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December 2017

December will be a very busy month at JL Mitchener. Keep this newsletter handy (it’s posted on the school website) or if you still haven’t signed up for Mrs. Lougheed’s Remind, do it now and you’ll get messages to keep you up to date in December!

Text to: 778-402-1126 Message: @Oa39f (O is a number not a letter)

**Dental Screening** for most students is Dec 5 & 6. Dental Screening team comes to us through Public Health!

**SAC invites Families to a Christmas at Ruthven** Last year SAC started this tradition as a time for the community to get together and enjoy an old fashion Christmas venue. Hot drinks, craft activities for the kids, a tour of this significant historical home.

**Spirit Week December 18 - 22**: Monday – Ugly Sweater Day; Tuesday – Seasonal Hat Day; Wednesday – Fancy Dress Day; Thursday: Festive Socks Day; Friday – Pajama Day

**December 20th Kindergarten and Primary Christmas Concert:**

11:35 - Parents welcome atDress Rehearsal for school

6:30 - Evening Christmas Concert (students arrive at 6:15 please)

Junior and Intermediate students will be showcasing their learning during our Education Week’s Open House. Please come back and share in these celebrations in May.

**Christmas Wreaths and Baskets** have become a wonderful tradition that students look forward to and parents have been known to engage in energetic bidding to secure one of these treasures.

This year each class will contribute a wreath or basket to the Raffle. Students can purchase tickets and “spend” them at the Raffle, with lucky winners being drawn by Mrs. Sullivan and her team of Elves. (More information to follow on how to buy those tickets)

Some baskets and wreaths will be selected for parents to bid on at the Silent Auction on December 20th, the day of the Christmas Concert.

**Other Christmas Week activities** include a Carole Sing and a visit from Santa; our first annual Volleyball Show Down – the JLM Volleyball Team against the Staff; candy grams; the Grade 6,7,8 Dance and, of course, classes will be doing their own activities as well.

**We welcome Ms. Mrkonjic** to the Enrichment Class for the year. Ms. Cooke has moved into a short term System position within the Board for the rest of the year. Ms. Mrkonjic comes with a wealth of information and a unique background that students will find fascinating. We’re so glad to have her join us.

Christmas Holidays are December 25 – January 5th. See you January 8th, 2018!

Have a wonderful time with family and friends as you celebrate the season.

Happy Holidays from all the Staff at JL Mitchener!

December is a

season of Charity

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Food Bank donations,

cans or cash, accepted until December

8th.

SAC NEWS

We are wrapping up the Big Box of Cards Fundraiser on December 4th.  Orders will be fulfilled by December 15th.  Thank you to everyone who participated.

We are hitting the frustrating season of mix-matched mittens and lost hats!  Remember Mabels Labels campaign is still ongoing, go to campaigns.mabelslabels.com to support our school.  Check out the fundraiser exclusive, 39 labels for only 16.95!

100% of these fundraisers are going into our playground account!  We are looking forward to revealing the new playground plans shortly!

Please join us on Thursday, December 14th for our 2nd Annual Ruthven Holiday Social.  There will be fun activities to do, hot chocolate and a special visitor too.  This is the season of giving, so non-perishable items or cash donation are welcome at this event.

Follow Parent Council for news and updates by Instagram: @jlmitchener

Put this in your Calendar:

January 11th, 2018 from 6:30 – 7:30.

JLM is hosting an information session for parents:

**Fentynal: what it is, what it isn’t.**

**What do parents need to know to protect their children.**

This engaging presentation, by Pharmacist Allison Tario, is guaranteed to be informative and timely.

Parents will leave with a lot of knowledge and information!

Keep your kids safe, keep informed