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**December 2017**

**Newsletter**



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It is hard to believe that we are now at the end of the month of November. Our students have been working so hard that time has just flown by. Progress Reports were very recently sent home and I was very pleased with the academic growth demonstrated by so many of our students. I hope that everyone who wished to had an opportunity to speak to your child’s teacher. Our teachers are always just a phone call away and very willing to speak to parents at any time.
Our character education trait for the month of December is “Co-operation”. Our Courtland School Community is gearing up to conduct our annual food drive. We know how generous our community is and hope that you can open your hearts once again and support our Christmas drive as you have in the past. Please send items to school beginning Monday December 11, 2017 until Friday, December 15, 2017. I know that we have a wonderful Courtland team and look forward to seeing lots of donations to help those in need. I hope to see lots of families join us for our Holiday Open House on December 5, from 5:30-7:00. We will have lots of fun activities
and of course, our Book Fair too!
Also coming up, on December 22, is our annual Holiday dinner. I am really looking forward to,
what I hear is a wonderful event. Thanks COPE Council for organizing this event for our students!
As we begin to gear up for the holiday season, I would like to take this opportunity on
behalf of the staff at Courtland Public School to extend my best wishes to all families
for a very joyous holiday season.

**Important Upcoming Dates:**

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| December 1 | Christmas Hat Day – bring 50 cents |
| December 1 | Intermediate Boys’ Volleyball Tournament |
| December 4 – 8 | Candy Gram Sales |
| December 5 | Holiday Open House & Book Fair 5:30 – 7:00 |
| December 5 | Poinsettia Delivery 3:00 – 5:00 |
| December 6 | Intermediate Girls’ Volleyball Tournament |
| December 11 – 15 | Food Drive |
| December 14 | Junior Volleyball Tournament |
| December 15 | Gingerbread Houses in our Colour Houses |
| December 18 - 22 | Holiday singing @ 2:15 every day |
| December 20 | McDonald’s lunch |
| December 21 | Holiday Mug Exchange |
| December 22 | Red / Green & White Day  |
| December 22 | Holiday Dinner |
| December 22 | Dance |
| December 23 – January 7 | Holidays |
| January 8 | Classes Resume |

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**Operation Christmas Child**
Well done Courtland Tigers! We collected 52 shoe boxes full of gifts to send to needy children overseas! Thanks Mrs. Devlin for organizing this!

**Character Education – Co-operation**Our Character Education focus for the month of December will be “Co-operation”. Our students are learning about what it means to get along well with others; an important attribute to be successful in school and in life. Please help us and reinforce our teaching at home.

**Holiday Open House**
Please join us for our annual Holiday Open House form 5:30 – 7:00 on Tuesday, December 5, 2017. There will be lots of fun crafts and activities, and a Book Fair. We will be accepting Breakfast program donations on this evening. Thanks for helping out our breakfast program!

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**SCHOOL WEB SITE**Please visit our new and improved school website, featuring a monthly calendar!
Website: http://www.granderie.ca/schools/courtland



**Student Government – Christmas Hat Day**
Show your school spirit and bring 50 cents and wear your hat on December 1.

**McDonald’s Lunch**
Order forms will be going home for McDonald’s lunch on December 20. Please return your forms by December 13. Thanks COPE for organizing this for our students!



**Library Volunteers**We are in the process of sprucing up our library. Thanks to Mr. D Jones, Mrs. T. Lesage, Mrs. R. Lockstein, and Mrs. C. Tosswill, the committee which has been struck to assist with this initiative, at our last COPE meeting. If you would like to volunteer on a regular basis to assist with maintenance of our book stacks, we would welcome your help. Please contact Mrs. Stewart, if interested. We look forward to some exciting changes in our library!

**Breakfast Program Update**
Our Cinnabon Fundraiser is well underway. Don’t forget to order your fresh cinnamon rolls for Christmas! Orders are due Dec 4 and will be available for pick-up on December 14 from 2:30-5:30 Thanks very much for supporting our daily **Breakfast Program** and thank you Mrs. Fehr for organizing these fundraisers!
Thanks to our all our volunteers who regularly come and help run this very important program. We really appreciate your support of our students!



**Inclement Weather**

As the school year progresses
it’s possible that inclement
weather might disrupt bussing
or that the school may be closed. Please remember that **Courtland Public School** is in **Zone 1** and when buses are cancelled in this zone, the school will be **CLOSED** to all students and staff. In the event of inclement weather, please check the board website after 6:30 a.m. under the transportation link, or listen to the news on CHTV or radio: 1150 CKOC, 820 CHAM, 102.9 KLite FM, Easy 101, CKOT (Tillsonburg), or MYFM 98.9. to get up-to-date information about delays or cancellations.



**GEDSB Parent Resources**There are a few great resources on our website to support parents to assist with literacy, numeracy development and child well-being. The Supporting Your Child resource is found under “parents” on the board website

<http://www.granderie.ca/application/files/4515/0180/7549/Supporting_Your_Child_-_Strategies_for_Literacy_Numeracy_and_Well-Being.pdf>

Your interest in Courtland Public School and your continued support is appreciated. Please call Mrs. Stewart if you have any follow up questions or concerns regarding this newsletter.

**Kindergarten Registration**

Grand Erie schools are exciting, enriching places for young learners to receive an education. They learn to
explore the world around them, solve problems, and make new friends. Our Kindergarten programs help students
get off to the best possible start. Your child will be challenged and encouraged to do his or her very best. Our caring teachers are with them every step of the way!

Children eligible for Junior Kindergarten must be 4 years old by December 31, 2018 to enroll.

Contact Courtland Public School at 519 688 2110 or email christine.stewart@granderie.ca to arrange a visit to the school and to learn more about what you need to register.

At Courtland School, we offer an all day, every day Kindergarten program.

To order your copy of Grand Erie District School Board’s Preparing for Kindergarten Kit or to view the kit online visit [www.granderie.ca/kindgarten](http://www.granderie.ca/kindgarten) on or after January 15, 2018.

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