

December Principal’s Message

December 1, 2023

Hello Centre Peel families!  Welcome to December!  Great things are underway here at Centre Peel PS and we can’t wait to see you at all our upcoming holiday events.

Thanks to families for participating in our interview process.  It was great to connect with families and share the strengths of your children with you and consider next steps to help them be the most successful learners they can be.

During the month of December, we will be providing the paper newsletter and calendar as normal, but also starting to provide weekly email updates for those families that have their information on file.  Each week you will receive around 5 key pieces of information in one simple email that will help with keeping you up to date on all the amazing things going on at our school.  If you have not shared your email address with the school, please contact the office and we can include you in the next weekly email.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please call the school office.  We are more than happy to help support you and your family.

Sincerely,

Jason Boyce  
Principal Centre Peel PS

## Newsletter and Weekly Communication

Families are now invited to share their email address with the school to receive the newsletter and weekly updates from Mr. Boyce. If you would like to receive these via email and have not already, please let the school know. Paper copies are available for those who would like them.

## Photography in School

Parents are reminded that any photos taken during school events are not to be posted to social media unless they only include your children. Posting of other students is not allowed, as many families have requested Freedom of Information restrictions for their families. Please use caution when posting any school related photos on the internet. Your cooperation is appreciated.

## Winter Recess Fun

With the weather being very unpredictable, it is important that students come dressed appropriately for current and changing weather conditions that may occur during the day.  Fresh air and exercise are important for all, especially children who are taking a break from their learning.  Remember, students at Centre Peel are outside for a portion of the day in all types of weather and our field is very open to the wind.   Outdoor play is reduced according to our guidelines in very cold weather, but the goal is for students to be able to play outside at all recesses. Students are encouraged to wear a warm coat, snow-pants, winter boots, hats and gloves or mittens.  An extra pair of mitts is also a good idea.  For younger children an extra set of socks in their bag can also help in the event of wet feet. Parents are also highly **encouraged to label all clothes coming to school** so that items found can be returned to the owners.

If families are finding it difficult to provide any of these items, please call the office or send your child to talk to Mrs. Moore or Mr. Boyce.  We have a great clothes closet with many extra of these items that can be loaned to students for the day or given to them so they can participate comfortably and safely in all outdoor activities. Thank you for ensuring your child is dressed for winter weather.

## Travelling to Mexico?

Students who leave for Mexico or other destinations for long periods of time fall behind in their studies which makes reuniting with learning in the classroom when they return, difficult. Sometimes when they return they are in a different class than the one they left which can create a harder transition back to our school. For families who travel to Mexico we now have a connection to keep students connected to their learning by attending Tu Puente, a program run by the MCC and the Thames Valley DSB in conjunction with 5 other Ontario school boards including the Upper Grand DSB. Families who sign their children up to attend this ½ -2-day program, will be able to remain on register at Centre Peel ensuring them their place back in their original classroom. They will complete course work provided by their teachers in Math and Literacy and will therefore not be behind when they return. Tu Puente also offers evening programs to accommodate students who are needed at home during the day.

Students also have the option of connecting directly with their own teacher through google classroom and completing the work provided in their personal folder. Signing up for on-line learning and completing work provided by their classroom teacher and submitting back on a weekly basis will also ensure they return to the class they left. Students can access their learning on-line 24/7 from anywhere in the world.

Please consider signing your child up for one of these programs while you are away. If you have any questions about any of the programs or sign-up procedure, please contact the school.



MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR

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***From all the staff at Centre Peel Public School we wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.***

***School returns Monday, January 8, 2024.***

## Christmas Food Drive

In the spirit of giving our school is holding our annual Christmas Food Drive from December 1st- 15th. Student donations will be supporting the Drayton Food Bank and our school snack program. 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! We will also gladly accept hats, mittens, and scarves.

## Christmas Hot Lunch

Our annual Christmas Hot Lunch will be held on Wednesday December 6th, 2023. Our menu this year consists of:

Chicken, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, stuffing, corn, Caesar Salad and jello pineapple rings. For dessert we will serve a delicious Oreo ice cream treat!

This meal will be provided at no cost to our students with thanks to our Food and Friends donations for this meal.

## Christmas Bake Sale

We are holding our annual Christmas Bake Sale following our Christmas Concerts. We are once again asking parents to bring in homemade baking. Families may purchase baked items, fruit, and snack bags to enjoy with juice or coffee after the concert. Baked items will also be packaged for families to purchase and take home. Profits from the bake sale are being used for skating at Sheldon Martin’s and for year end trips. Thank you in advance for helping us fundraise for these amazing experiences.

## Hot Lunch Program

Our hot lunch program will resume in January.

## Grade 8 Information Nights

Grade 8 students interested in attending Elmira District Secondary School are invited to attend on Wednesday December 6, 2023, from 6-8 pm.

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## Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration for September of 2024 will take place from January 9th-19th, 2024. Please contact the school to make an appointment to register your son/daughter as soon as possible. If your child is born in 2019 or 2020, 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 now open to students on no bus days. Please keep in mind that if you choose to drive your child to school you will be responsible for picking them up at the end of the day as well. 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 can contact you.

## 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 1st- Food Drive begins.

December 6- Christmas Luncheon

December 6- Grade 8 night at EDSS

December 12- Christmas Concert and Bake Sale

December 13th- Snow date for concert

December 15- Food Drive Ends

December 18- Kindergarten trip to Island Lake

December 22- Last day of classes for 2023

# Parents, Mark Your Calendars…Kindergarten Registration for September 2024 is just around the Corner.

If you or someone you know has a child born in 2020, those children are eligible to attend Junior Kindergarten and if they were born in 2019, they are eligible to attend Senior Kindergarten. **Please contact the school to set up a registration time.**

**Registration will occur January 9-19th, 2024.**

## Parent Council

Our next council meeting is on February 6, 2024 at 7 pm. All are welcome.

## School Council 2023-2024

Stuart Martin Rick Martin Marlene Martin Wilma Martin

Helena Friesen Jacob Friesen Henry Thiessen Nancy Thiessen

Henry Giesbrecht Helen Giesbrecht Glen Martin Hannah Heibein

Julie Newbigging

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