



Primrose Elementary School

December Newsletter 2022

Dear Families,

There will be many snowy days ahead as winter approaches! As the first snow fell, children played in the snow, built and slid. This means extra mittens and socks are also needed! Outdoor learning and recess will continue at Primrose unless the temperature is extreme. It is important that students dress for the cold conditions.

We will inevitably have some nasty weather in the coming months. **School Bus Cancellations:** This year we will be returning to the model where families and school communities are encouraged to follow STWDTS and subscribe for notifications to determine if buses are canceled. There will be one message from the Guelph Board Office or individual schools.

Website: www.stwdsts.ca

Twitter: @stwdsts

Inclement Weather

BUS CANCELLATION DAYS – ELEMENTARY

Parents are strongly encouraged to sign up for STWDSTS notifications of bus route delays and cancellations through the STWDSTS

website: <https://stwdsts.ca/bus-subscription/>

Primrose Elementary School will remain open for all students who can get here safely when buses are canceled due to inclement weather. If you drive your child to school you are responsible for picking up your child. If the buses do not run in the morning they will not run in the afternoon. On the rare occasions when schools and board sites are closed to staff and students known as a "System Shutdown", all students will pivot to remote learning for the day and will be supported by their teacher. This may include teachers posting activities to Google Classroom, which can be accessed by students, or engaging in some synchronous learning activities.

System Closures: On these days, website and social media messaging will come directly from our Central Communications Team. All automated call-outs to all families, All-Staff emails and UGConnect push notifications directly from IT staff. As a school principal, I will not make separate phone calls to families, as this will be done centrally for all families.

Thank you

It is so wonderful to see that many parents participated in parent-teacher interviews. Thank you for making time to discuss your child's progress. We want the lines of communication open between home and school as we work as a team to help support all students. Remember that you can reach out to your child's teacher any time you have a question or concern.

We wanted to extend a huge thank you to all the families that could help out with our Christmas Angels. We are overwhelmed by the generosity our Primrose community has displayed.

Thank you for supporting our school fundraisers that will go towards supporting our natural playground. **Bradford Poinsettia and Mochaberry Coffee** will be available for pick up on Monday, **December 5th from 3:30 to 7:00 pm** at the school (Primrose Elementary).

Kindergarten Registration

Online pre-registration for the 2022-2023 school year begins on January 10, 2023. Our online tool allows parents to pre-register online when it's convenient for them! Online pre-registration is required for all NEW JK and SK students in the Upper Grand District School Board. For more information and to pre-register online please visit: www.ugdsb.ca/kindergarten . Stay tuned for more information to come in December.

Grade 8 Parents' Night & School Visits

We are looking forward to having grade 8 students and their parents visit CDDHS on the evening of Tuesday, December 6th for [Grade 8 Parents' Night](#). Doors will open at 6:30pm for an open house where you will be provided with a guided tour by one of the CDDHS student ambassadors. Classrooms of elective courses will be open and running demonstrations to aid your child(ren)'s choices for next year. At 7:15 they will be inviting

students and parents into the cafeteria for a presentation on pathways planning, course selection, and the opportunity to ask questions.

Grade 8 teachers are getting support from Tracey Hunter this week on pathways planning, transitions and course selection. There are several supports available to teachers and parents which can be found here:

- Supporting Student Transition [Parent/Caregiver Slidedeck](#) (UGDSB)
- [Creating Pathways Slidedeck](#) (UGDSB)
- [Future Royals Video](#) (CDDHS)

CDDHS Guidance staff will be coming to Primrose on January 12th from 12- 1pm to aid with grade 9 course selection.

CDDHS will also be hosting tours in the spring as well as running a grade nine orientation day before the first day of classes in September.

Streams Community Hub Monologue Competition

Congratulations to the ten Primrose students who took initiative to enter this year's monologue competition. Four of our students made it to the finals last weekend and did a great job. Maya won the "Bravery Award" for being the first contestant to enter, Callie was the second place champion for the Junior Division, taking home a trophy and \$500, and Elizabeth was the overall winner in the Junior Division, winning the grand prize of \$1000. We are so proud of all our Pumas who worked hard to prepare and present such high quality performances!

CBC Classroom Music Challenge

Congratulations to the Primrose Singers on their video entry to this year's CBC Classroom Music Challenge. We love their spirit and energy! Here is the link to their submission: [CLICK HERE](#).

Choir Starting Again

Any students in grades 4-8 are invited to join the Primrose Singers. We will be meeting a few times a week at recess to learn some new songs and to prepare for performance.

Ukulele Club

All interested students in grades 3-8 are invited to join the Primrose Ukulele Clubs. We will meet a couple of times a week at recess to learn basic chords and to prepare a few songs for performance.

From your Library Learning Commons

A BIG THANK YOU to our supportive community! Our Scholastic Book Fair was a great success. We have already purchased \$850 dollars in books for the Library, and will have plenty of "product points" left to buy all the consumable items we need in our shared space. And an extra special THANK YOU to our VOLUNTEERS who made the event possible. It simply could not happen without help. It was an absolute pleasure to work alongside each and every one of you.

We will be collecting most library books before the holidays. Our avid readers are welcome to stock up with reading materials for the winter break, however, we will aim to collect most books before students are off for a two week period.

FOOD DRIVE

Our "JEDIs" are collecting food items for the Shelburne Food Bank. The goal is to collect 5000 items! If we can make it happen, both Mr. Hawkins and Mrs. Hopkins will be getting a pie in the face! Here is a list of items most needed at the Food Bank. They will also accept other non-perishable goods and personal hygiene items.

- Boxes of Cereal
- Canned Fruit
- Pasta Sauce
- Cooking Oil
- Canned Pasta
- Canned Vegetables
- Condiments - Mayonnaise or Ketchup
- Kids' Snacks
- Cookies
- Laundry or Dish Detergent
- Pancake Mix and/or Pancake Syrup
- Size 5/6 Diapers
- Toothpaste
- Bar Soap

Dental Screening

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health will be coming to Primrose school on January 11th and 12th to provide dental screenings for kids in junior and senior kindergarten, Grades 2, 4 and 7 and others as appropriate. Additional infection control measures will be taken by public health staff. If you do not want your child to be screened or your child is not in one of the grades to be screened but you do want your child to be screened, you can make a request using the online form at wdgpublichealth.ca/hso or by calling 1-800-265-7293 ext. 2661 by at least one week prior to the screening date."

[Dental Screening Letter.pdf](#)

Periodic Head Lice Checks

Winter seems to be a bad time for head lice. Please check your children weekly under bright lights, parting and lifting strands of hair. This weekly check will save you a great deal of time and work in the long run. While head lice are a nuisance, they are not a health hazard. Head lice cannot fly or jump. They are spread from direct head-to-head contact or indirectly on hats, combs, headphones etc. Please remind your child not to share these items with other children. Please contact the school if your child has lice, and treat your child and remove all nits. Thank you for your help.

School Council

Our next School Council Meeting will be held virtually and in person on **December 12th at 6:30 pm**. A meeting link will be sent out and made available on the school website that day. If you would like to look at past agendas and minutes, they are posted on the school website under the School Council tab.

Pizza Days

Every Friday is Pizza Day! Payment will be accepted for the weekly pizza through School Cash Online, up until the Wednesday of that week. This year you are able to sign up for pizza days weekly or order for multiple weeks at the same time. There is also now a plant-based pizza option.

School Spirit Wear

Looking to add some purple and gold to your child's wardrobe? Primrose school spirit wear is available for purchase through a link on our school website, under the School Council tab, or click [HERE](#) to reach the site. Shirts can even be personalized on the sleeve. Makes a great holiday gift!

Student Support Services

STRESS BUSTERS PROGRAM: Strong Minds Strong Kids, Psychology Canada.

Please see the attached flyer for Virtual Stress Busters classes being offered to students 8-12 years of age in the UGDSB.

[**UGDSB SB After School Program Poster \(2\) \(003\).pdf**](#)

CCAT GRADE 3

CCAT TEST RESULTS – NEW TIMELINE AND PARENT INFO

CCAT results have been sent home to families.

The parent information night was set for December 8. To allow more time for families to receive and consider information, the information will be virtual and pre-recorded – scheduled for the week of Dec 12. More info on this will be forthcoming.

Upcoming Celebrations:

With the festive season upon us, there will be much excitement in the air! Although our focus will be to work hard towards accomplishing our personal goals and next steps. As a school community, we will take time as a school community to learn about international festivals and holidays.

During the week leading up to Winter Break, we are highlighting a few celebrations. Wear the colours of the day on spirit days to honor Winter Holidays around the world that our students celebrate!

Monday, December 19th

Blue and White Day Celebrating Hanukkah

Hanukkah, the Jewish festival of lights, takes place from December 18th - December 26th this year. On each night of the celebration, a new candle is lit in the menorah. Hanukkah is traditionally celebrated with blue and white colors.

Tuesday, December 20th

Red, Green, White, and Gold Day- Christmas/ Winter Solstice

During Christmas, Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus on the 25th of December. In many cultures around the world, the Winter Solstice, also known as Yule, is celebrated on Wednesday, December 21st. We celebrate the return of light (our sun) and the beginning of longer daylight hours on this day.

Wednesday, December 21st

Red, Black, and Green Day Honouring Kwanzaa

December 26th through January 1st marks Kwanzaa, an ancient harvest festival. There are seven principles to live by during Kwanzaa, and each day focuses on one of these principles. Kwanzaa's principles include Umoja (unity), Kujichagulia (self-determination), Ujima (collective work and responsibility), Ujamaa (cooperative economics), Nia (purpose), Kuumba (creativity), and Imani (faith).

Upcoming Events:

December 2 - Pizza Day

December 6 - Grade 8 Parent Night at CDDHS

December 8 - Comfy Clothes Spirit Day

December 9 - Pizza Day

December 16 - Pizza Day

December 19 - Blue/Silver/White (Hanukkah) Spirit Day

December 20 - Red/White/Green/Gold (Christmas) Spirit Day

December 21 - Red/Black/Green (Kwanzaa) Spirit Day

December 22 - Primrose School Colours Spirit Day

December 23rd - January 9th - Winter Break

January 10 - Kindergarten Registration Begins

January 11, 12 - Dental Screening (JK, SK, Grade 2, 4, 7)

January 12 - CDDHS Guidance staff coming to aide with grade 9 course selection

January 20 - Lunar New Year (Wear Red/Yellow/Gold)

January 26 - Primrose School Colours Spirit Day

January 27 - PD Day (no school)

From all of the staff at Primrose we would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Please remember to check the UGDSB website, follow us on Twitter, visit our school website, go into your child's Google classroom to see announcements and all the wonderful work they are doing, and read the emails for important information from our school.

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