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Elementary School

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## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The year 2020 is coming to an end! December is here and hopefully a wonderful Holiday Season is upon us. We will look back at this past year with mixed reviews and feelings but have learned from events that presented us time to reflect. I know 2020 was not the most memorable in a positive way for most, but I see the year 2021 allowing us to rejuvenate and thrive as a community.

Please take the time to enjoy family and friends this month so that you don't miss those precious memories, and to remember our loved ones who cannot be here with us.

**Report Cards:** Report cards will be sent home by December 2nd, prior to parent/teacher interviews. Once parents have had the chance to view their child or children's report cards, any questions or concerns can be brought to the attention of the teacher(s) at the time of your scheduled interview.

**Parent/Teacher Meetings:** Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> is the official "parent/teacher" day for O'Connell Drive Elementary. There is **NO** school for students that day as teachers have professional development in the morning. These meetings will be done via phone or virtual, and teachers will be calling parents during their scheduled time. There will be **NO** in-person meetings. If you have not yet heard from your child's teacher confirming your inter-

view time, please email the teacher to inquire.

**Christmas Spirit Activities- Dec. 14th thru Dec. 22nd:** Students and staff are very much looking forward to a full week of holiday fun activities. A full list of activities will be posted on our school website as well as our school FB page.

As part of our Spirit Week we will be having a **Spirit Day, Friday, Dec. 18th.** On this day, student and staff are asked to bring in a donation and are invited to dress in your fun and favourite Christmas season attire. For this month only, instead of donations going to the IWK, we would like to forward all monies collected to our local food banks who are in dire need of our help at this time. Thank you in advance for helping us to support this very important cause.

**Christmas Bazaar - Dec. 17th:** It is the season for giving. Due to Covid restrictions we will not be collecting any donations this year. Students will be having a mini-Christmas Bazaar in their classrooms. There will be **no charge** this year and classroom teachers will be interviewing each student to find out what gifts they need for their parents and guardians. It is going to be festive! Ho, Ho, Ho!



### DATE TO REMEMBER

- Dec. 3 Prof. Development (AM) ; Parent/Teacher Interviews (afternoon & evening) - no students present
- Dec. 14 thru Dec. 22 (SPIRIT WEEK)
- Dec 17 Christmas Bazaar
- Dec 18 Student of the Month Recognitions
- Dec 18 Spirit Day for our local Food Banks
- Dec 22 Last Day of school before Christmas break
- Jan. 04 First Day back after Christmas Break



**Reminder of our on-going 'Tree of Knowledge' fundraising campaign.** The tree in center court which is the 'centerpiece' of our school, is continuously budding!! For a \$35 tax-deductible donation to O'Connell Drive School, an individual, family or company can add an engraved metal leaf to our stylized tree mounted on the center court wall. The leaf will be permanently attached as a lasting reminder of the donor's support. If you're interested in ordering a leaf, please contact the school for an order form. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have questions and/or require further details.

**Safe Arrival:** If your child will be absent for any reason (illness, late arrival, away, etc.), we ask that you please call the school (902-827-4112) and leave a message with your child's classroom teacher prior to 7:45 am. If you have to call after 7:45 am, please call the school office at extension 2. It is important we receive this information, especially for students arriving late. This will avoid the school calling home and work numbers and leaving messages that may cause some concern.

**Lunch Monitors Needed:** If interested in helping out supervising the children at lunchtime, please contact the school. We very much need your help and would love to welcome you to our team.

**Student of the Month Virtual Assembly** - In October we had our first Virtual Student of the Month Assembly. As a school we celebrated one another by seeing each class picture wearing pink for anti-bullying day! We also celebrated learning in Art, Social Studies, Math and Literacy by sharing images of students working and showing what they have learned. We concluded by acknowledging and congratulating the students of the month for September who's names were posted in our November newsletter. We celebrated October's Students of the Month on Friday, November 6th, and will celebrate November's Students of the Month on Friday, December 18th.

At this time we ask that you please join us in acknowledging the following Students of the Month for October and November. Congratulations to All!!

CLASS	STUDENT OF THE MONTH - OCTOBER	STUDENT OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER
Pre- Primary Corkum	Leland Roma	Coriyah Sturrup
Primary Poirier	Charlie MacMillan	Amelia MacLennan
Primary MacLennan	Cordero Sturrup	Ella Spencer
Grade One Roberts	Elijah Wagner	McKenna Munroe
Grade One Browne	Lexi Griffith	Elliot Strum
Grade Two Sinclair	Neaven Richard	Greta Cunningham
Grade Two Waterhouse / Blandford	Nolan Ross	Candice Stevens
Grade Three Whitman	Maggie-May Johnston	Addison Veinotte
Grade Three/Four Stoddard	Fallon Poirier	Elise Jean
Grade Four Gillie	Noah Spencer	Austin Parks-Ryan
Grade Five Fitzsimmons	Hannah Stright	Tessa MacMillan
Grade Five/Six Swain	Freddy Cruikshank	Lexi Stevens
Grade Six Bent	Gavin MacKenzie	Sophie McLellan
Grade Six Halloran	Lucas Gallagher	Jackson Delorey

**Allergy/Scent Awareness Policy:**

Our school has a scent and allergy awareness policy. We have several students who are highly allergic to peanut and nut products including tree nuts. Please help ensure the safety of all our students by not sending in any peanuts or nut products in your child's lunches. For more information about children with life threatening allergies please contact <http://www.nochildwithout.ca>.

**Lost & Found:** If you notice that your child or children are missing any of their belongings, please remind he/she to come look through the Lost & Found items. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity before the holiday break.