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NEWSLETTER

School Start Time: 8:45a.m.

Dismissal Time: 3:15 p.m.

(Please no calls for pickup after  
2:30 p.m. as we can't guarantee  
we can meet your request as it is  
a very busy time of day.)

### **A word from Mrs. Gross**

I am pleased that my stay at Oneida Central P. S. has been extended until the end of this month. A warm welcome is given to Miss J. Koning, our new School Secretary! Miss Koning is replacing Mrs. K. Peart who retired at the end of November. Our Grade 3/4 class will soon be welcoming their new teacher, Mrs. A. Klassen. She is replacing Mrs. C. Campbell, who like Mrs. Peart, retired at the end of November.

December promises to be a season of fun, giving and celebration. At Oneida, we have a month full of activities planned. Staff and students are very busy preparing for our annual Christmas Program and we're so excited to present it to our families!

Our warm winter clothing drive will wrap up this Friday. If you are able, please help us by sending in new, warm mittens, gloves, hats and/or scarves. These items will be distributed in Caledonia and our surrounding area. Thank you, for helping us to collect items which will help others in our community.

To keep us in the festive spirit this month, we have classroom door decorating, a Christmas Sweater Day -"Turn down the heat day" and a Pyjama Day!

We are very grateful to our School Council, who will make this month "bright" as well with their annual Mistletoe Market sale. This is an opportunity for our students to purchase gifts for their family. We are having our annual Winter Luncheon with the help of many parent volunteers who make the luncheon an event that our students look forward to!

Wishing Oneida Families a Very Merry Christmas  
and a Happy Holiday Season!

Heather Gross,  
Acting Principal





**Mistletoe Market** – Our much loved Christmas Shop will be open once again this year from Wednesday, Dec. 6th until Thursday, Dec. 7th. It is a great opportunity for students to make low cost purchases to surprise their loved ones with this holiday season.

**Samko Miko** Toy Sale is closer than ever! Now located at the Warplane Heritage Museum from November 30th to December 3rd. A great way to donate back to the school while completing your Christmas shopping. Invite all your friends and family to this warehouse shopping event, be sure to tell them you are fundraising with Oneida Public School at checkout and have your receipt stamped. Send your receipts in to the school by Dec. 15th for remittance. For hours, map and the specials be sure to check out the flyer at [www.samkoandmikotoywarehouse.com](http://www.samkoandmikotoywarehouse.com)



### **Warm Woolies for Winter**

Our Students and Staff are collecting new pairs of mittens, hats and scarves until December 8th. These items will be donated to help families in our Caledonia community. Your support in helping us to collect these items is greatly appreciated!

**Winter Luncheon** – This will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 13th. There will be no need for parents to donate food items as in previous years. The school will be providing the lunch at no cost to our students.

**Christmas Program** – Our Dress rehearsal will be on Wed., Dec. 20th in the morning, with our first show from 1:30-2:30p.m. We also will have two performances on Thurs., Dec. 21st @ 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. We ask that our guests only attend one of the events, as we are limited for room and we want to make sure everyone gets an opportunity to watch it once. \*\*\* If you are able to attend any of the daytime performances, that would be helpful, as there are others who can only attend the one evening performance. A separate letter will be sent home for ticket requests and we are limiting the tickets for the evening performance to 4 per family.

**If you know your child will not be able to participate in the evening performance, please let your child's teacher know, as it is very difficult to reassign parts at the last minute. Thank you!**

**Christmas Holidays** - Our last day of school is Fri., Dec. 22nd and school will resume on Mon., Jan. 8, 2018.

### **Looking Ahead at Oneida Dates**

Dec. 6th -7th	Mistletoe Market
Dec. 8th	Warm Woolies for Winter: Hat, scarf and mitten drive ends
Dec. 8th	Christmas Hat/Sweater Day and Turn down the heat day
Dec. 13th	Winter Lunch
Dec. 18th	January pita and pizza orders due on School Cash Online
Dec. 20th	Christmas Program performance in the afternoon from 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Dec. 21st	Christmas Program performances @ 9:30-10:30 a.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Dec. 22nd	Pajama Day
Dec. 22nd	Last Day of school for 2017!
Jan. 8th	First Day of School for 2018!



*A Very Merry Christmas  
A Happy Holiday Season to All !*