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**December 2019
Newsletter**



KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

December, 2019

Dear Families,



It is hard to believe that we are well into the month of December and the Holiday break is just around the corner. With all the excitement in the air, the month of December is a rich month for learning as well as festive activities and initiatives. As such, we invite our kindergarten to grade 3 families to our winter concert on December 12th at noon in the gym. Staff have been working very hard at preparing for the children and their families an assortment of inclusive songs, and poems for the season. We ask that you please stay until the end of the concert out of respect for all the children and the staff. Please note that the junior and intermediate grades will perform in the spring.

On December 10th, we welcome Chad Solomon, an Indigenous author and artist, who will be performing a puppet show about treaties for our school. We look forward to gaining more knowledge and understanding regarding Indigenous teachings and culture. As well, on December 20th, our students will be performing their Hip Hop dances that they have been learning with Charles. Please join us on that day at noon in the gym for a mesmerizing upbeat show.

As many of us are witness to how today's financial world is affecting our families, it is important to help promote the message of peace, caring and sharing. Every year, our community has been more than generous. We are accepting non-perishable foods as well as warm mitts, hats, scarves, socks, and any used clean clothing for school age children.

Furthermore, we have many families in our school from different backgrounds and cultures. It is a wonderful time to share our customs and traditions, to learn from each other, and to celebrate all the special times in our lives.

We wish everyone a safe Holiday and a Happy New Year!

Sanaâ Soussan
Principal/Directrice



UP COMING DATES

- Dec 9- Tree of Warmth in Foyer
- Dec 12- Winter Concert @ 12:15 for grade JK-3
- Dec 19- Classroom visit by Santa Claus begins @ 2:10
- Dec 20- Character Assembly & Dance Performances at Noon
- Dec 20- Spirit Day "Ugly Sweater Day"
- Dec 20 – Jan5- Holiday Break No School
- Jan 6 2020- School begins

Character Trait for December is: EMPATHY

November Character Trait -Responsibility

N. Lamont/J. Menard- Ryder m, Ava N, Kennedy N

C. McMahon/A. Stone- Sebastian A, Skylar B

C. Patrick- Abby K, Matthew H

S. Sharma- Max C, Evelyn H

N. Bonnici- Boston V

K. Hossack- Leanna M, Carrington M, Abby S

H. Graham /J. Baki- Gaby R, Sophie S

J. Ostler- Ben H, Haley P

J. Ruddell- Caitlyn M

A. Stavrakos- Maddox N

M. Mohammadi- Madison M, Arabella M

Grand  for December is: **Love**

WINTER WEATHER BUS CANCELATIONS



If buses are cancelled due to weather, school is still open. If your child does not take a bus and you are keeping them home due to bus cancellation, it is your responsibility to call your child(ren) absence(s) in on the safe arrival system.



Grade 8 Parent Information Night C.S.S.

Courtice Secondary School invites Grade 8 students and their parent(s)/guardian(s) to our Grade 8 Information Session and Open House on **Thursday, January 16, 2020 from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**. The information session will include a presentation about our grade 9 program. You can also meet our teachers and take a tour of the secondary school classrooms.

Personal Electronic Devices

- Computers
- Cell Phones
- Digital T.V.
- DVDs
- Digital Cameras
- Kindle
- iPods and MP3 players



**Tree of Warmth and Food Drive
December**

We will be collecting winter Hats, mitts, scarfs and socks to be placed on the tree of warmth for decorations. These items will be donated to Bethesda House for Christmas. We are also collecting non-perishable food items and toiletries for our local food bank which can be placed under the tree. The tree will be set up in the main foyer sometime around the second week of December.



Personal Electronic Devices (PED)

The use of technology for student learning is a key 21st century skill to enable all of our students to learn and succeed. Under staff direction, Personal Electronic Devices can be used effectively as an educational resource, support or aid for teaching and learning. The teacher will determine and authorize the usage of a PED during instructional time. At all other times the device is to be powered off and kept in a students' backpack or locker. When the usage of a PED is inappropriate, the school designate or principal will apply progressive discipline strategies. Depending on the infraction, strategies may include, but are not limited to; speaking with the student, parent meeting, removal of the PED until the end of the school day, loss of privilege to have a PED at school or suspension. As with other personal property items, schools are

not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged PEDs. These guidelines apply to all stakeholders in the school including students, staff, parents, volunteers and visitors.

Communication between Home and School



The teacher is your first line of communication regarding your child's social, emotional and academic progress. Teachers have their preferred way of communication, but you are welcome to call to make an appointment at any time.

Our school newsletters will be posted on Edsby and sent through school messenger as well.



Allergies

Our School is nut free. Please do not send any products that may contain nuts. We have students and staff with life threatening nut allergies. We thank you for keeping everyone safe.

