



Issue Four

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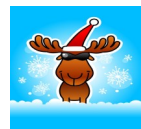
## From the Principal's Desk

As we prepare for the last few weeks before our Christmas holidays, we have a busy December schedule ahead of us. Grand Erie's character trait this month is **compassion**. 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. We will have our Fill-A-Bus Campaign to assist with the food drive, challenging each class to bring in non-perishable goods.

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:

Dec. 1st	Colour House Assembly 2:00
Dec. 5th	Yoga
Dec. 6-13th	Fill-A-Bus Campaign begins
Dec. 6th	Pita Pit
Dec. 7th	Yoga
Dec. 8th	Ugly or Holiday Sweater theme
Dec. 11-18th	Candy Grams for Sale
Dec. 12th	Yoga
Dec. 12-13th	Cinnabon Delivery
Dec. 13th	Pizza
Dec. 15th	Hair/Hat Festive Wear
Dec. 18th	School Carol Sing
Dec. 19th	School Ukulele Performance
Dec. 20th	Subway
Dec. 22nd	<b>Last Day of School</b> Colour House Assembly Pajama Day Candy Grams Delivery
January 8th	<b>Back to School</b>



# Thank You Volunteers

As we move into the month of Compassion, we also want to be thankful and grateful to have so 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 so much appreciated by everyone !!

## 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.

We also want to remind parents that if your child needs to stay in during recesses, this is a sign that they are too ill to be at school and they should be at home. The school does not have the necessary personnel to supervise children who are too ill to go outside for recess. 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.



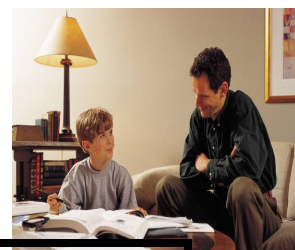
## Lunch Drop-Off

Please make sure to pack a lunch in the morning with your child every morning so that they have a lunch for their nutrition breaks. We understand that sometimes people forget lunches and they need to bring them to school.

If you do need to bring a lunch for your child during the day hot lunches), make sure your child is aware that you are bringing them a lunch. The office will **not** be disturbing classes to let your child know their lunch is at the office.

Hot lunches being brought to the school need to be left on the front desk with the child's name clearly written on it. Make sure your child knows to pick their lunch up at the office.





## 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](http://www.2learn.ca/kids)



### HELP WITH MATH HOMEWORK

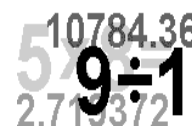
Sometimes it helps to use manipulatives to figure things out....Here is a website with 'virtual manipulatives': <http://www.shodor.org/interactivate>

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>

This site includes suggestions for methods to link everyday math activities to math. Excellent for 'primary parents'.

[www.edselect.com/math\\_at\\_home.htm](http://www.edselect.com/math_at_home.htm)



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

[www.hbschool.com/glossary/math2/index\\_temp.html](http://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)?

