



Ecole Dufferin December 2020



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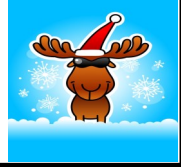
From the Principal's Desk

As we prepare for the last few weeks before our Christmas holidays, we have a busy December schedule ahead of us. Ecole Dufferin's character trait this month is **Inclusiveness**. With the holidays around the corner, it is a good time to step back, reflect and talk with your children about the importance of being grateful for everything they have been given. By learning to be grateful, children develop a better sense of the world around them. They learn to put things into perspective and to look beyond themselves to understand and become sensitive to the feelings of others. I just returned to work this week and it has been wonderful to see everyone. We have a week of Spirit Days planned the last week. Next week, I will be playing songs virtually into classes in French to celebrate the season.

The staff and I want to wish all of you a wonderful holiday, a terrific Christmas, and a New Year filled with happiness and love. We hope everyone has time to relax and refuel their engines for a great new year to come.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year To All Of You !



Dates To Remember:

December 8th, 10th, 11th
December 9th
December 14th
December 15th
December 16th
December 17th
December 18th

French Festive Sounds Virtually
School Council Virtual 6:30p.m.
Gum Day... any chewable treat!
Red and Green Day
Christmas Hat Day
Christmas Sweater Day
PJ Day
LAST Day of School

January 4th

Back to School

Happy New Year !



Thank You Volunteers

As we move into the month of Inclusiveness, we also want to be thankful and grateful for the many volunteers at our school.

Many of our parents assist with the Nutrition Program, Hot Lunch Days, Strong Start, Class Volunteers, Fundraising, Parent Council and SO MUCH MORE !!!

What you all do for our school is VERY much appreciated !!

Student Illnesses

With the flu and the cold season in full force, we remind parents that children need to stay home when they are ill. This is not only the best way for your child to heal but it also stops the spread of illnesses within the school.

With Covid19, please follow the protocols and go through the Covid checklist daily. Please assist us with this and keep your children home when they are ill. Please call **519-752-8232** to leave an attendance message.

Also, we ask that each child in the primary division bring to school an extra set of clothes. During this time of year, some students get wet during recess and need something dry to be comfortable in class.



Hot Lunches and Kettle Corn

In the new year, we will be able to use our hot lunch providers again. Subway and Pita Pit individually wrap food items and place them in a class box which reduces touch points.

I am also looking at having kettle corn whereby students must bring exact change and drop the money in an enclosed box, allowing us to follow protocols.

Stay tuned as I found out more information in the new year.



WEB

Homework Helpers and Websites

Useful Links for Parents:

The Ontario Curriculum Document: Check this site to read the curriculum and access other information from the Ministry of Education

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca>

This site provides guided help for a range of school subjects organized by grade levels:

www.2learn.ca/kids



HELP WITH MATH HOMEWORK

Sometimes it helps to use manipulatives to figure things out....Here is a website with 'virtual manipulatives': <http://www.shodor.org/interactivate>

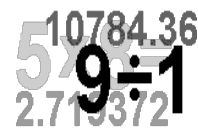
NCTM Family Corner: The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics is the largest mathematics education organization and aims to ensure a mathematics education of the highest quality for all students. On this site, parents will find information for helping children learn mathematics. Students will have the chance to try online resources for activities and mathematics help.

<http://www.nctm.org>

The following sites includes suggestions for methods to link everyday math activities to math. Excellent for 'primary parents'.

www.edselect.com/math_at_home.htm

www.Khanacademy.com



This is a glossary of math terms for students in grades Kindergarten to grade 6.

www.hbschool.com/glossary/math2/index_temp.html

For Parents:

Through conversations, you can help your child build mathematical vocabulary and strengthen mathematical concepts. Math talk promotes mathematical thinking and fosters curiosity. When a child explains the way they solve a problem, they in turn gain a better understanding of the mathematics they are learning.

Questions you can ask your child:

- How did you get your answer?
- Does your answer seem reasonable?
- Can you solve the problem a different way?
- What do you think will happen if ...?
- What was challenging? What was easy?
- Use pictures and words to make your ideas clear.
- How does this relate to...?
- Why did you choose to use that particular strategy?
- What made you think of that?
- I'm not sure if I understand, could you help me figure it out?
- Is there an example in the book like this?
- Do you have an example like this in your notes?
- Can you work backwards from the answer (Junior)?

