

Principal's Message

November was a very busy and productive month at Parkinson Centennial. Our junior and intermediate volleyball teams have worked exceptionally hard to improve their skills. Their work ethic is to be commended! Thank you to Mr. Gammage who coached both the girls and boys teams, and to Ms. Firth, and Mr. Buchan who coached the junior volleyball team. We had a wonderful Remembrance Day assembly, with a variety of students presenting. Thank you to everyone who participated, for helping us to remember in a meaningful way...and Ms. Buchta for coordinating our assembly. Bully Prevention week took place across our school board during the week of November 20th. During the month of November, all of our students had an opportunity to discuss and learn about how to treat others respectfully and with compassion. Ms. Hoekstra, led some wonderful initiatives including the creation of over 300 kindness rocks; special thanks to the Sawyer family for donating the rocks and Jennifer Shelley for donating the mod podge. Thanks for helping us to share some powerful messages for all PCPS students and staff.

Thank you to all parents/guardians who were able to attend parent-teacher interviews to support our students. It will be important for parents and students to continue to revisit goals set out in the progress report and interviews throughout the rest of this term. Research shows that the more a parent is involved in his/her child's education the better the student performs. We know that it takes a village! Here are some easy ways to support you child:

- Read to him/her each day – choose books that you know your child may not be able to read on his/her own, but would love to hear read out loud.
- Ask your child to read each day (devote 20 minutes per day)
- Spend time doing activities with your child: cooking, making lists for groceries, participating in your hobbies. Doing things together (even chores) can be fun and teach important life skills!

Did you know that we have a wonderful mental health supports available in our community? Every Tuesday, at Dufferin Child and Family Services, the Children's Mental Health branch has a Talk In Clinic to help support your child's mental health. The drop in clinic requires no appointments and runs from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. every Tuesday and is free – all you have to do is walk in. The Talk In Clinic is devoted to helping support your child, or will even help you to better support your child.

A very big thank you goes out to our School Council for the organization of Breakfast with Santa, held on November 25th as this event was a huge success. The parent community and especially our students delighted in the events of the day. This fantastic event could not happen without a great deal of time and commitment. Fun was had by all!

We understand that while the winter holidays can bring lots of excitement, gift giving, and anticipation of time with family and friends, for some families, holidays can be a difficult time for a variety of reasons. However you spend your holiday this year, please be sure to take good care of yourself and find time to connect with the people or places that are important to you and your family. Wishing everyone health, peace, and prosperity and sending you my sincerest warm wishes.

P. Argentino,
Principal





****Dates to Remember****

Dec 6	Pizza Day
Dec 11	Gr. 7 & 8 Drama Show Westside
Dec 13	Lunch Lady
Dec 13 – 15	Book Fair
Dec 15	Winter Concert - Kindergarten
Dec 18	Habit 2 Climate Assembly
Dec 19	Bake Sale
Dec 20	Pizza Day
Dec 22	Hot Dog Day



**January Pizza Days
and Lunch Lady Orders**

Order deadline for January pizza and Lunch Lady is January 3. Pizza days are January 17 and 31 and Lunch Lady January 24. These are available to order online only.

REGISTER FOR CASH ONLINE AT:

UGDSB.SCHOOLCASHONLINE.COM

(If you need assistance with Cash Online, please contact the school office)

Important information about Kindergarten registration this January

We're getting ready to welcome our newest group of little learners to the school!

Kindergarten registration for the 2018-19 school year takes place from January 9 to 19, 2018.

New this year: all Junior and Senior Kindergarten students new to the UGDSB must pre-register online. (SK students who are attending an UGDSB school for JK do not need to pre-register online).

Pre-registering online between Jan. 9-19 will save families time by allowing you to fill out important forms and documentation when it is convenient for you.

Once you have pre-registered online, parents/guardians must go into their child's home school before the January 19th deadline in order to drop off documentation and complete their registration.

Please note that all parents hoping to register their child for JK French Immersion must complete their registration document verification by Jan. 19 at 4 p.m.

For more information on how to register and the JK French Immersion selection process, please visit www.ugdsb.ca/jkregistration.



**Kindergarten
Registration**

January 9 – 19

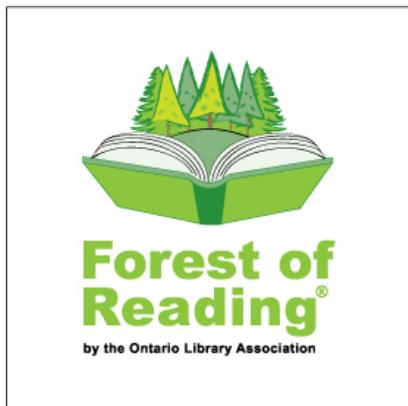


A Scholastic Book Fair will be in the library on the following dates and times:

Wednesday, December 13 8:40am-4:00pm
Thursday, December 14 8:40am-4:00pm
Friday, December 15 8:40am-2:00pm

Come and do some Christmas shopping! A percentage of the sales allows us to buy new books for the library. When you purchase a book you are supporting the library. **Don't forget to fill out the ballot on the back of your child's flyer and win \$25 worth of free books!**

The draw will be held on **Friday** morning. See you at the BOOK FAIR!!!!



Forest of Reading Clubs will begin in **January**.

- Blue Spruce (K-2)
- Silver Birch Express (3-4)

Battle of the Books teams for junior and intermediate have begun. Team members have started their books. We look forward to reading great books over the next 4 months. Many of them being Canadian authors!

Reminders

If your child is going to be late or absent from school you need to call the attendance line before 8:40. 519-941-2461 ext. 100.

Also, if you change phone numbers or emergency contacts during the school year, it is important that you let the office know of this change to ensure we can contact you if an emergency should arise.



Volunteers Needed

The annual Christmas bake sale is scheduled for December 19 but will have to be cancelled if School Council cannot find several volunteers to help out. If you are available between 1:30 and 3:30 that day and would like to prevent a favourite school activity from being cancelled, please let the school know.

HEAD LICE? NEED HELP?

If you need help with the expense of treating your child for head lice, please contact the school and we can help you out.



HOLIDAY THEME WEEK

Each day during the week before the Christmas Break will have a special theme.
Show your spirit and join in the festivities.

Monday **Festive colour day** Climate Assembly 2:00 gym

Tuesday Cozy onesie / pajama day



Wednesday Sparkle and shine day Carolling 2:00 – 3:00 gym

Thursday Ugly sweater day



Friday Festive hat day
Intermediate Dance



Carolling 11:25 – 12:15 gym

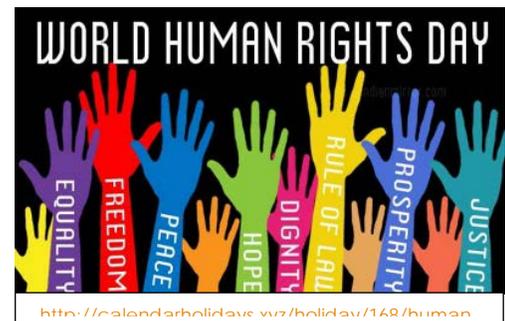
DECEMBER 10TH IS HUMAN RIGHTS DAY!

“For to be free is not merely to cast off one’s chains, but to live in a way that respects & enhances the freedom of others” - Nelson Mandela

Celebrate Human Rights Day on December 10th!

Human Rights Day calls on everyone to stand up for someone's rights. It starts with each of us. Step forward and defend the rights of someone whose voice is not being heard. Recognize that human rights include the right for all of us to have access to clean water, unpolluted air and healthy food.

<http://www.un.org/en/events/humanrightsday/>



SIMPLE YET MEANINGFUL WAYS FOR YOUR FAMILY TO CELEBRATE

THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES THAT WE ALL SHARE AS HUMAN BEINGS!

- **Learn about how children live in other parts of the world.**
- **Read the book: We Are All Born Free: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Pictures** by Amnesty International.
- **Read the Ontario Environmental Bill of Rights.** Decide if there is a cause your family wants to support, or an Ecojustice action you want to take on.
- **Talk to someone you know who is from another country.** Where are they from? What was their life like there? What language did they speak? Did they go to school? What do they miss? What do they like about their new country?
- **Start a tradition of doing a family service project on Human Rights Day.** There are many opportunities to volunteer, such as preparing and serving meals at a local homeless shelter or simply gathering enough to put together a bunch of care packages of simple needs and necessities. <https://humanrightswarrior.com>

“For the bigger picture we can (and should) do what we can to fight injustice. But on a smaller scale, in the day-to-day, practicing kindness can help knit a web of compassion to give humanity a boost of resilience” by Melissa Breyer

Parents, Mark Your
Calendars...



Kindergarten Registration for September 2018 is Just Around the Corner.

The UGDSB will be hosting registration information evenings to share our ***new online registration process*** for both English and French Immersion JK and new SK students. Parents are welcome to attend any evening that suits them.

Kindergarten Registration Information Nights

- Monday November 27th, JD Hogarth P.S., 7 p.m.
- Wednesday November 29th, Westminster Woods P.S., 7 p.m.
- Monday December 4th, Palmerston P.S., 7 p.m.
- Thursday December 7th, Mono Amaranth P.S., 7p.m.
- Monday December 11th, King George P.S., 7p.m.

For more Registration information visit www.ugdsb.ca/kindergarten
Registration will occur January 9-19, 2018 at your home school.

