# Principal’s Message





December’s Principal’s Message

It’s that time of year again. December has come and with it all the joys of Christmas. As we enter the season of Advent these words keep ringing in my head: “It’s the most wonderful time of the year”! More than the gifts under the tree, the lights in the windows, cards in the mail, turkey dinner with Family and snow in the yard, it’s a time when we look forward to and celebrate God’s love for the world which came to us through the birth of the Christ Child: Jesus, who brings great joy and hope to our world.

As a world in trouble during this Blessed season let us all pray and hope not only for peace throughout the world, but that through acts of selflessness; scientists working hard to find a vaccine for COVID, health care workers and first responders putting themselves on the line to help those in medical need, and ourselves and our families who celebrate these special times in a much different way this year, we all find the strength to endure these unprecedented times and that one day very soon our world is once again a place of calm we no longer live in fear with anxiety for our health and safety.

May the joy and peace you experience this season last all year as we celebrate and remember that Jesus is the Reason for the Season, and Rejoice!

Chris Kay

Principal



## Christmas Food Drive

In the spirit of giving our school is holding our annual Christmas Food Drive from December 1st to the 11th. Student donations will be supporting the Drayton Food Bank. Last year we collected over 200 pounds of food and we are hoping to beat that amount this year! Please bring in items that are non-perishable such as dry cereals, rice, noodles, flour, peanut butter or canned items like soups, fruits, vegetables or stews. All toiletries such as shampoos, toothbrushes, facial tissues, diapers and toilet paper will also be accepted. Items must not be opened, dented or past the expiry date!

## Welcome to Ms. Whysall

Centre Peel would like to welcome Ms. Jessica Whysall as our new grade 2/3 teacher! Unfortunately we also must say goodbye to Mrs. Krista White who has accepted a position as an ESL teacher with the board. We look forward to working with Ms. Whysall and wish Mrs. White the best.

## Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration for September of 2021 will take place from January 7th-17th, 2021. Please contact the school to make an appointment to register your son/daughter as soon as possible. If your child is born in 2016 or 2017 they are eligible to attend school.

## Inclement Weather Days

A reminder to parents that on inclement weather days you will receive a phone call from our automated telephone system. This call will notify you if buses are cancelled and that our school is closed to students. Information can also be found on the school board’s website.

Please make sure we have your most up to date contact information so we are able to contact you.

## Christmas Hot Lunch

Our annual Christmas Hot Lunch and Bake Sale will not be held this year. Students will have an opportunity to celebrate within their own classroom.

## Travelling to Mexico or other destinations this winter?

Students who leave for Mexico or elsewhere often fall behind in their studies. Sometimes when they return they are in a different class than when they left and this can create a harder transition back to our school. Students now have the opportunity to attend the Tu Puente program run by the MCC and the Thames Valley DSB in conjunction with UGDSB and 6 other Ontario School Boards in Durango, Mexico. These students will remain on our register and keep their spot here at Centre Peel PS. They will complete the same course work in Math and Literacy as their classmates here and will not be behind when they return. Students can attend as little as a half day a week or everyday if you choose. Tu Puente has added evening classes to accommodate students who are needed at home during the day.

Students also have the option of signing up for UG2Go, an online program run by the UGDSB which has the entire curriculum for each grade level. Students can access this program 24/7 from anywhere in the world. Students registered in this program will also remain on the register at Centre Peel P.S. Please consider signing your child(ren) up for one of these programs while you are away. If you have any questions about either program please contact the school.

## Life-Threatening Medical Conditions

If your child has health concerns of any kind, and you have not informed us here at Centre Peel, please do so as soon as possible. This will enable us to take the necessary health protection steps needed here at school.

If your child requires medications throughout the day, forms must be filled out and kept in the office along with the medication. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Moore

## Remember to Label Clothing

It is important to label your children’s clothing, back packs, shoes and lunch boxes. Lots of students have the same shoes or back packs and it makes it easier to identify ownership if items are labelled.

## Upcoming Events:

****Please check our website for up to date information and any changes that are taking place in the events for the month.

December 1-11th- Food Drive

December 1-18th- Jingle Jokes during announcements

December 7-14th- Christmas Colouring Contest for all grades

December 1-18th- Secret words contest during announcements

December 1-15th- Classroom door decorating contest

December 18th- Last Day of Classes for 2020

January 4- Classes resume

January 6th-15th- Kindergarten registration for September 2021

## Weather Reminders

Winter weather has arrived at Centre Peel! With the weather being very unpredictable, it is important to remind the children that it is necessary to dress appropriately for all weather conditions that may occur during the day. Please remember our students are outside in all types of weather. Please remind your child to bring hats, mittens or gloves, snow pants and boots for the yard. It may be a good idea to have an extra pair of mittens, socks and pants in their backpacks. Thank you for ensuring that your child in dressed for winter weather.

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