are becoming popular and our own Minister of Tourism, Jim Bradley is a Lifetime Member!

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, event invitations and the great feeling you get when you help a child. Every dollar generated from membership goes directly towards student support!
As EFN develops and progresses, further opportunities for members will be discovered.



EFN MEMBERSHIP



Annual: \$30.00 ~ Lifetime: \$300.00 ~ Organization Annual: \$200.00

YES, I want to become an EFN member Make me a lifetime member! I represent an organization

Name: _____ Company: _____ Tel#: _____

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Cash Cheque (Payable to the Education Foundation of Niagara) MasterCard Visa

Card #: _____ Exp: ____/____/____ Signature _____ Date _____

UPCOMING EVENTS



The Education Foundation of Niagara will have an eventful year ahead. The EFN Golf Classic on August 22, 2007, at Royal Niagara Golf Course, will ensure a great opportunity to raise funds towards supporting DSBN student programs. For only \$200 per person (\$800 per foursome) you will enjoy a competitive day of golf, beginning with a complementary clinic hosted by notable golf pros, a BBQ lunch, 18 holes of golf at this premier course, banquet dinner, silent auction, player gifts and other fun stuff like individual and team competitions, 50/50 and the chance to support the kids!

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**Join the EFN Board of Directors and
the Director of Education!**
**Call the GOLF HOTLINE at 905-641-2929,
4107 to book your foursome today!**
www.efnonline.ca



Jack and Lori from 105.7 EZ Rock will be there as your event MCs.

Golf Committee

Chair: Denis Letourneau
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ARTS & MUSIC ALIVE AND WELL IN NIAGARA

Silver Mist Productions is doing Niagara and the world of arts & culture a favour; bringing world-class theatre to our Niagara community. A renovation of Kingston College in Niagara Falls will be complete in time for the **Disney Production of Beauty and the Beast**. Linus Hand and Dr. Mike Lococo, area residents, entrepreneurs and fans of the arts spearhead this achievement with one thing in mind: developing a healthy culture that supports arts & music in Niagara. Their goals of ensuring every young person in Niagara can attend one of the performances is supported by EFN and DSBN. *Schools wishing to book their matinee performances (beginning November, 2007) should call Silver Mist Productions at 905-357-3800.*

Opening night, December 1st is dedicated to the **Education Foundation of Niagara** and all event proceeds for that evening will be donated to Foundation causes.
This is the only evening performance that allows the guests to meet the cast!

Step into the world of Broadway's modern classic, Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*. Based on the Academy Award winning animated feature this stage version includes all the wonderful songs written by Alan Menken and the late Howard Ashman, plus new songs written for the Broadway version by Mr. Menken and Tim Rice [Aladdin, Aida].

"Be Our Guest" and be transported to the lovely French provincial town where the beautiful Belle lives with her father- a dotty inventor. When her father doesn't return from a trip to the local fair, Belle rushes to find him. To her dismay, she discovers he is being held captive in an old castle by a horrible beast. She trades her freedom for his and the "tale as old as time" begins. How Belle tames the unfortunate Beast and his ultimate transformation into the handsome prince continues to enthrall audiences on Broadway nightly. Filled with spectacular costumes and sets Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* offers the great opportunity to come to Niagara Falls and be thrilled by theatre at its very best.

www.silvermist.ca

Saturday, Dec. 1, 8:00 pm

Niagara Centre for the Performing Arts
 4700 Epworth Circle,
 Niagara Falls

Tickets: Adult \$45 and Child \$25 (13 & under)

**GIVE THE GIFT OF DISNEY!
BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!**




WHITE ICE WINTER GALA

On Saturday, November 24, 2007 DSBN and the Niagara will have a chance to celebrate their year, friendships and holiday season at this up-scale gala event. For only \$150 per guest, join us for fabulous food, fantastic company and a fun night, including a banquet dinner, entertainment, silent auction and a chance to support the students we serve. Buy your gown and book your tux soon!

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The committee has begun its plans for this grand affair, but we need help! If you are interested in joining this fun and creative committee call the office at 905-641-2929, 4107. We need all the help we can get!



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"On behalf of the trustees of the DSBN I would like to affirm our support for the Education Foundation of Niagara and its benefits to our students. Any additional resources and support we can utilize for our students is greatly appreciated. EFN raises funds for a variety of our system needs that can not be met from government funding alone. If you are a supporter of Public Education in Niagara, I urge you to support the EFN in any capacity you can. Our students are our future, so think about making an investment in our future through your support of the EFN."

Kevin Maves, Chair, DSBN Board of Education.