



Banbury Heights School

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Welcome to December!

Season's Greetings to our Braveheart Family! During this season of peace and goodwill it is with pleasure that we pause and express our best holiday wishes and deepest appreciation for your continued support. May the warmth and love of the season fill your hearts and home.

This month is surely one of the exciting months of the year for most of our kids. It is the holiday season and this is a fitting time for all of us to teach our students to be thankful and show them the value of generosity and kindness. This is also the month that we have more days out of school.

Important Dates in December:

Dec 5 & 19 – Pita Days

Dec 7, 14 & 21 – Pizza Days

Dec 19 – Joy Day (All Grades)

Dec 20 – Primary Concert (12:30pm) – parents/grandparents welcome!

Dec 20 - Kinder Primary Concert (2:05 pm) - parents/grandparents welcome!

Dec 24 – January 7 – Winter Break. Happy Holidays to everyone!

Other Important Dates:

Dec 2 – Advent begins (Christian)

Dec 3-10 - Hannukah (Judaism)

Dec 7 – National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women

Dec 10 – Human Rights Day

Dec 21 – Winter Solstice and Last Day of School before break

Dec 25 – Christmas (Christian)

Dec 26 - Kwanzaa begins (Africa)

Dec 31 – New Year's Eve

Jan 6 – Epiphany (Christian)

Jan 7 – First Day Back to School

Jan 7 - Orthodox New Year (Christian)

LYNDEN PARK MALL – CHRISTMAS WRAPPING – proceeds from gift wrapping will go to Banbury Heights – Dec 5 & 12 (9:15am-12:00pm); Dec 17 (6:00pm-9:30pm)

Principal

Pete Ashe

Vice-Principal

Barkev Poladian

Office Secretaries

Brenda Jones Kathy Hurst



BELL TIMES

8:45 am: Entry Bell

10:45am – 11:25am:

First Nutrition Break

1:25pm – 2:05pm:

Second Nutrition Break

3:05pm: Dismissal

A Week of SPIRIT!

Don't be a hum bug!!!! ☺

Monday, Dec. 17 – **Holiday or Crazy Socks Day**

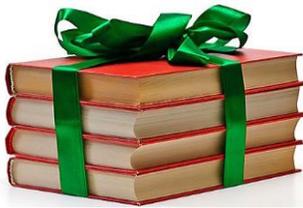
Tuesday, Dec. 18 – **“Ugly” or “Holiday” Sweater Day**

Wednesday, Dec. 19 – **Pajama Day & Joy Day**

Thursday, Dec. 20 – **Winter of Santa Hat Day**

Friday, Dec. 21 – **Red and White Day**

Reading Takes You Places



Sharing a Christmas story or book with your child is a gift, which keeps on giving. There are many wonderful seasonal stories to interest our elementary readers.

If your child is reading to or with you, try remembering to allow time for him or her to self-correct any mistakes. You may be pleasantly surprised to see how your child uses simple strategies to fix mistakes without your help. By not jumping in to correct, you are letting him or her build confidence in his or her own decoding abilities; develop thinking skills, and reasoning. Giving children time to answer or talk about the story also aids in building more confident readers. Reading aloud with children expands their vocabulary and knowledge. Asking children why they enjoyed a story or if it reminded them of something in their own life may help develop literate conversations. In turn, this helps build comprehension.

A Note from The Public Health Nurse at Your School...

Tips for Keeping Your Family Safe This Holiday Season

The holiday season may be the most wonderful time of the year. It is also a time of year where mishaps and visits to the emergency room may increase, especially for children. Protect your little ones from common holiday dangers by following some of these holiday safety tips:

- Make sure your Christmas tree is sturdy. Trees that are not secured properly can fall onto children.
- Keep trees away from sources of heat such as electrical outlets, radiators and portable space heaters.
- Practice fire safety and have a family emergency plan in the event of a fire.
- Hang smaller decorations higher up on the tree. Small decorations may look pretty but can pose a choking hazard for young children.
- When buying toys, look for ones that are well-made and age appropriate. Remember to check the Government of Canada's Recalls and Safety Alerts database to see whether any toy has been recalled.
- Keep holiday plants out of children's reach. Mistletoe and holly are poisonous and can cause an upset stomach.
- Be aware of food safety guidelines to avoid accidental food poisoning over the holiday season.

For more holiday safety tips, visit the injury topics section of Parachute Canada at

www.parachutecanada.org.

At this time of the year, Banbury Heights staff and students are empathetic to the increased needs of our local community (we just completed our Thanksgiving Food Drive), and we are equally aware of the needs of our global community. To that end, we would like to thank you so very much to all who have supported and continue to support the Tumaini Children's Foundation in Africa. If you are interested in helping this year, the gift of a new cardigan/ sweater - button or zipper, for youth 8 – 20 years of age) would be greatly appreciated by the children in Tanzania. Some of the cardigans will be used as Christmas gifts at the orphanage. Our goal is to have 75 cardigans/ sweaters in the hands of volunteers heading to Tanzania over the Christmas Break! Mrs. Butler will be collecting all donations on behalf of Banbury Heights. The generosity of our Banbury Heights community is amazing. We wish you and yours all the very best in the upcoming season. Thank you!