



# DRAYTON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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December 2011

### Christmas Tree

Once again this year, we will focus our Christmas giving on helping others in our community by donating to the holiday tree in our front foyer. Students may place their donations under the tree and they will be taken to the food bank several times per week. Our Christmas Food Drive will run from Monday, December the 5<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please remember that our staff always appreciates your thoughtful cards and words of support, but welcomes contributions to this tree in lieu of specific gifts to teachers or support staff. Thank you for your assistance in sending some holiday happiness to others.

#### Dates To Note

Dec. 1- Photo Re-takes  
Dec. 3 – Santa Sale 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.  
Dec. 7 -Immunization/Gr. 8 Girls  
Dec. 8 – Grades 5 & 6 to “A Christmas Carol”  
Dec. 15 – Intermediate Volleyball Tournament  
Dec. 1 – Citrus Fruit arrives  
Dec. 16 –Big Kid Presentation  
Dec. 19 –Dental Screening JK/SK & Gr 2  
Dec. 19 – Carol Sing  
Dec.20- Christmas Concert/9:15 am & 6:30 pm  
Dec. 21-Carol Sing  
Dec. 21 – Christmas Dinner for Gr. 7 & 8  
Dec. 22– Carol Sing  
Dec. 22 – Spirit Day “Formal Day”  
Dec. 22 – Intermediate Dance 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.  
Dec 23 – Skating



### Please Remember Visitors Must Register at The Office:

Your compliance will avoid violation of the Ontario Trespass Act and the Access to School Premises Regulation. Also, please remember that we ask students not to use the front door in the mornings, but to enter with their classmates at the assigned door. We thank you for your on-going co-operation and assistance in promoting independence for your child.

### Attendance Calls:

Please do not leave messages regarding student attendance in individual teachers' Voice Mail Boxes. When leaving your message please indicate the reason your child is absent, as this clearly allows us to know the percentage of illness throughout the school at all times. All attendance calls should be directed to our Office Co-ordinator, Mrs. Turton, at ext. 221.

## Safety in our School



Now that the winter is upon us, we face the problem of wet boots, floors and the concern of slips and falls. It is for that reason that we ask for students to try and remove as much of the snow as possible off their boots, before entering the school. Also to assist with the safety of all, we ask that parents leave strollers and wagons outside of the building, as they tend to add to the wet floor issue. We want to thank you for your compliance with this request.

## Lost & Found

Many items of clothing have accumulated in our Lost & Found boxes. These items will be on display starting Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> –23<sup>rd</sup> and students will be asked to claim items. Parents are welcome to come in and check the boxes. All leftover items will be bagged and donated to an agency to help needy families.

## Snowball/Snowforts

It is that time of year again when the snow covers most of our school yard and our children get the opportunity to play in the snow. Please remind your child that our school has a “No Snowball” rule. Children caught throwing snow may be asked to stand up against the wall of the school for the duration of the recess or given a detention. It is important that we ensure the safety of all of our students. Our children also need to know that no one owns the snow, but we must respect others. Forts, blocks etc. should not become the focus of our students’ attention. It would be appreciated if you could talk to your child about respecting others.



## Holiday Skating

On Friday, Dec. 23<sup>th</sup>, we will be having “Holiday Skating” at the PMD Arena. There are two time blocks booked. Parents are more than welcome to join us for skating and we are always looking for volunteers to tie skates! Please note the following schedule:



9:20 – 10:20 Kdgn. – Gr. 5
10:30 – 11:30 Gr. 6 - 8

**Note:** Hot Chocolate will be served in classrooms back at the school after skating.

**Citrus Fruit** . . . Should be arriving on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Please make arrangements for pickup. Thank you for supporting our Grade 8 Quebec trip.

Thank you so much to those students who have helped with the Office jobs so far this year.

Pizza: Jordan, Chloe, Krystal & Marina

Milk: Sydney & Jenn

## Norwell District Secondary School

Norwell is hosting a Parent/Student Information and Orientation night on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Take the opportunity to tour the facility, meet the staff, and become more knowledgeable about what to expect in High School.



## School Safety & Lock Down Procedures

This month we will be reviewing & practicing the Lock Down procedures for our school safety plan.



## Recycling Pays

Did you know that our school has a recycling program for used cell phones and inkjet or LaserJet printer cartridges? For the last three years, we have been collecting these items, which can be returned to Greentec and reused. If you haven't done so yet, think twice before sending used cell phones and printer cartridges to the landfill – Grade 5 will gladly take them for recycling!

## School Council News

It has been a busy fall with our two major fundraisers – QSP Magazine Orders and Alma Baking & Catering. We would like to thank Robyn and Cyndy who took charge of these events. Thank you, also, to the parents and community members who support these fundraisers and consequently, our students. We realize that it is not always easy to find the extra cash to support these fundraisers; however they do support the purchasing of much needed school equipment, and also enable our kids to take part in special programs, that may otherwise be out of reach. Just a reminder there is no School Council meeting in December. We will meet again in the staff room on Monday, January, 16th at 7:30 p.m. New parents are always welcome.

*Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for 2012!*

## Allergies in the School

Just a reminder, that we have students in the school with Life Threatening Allergies. Please try to avoid sending “nut products” to school.

**MILK** – Just a reminder, that milk and chocolate milk is available each day for .75 cents.



## Christmas Assemblies

We will be having a different routine during the last week of school, prior to Christmas. We will be having our morning exercises as usual and then moving into the gym to sing Christmas Carols for approximately thirty minutes. Parents are always welcome!

Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. Carol Sing in the Gym

Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

9:15 a.m. Christmas Concert 1 hr

Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

9:00 a.m. Carol Sing in the Gym

Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>

9:00 a.m. Carol Sing in the Gym

## Grade 7 & 8 Christmas Lunch

The Mapleton 4-H Club will be completing their Home for the Holiday Project with a special lunch for the Grade 7 & 8 classes on Wednesday, December 21, 2011. The cost is \$ 5.00. Lunch will consist of turkey, mashed potatoes, corn & dressing. For dessert they will be served jello and cookies with juice to drink.

## Kindergarten 2012 – 2013



Kindergarten Registration is coming up starting February 6<sup>th</sup>. If you have a child or know of someone who has a child, who does not receive this newsletter, and is the age to attend school next year, please pass the enclosed form to them and have them send it to the school as soon as possible. Registration packages will be mailed to those who return the form.

# Health

What a good feeling!

## **Bullying: It's Up to Everyone to Stop It**

### **Bullying is;**

- being mean to others, on purpose, to hurt them or their feelings
- about power and control
- occurs every seven minutes on elementary school playgrounds and most often happens while others watch
- does not stop when children are left to deal with it themselves

### **What to Do If a Child Is Being Bullied;**

- Believe what they say, listen and try to understand their feelings
- Involve children in community activities to help them make friends
- Contact the school to talk about the problem and get support

**Communication is important, talk to your child about bullying.**