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Important Dates

Dec. 6– PDHS Parents' Night

Dec. 7– Pajama Day

Dec. 8– Gr. 1-3 to Lighthouse
Theatre

Dec. 12– Turkey Dinner

Dec. 13– Scientists in the
Classroom (Schonbacher) & **Last
Day for Food Donations for Fill-a-
Bus**

Dec. 19– Safety Village (Gr. 7)

Dec. 20– Kindergarten Seasonal
Concert

Dec. 21– Gr 1-5 Seasonal Concert

Dec. 22– Winter Dance (Gr. 5-8)

Jan. 8– Back to school

Message from the Administrators' Desks

It has been a busy month for the BobCats. Thank you to all of the families that have supported our recent fundraising efforts. Money raised during school fundraising events helps to pay for engaging learning opportunities for students such as Scientists in the classroom, field trips and guest speakers. We hope that the recent fundraisers have helped your family to get ready for the upcoming holiday season.

Our Parent-Teacher Conferences were a great success. Staff were thrilled with the turnout and the engagement of parents in our community. We believe that your children are best served when the school and family communicate and problem solve together. Please continue to communicate with teaching staff regarding your child's progress throughout the school year.

We are thrilled to be participating in a community presentation of holiday vignettes in Lions' Park in the month of December. Under the supervision of Mr. Mann and Ms. MacGregor, students have been working to prepare a holiday scene to display. **A big "THANK YOU!" to Beauti-Tone Paint Division of Home Hardware for providing a sponsorship of \$100 for building materials and donating paint for the project.** Watch for more information about this project.

As the weather changes, please help your child to dress appropriately. We go outside in cold temperatures and want everyone to be protected against the elements.

We would like to thank the community for their generous support of our Winter Clothing Drive. Together, we surpassed our goal of 100 coats (we collected 105) and also collected many winter accessories such as scarves, hats and mitts. We are now collecting food donations for our Fill-a-Bus campaign. Each class has set a goal for food donations and we will be collecting non-perishable items until December 13th. Let's show our compassion this December and fill that bus!

The Turkey Dinner has become a BDES tradition after only one year. This year, the Turkey Dinner will be held on December 12th during the middle instructional block. Please watch for more information coming home and consider volunteering for food service. The meal will be catered by Greenwoods and we will be asking for donations of \$2 per student to help to subsidize the event.



Teaching staff have been working together to strengthen our approach to teaching Mathematics. We have started a professional reading program focused on using Open Questions and Parallel Tasks to provide every student with instruction at their level that supports his/her learning style. Watch for examples of this coming home.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our seasonal concerts. Watch for more information coming home about tickets. Mr. Best's class will announce their own performance in the upcoming weeks for the school.

Do you talk math with your kids?

Most people feel comfortable talking about words, sentences and letters with their children. We read to them at night and help them figure out how to decode words in stories. It's natural for most of us to notice messages on billboards and street signs and restaurants. When it comes to math, we don't seem to be as comfortable. Talking to kids about numbers, fractions and decimals doesn't seem to come as naturally.

Did you know that:

- Research shows that "speaking math" at home with young children has a strong correlation with their achievement in math once they get to school?
- Parents "talk more math" with their sons than their daughters?
- Familiarizing young children with number words helps to create an interest in math in later years?
- The more you "talk numbers" with your young children, the greater understanding they will have of basic math concepts
- "Speaking math" at home benefits students of all grade levels; demonstrating the real life connections as well as deepening understanding

Recycling

Thank you for donating your used ink cartridges and batteries to our Eco lockers. Please remember to tape the ends of all batteries before sending them into the school.

We no longer recycle toner cartridges, but Staples does.



Skating Times

Our Junior and Intermediate classes have signed up for times to use the ice at the arena. Reminder: Students and volunteers must wear CSA approved hockey helmets on the ice.

Dec. 1– Mr. Mann & Mr. Schraeder

Dec 5– Ms. Oakley, Ms. Caldwell,
Mr. Zondag & Ms. MacGregor

Dec. 8– Mr. Mann & Mr. Wood

Dec. 11– Mr. Schraeder

Dec 12– Ms. Oakley, Ms. Caldwell, Mr. Zondag & Ms. MacGregor

Dec. 15– Mr. Mann & Mr. Wood

Dec. 18– Mr. Best & Mme. Schonbacher

Dec 19– Mr. Zondag & Ms. MacGregor

Dec. 22– Mme. Malott



Grade 8 Parents' Night at PDHS is Wed Dec 6 from 6:00 - 8:00

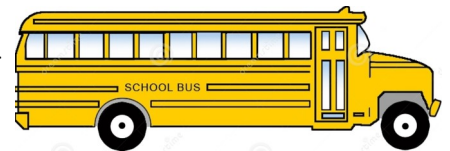


Parents can visit classrooms, speak to teachers and hear about the exciting programs offered at PDHS. Grade 8 parent, consider attending.

Fill-A-Bus

We are collecting non-perishable food donations in an

attempt to fill a bus with food. Please consider supporting this important initiative if you can. Each class has set a goal for food donations. We have already started collecting donations and will continue until December 13th.



Seasonal Concerts

Our kindergarten to Grade 4/5 classes are eager to perform for the community this holiday season. The concerts have been scheduled for the following dates and times:

Kindergarten: Wednesday, December 20 @ 11:15 and 6:30

Grades 1-5: Thursday, December 21 @ 11:15 and 6:30

More information about tickets will be available in the upcoming weeks.

