



École FA Hamilton

December 2018

Newsletter

Important Dates

Dec. 2 - [Advent begins \(Christian\)](#)

Dec. 3 - Media Fair (Hartmans and Woodward); Hanukkah begins (Jewish)

Dec. 4 - Media Fair (Hemsley)

Dec. 5 - EcoStars follow-up for grade 5s; Pottery (Woodward, Hemsley, Devenny, Mui); Media Fair (McLeish)

Dec. 6 - Drama workshops for grades 3-6; Winter Event @ 5:30 PM

Dec. 7 - Drama workshops for grades 3-6; Jr. volleyball tournament

Dec. 10 - School Play @ 6 PM; [Hanukkah ends \(Jewish\)](#)

Dec. 12 - Media Fair (Devenny)

Dec. 13 - Drama workshops for grades 3-6; Stone Lodge visits (Holmes and Young)

Dec. 17 - Scientists in Schools (Hemsley)

Dec. 19 - Multicultural Day; Milk and Pizza orders for Jan-Mar due

Dec. 20 - Drama workshops for grades 3-6

Dec. 21 - Holiday Assembly; Stone Lodge (Woodward and Mui); [Winter Solstice \(Wicca/Pagan\)](#)

Dec. 24 - [Advent ends \(Christian\)](#)

Dec. 25 - [Christmas \(Christian\)](#)

Dec. 26 - [Kwanzaa begins \(African\)](#)

Wednesday - special lunches - [sign up here!](#)

Fridays - pizza lunches - [sign up here!](#)

[Click here to see our whole calendar!](#)

New and improved UGDSB app!

Our school board app has been upgraded and it has some great features! Tons of features are available all in one place on your phone or tablet.

- ★ Read website posts from only FAH or from multiple schools in our board on one newsfeed
- ★ Access the school calendar from only FAH or have events from multiple schools appear on one calendar list
- ★ See what buses are late or if buses are cancelled
- ★ Have easy access to school cash online



★ Notifications that I send out will ping your phone if you set it up to allow notifications from the app. This will eventually replace the current email system I use except for the monthly newsletter.

Search **Upper Grand Dist School Board** wherever you get apps and make it easy to stay completely up-to-date with what is going on at FAH and all your kids' schools!

Winter Event

The Winter Event is Thursday night. Come out for some hot chocolate or decaf, a cookie, some popcorn, and a chance to catch up with friends. You will be able to buy raffle tickets for the class gift baskets. Kids will be able to do some crafts or play a game. The fun starts at 6:00 PM! **All children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult throughout the evening.**



On Thursday, December 6th in the morning, students will each receive one free ticket. A parent volunteer will be at the raffle basket table and classes will be invited to visit one at a time. If families wish to allow their children to buy more raffle tickets, then that is just fine. The prices are as follows:

\$1 - 1 ticket | \$3 - 5 tickets | \$5 - 10 tickets | \$10 - 30 tickets

Winter Event Reminders

- ★ Please send in new items for the raffle basket that is in your child's class - Monday morning is the absolute deadline! Themes are listed on the [website](#).
- ★ Please send in gently used items for the Holiday Market (which will be open at the Winter Event) - wrapping paper, tape, gift bags, bows are all needed as well - deadline for submissions is Wednesday, December 5th.

Gift from School Council!



School Council is going to give every child in the school a gift! In January, each child in the school will receive a free Huskies T-shirt printed by Guelph Print. We need to know what size of shirt to get for everyone. Please [click here](#) to fill in the form. **You will need to do a separate form for each child.**

Multicultural Day

This year, on Wednesday, December 19th, FAH will have our first Multicultural Day. Each class will choose a country and learn about the culture there. Then they will share their learning with others as students travel through the school visiting all the countries. Our young voyagers



will have passports to take home with them at the end of the day to help them to remember their day and share their new learning with families at home. Teachers will be welcoming parent input and help for this day, especially those parents who have a connection to their class's country! We are looking forward to celebrating a wide variety of cultures together.

Holiday Concert



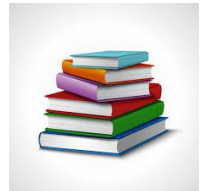
There will be a small Holiday Concert on Friday, December 21st at 11:30 AM. Each class will present one small song, poem or skit. Parents are welcome to join us. We expect the concert will last until about 12:40 PM. Children will have an important dress rehearsal from 9-10:30 AM on the same day. It would be appreciated if any appointments could be

scheduled for a different day if possible. Here is the order of performances for the show:

1. McLeish/Hartmans
2. Hemsley
3. Brown/ Junemann
4. Nibaruta
5. Zadro/ England
6. Devenny
7. Zakaib
8. Tosh
9. Holmes/ Young
10. Mui/Woodward
11. Dance Club

Indigo Night

Many thanks to everyone who came out to our Chapters Fundraiser! We raised over \$700 to buy French books and other resources for our library! We are grateful for the generosity of our families.



Immunization

In January, Public Health will be sending letters home to families who have children with immunization records that are not up to date according to their records. Please take action if you receive this letter. If immunizations are up to date, then contact Public Health so their records can be revised. If your child needs some shots, then you can go to your doctor or you can go to the Public Health office on Stone Road to get them caught up. It is up to you to report immunizations to Public Health. Not all doctor's offices do that. If you do not take action and the records at Public Health indicate your child is behind in immunizations, then s/he will be suspended on March 19, 2019.



School Council News

Fresh from the Farm

This year, we raised \$708 through this healthy fundraiser and will put the money towards the Forest of Reading literacy program.

Forest of Reading

FAH will participate in the Forest of Reading program again this year. This fun literacy program provides the school with new books in English and French by Canadian authors. Students have an opportunity to vote for their favourite books.

Winter Event

The winter event is coming up December 6! We would appreciate some more volunteers to make this another successful event for our school. The evening will include raffle baskets, games, treats and a holiday market. The market needs donations of gently used items to list for sale as well as wrapping paper/bags. If you are interested in helping out, please reach out to SC.FAHamilton@ugdsb.on.ca

Spirit Wear

Coming Soon!! Fred A Hamilton shirts are coming back this year! School Council will be providing a shirt for all students. Parents will have an opportunity to choose a size through cash online. Samples sizes will be available at the school for parents to see.

Info Night: Outdoor Education Night

This educational evening was a huge success. While the parents learned more about outdoor education in our school and at the board level, the kids were getting creative with Play with Clay. The next speaker night will be in February and will focus on Anxiety. Stay tuned for more details.