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Important Dates

Nov. 30-Dec. 16– Food orders
open online.

Dec. 3-14– Food Drive

Dec. 4– Turkey Dinner

Dec. 11– Primary Holiday Concert
(11:00 am & 6:00 pm)

Dec. 12– Kindergarten Holiday
Concert (1:30 am & 6:00 pm)

Dec. 24-Jan 7– Winter Break

Jan. 8– Apps Mill– Kanters, Bou-
khuyt Gr 2 & Zondag

Jan 9– Apps Mill– Tanaszczyk,
Grondin (Gr. 2), Oakley & Caldwell

Jan 10-11– Dental Screening for
JK, SK, Grade 2

Message from the Administrators' Desks . . .

This time of year, time both flies by and moves painfully slow as we count down towards the winter break. There is so much to do in December: Holiday Concerts, Food Drives, Turkey Dinner, not to mention regular academic tasks. We are all enjoying this time to come together and focus on giving.

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.

Every year, the winter weather presents a number of challenges. Our primary concern here at the school is student safety. If the weather is too cold, students are kept inside for Nutrition Breaks in accordance with GEDSB guidelines. We would ask that you send extra clothing with your children to ensure that they can fully participate in both indoor and outdoor activities at school this winter. A change of shoes is required, as students may not participate in Physical Education without proper footwear. Bussing and other transportation to and from school often causes difficulty in the winter months. Decisions to close schools or cancel transportation are made before 6:30 AM. Information about school closures, bus cancellations or delays can be found at the Transportation Website (www.stsbhn.ca). You can also sign up for transportation updates on this site. If this site is not working due to high volume, updates are also posted on Twitter (@GEDSB) and on local radio. Please be safe when travelling to and from school this winter.

Our Eco Team is gearing up to launch some initiatives to make BDES a more sustainable school in the new year. Two classes have begun composting programs and we are ready to launch a large-scale recycling program. We have a group of students who are eager to take on leadership in our environmental initiatives. We look forward to hearing their ideas and watching them grow as leaders. You may want to consider reusable lunch items as holiday gifts to help us to reduce our waste at the school.

Have a safe and happy holiday. School resumes on January 7th. We trust that everyone will return rejuvenated and ready to learn.



You are invited to join staff and students for our annual holiday concert. Classes are looking forward to performing for their family and friends and sharing seasonal cheer. Please see below for details:

Tuesday, December 11 at 11:00 am and 6:00 pm– Primary concert (Grades 1-4)

Wednesday, December 12 at 1:30 am and 6:00 pm– Kindergarten concert

We look forward to seeing you there!

Focus on Math

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Ontario's Math Curriculum at a Glance

Our world is rapidly changing. Technology is evolving at lightning speed. And, more than ever before, strong math skills are critical to future success. Ontario's math curriculum is designed to prepare your child for success in today's world.

The Five Strands -The math curriculum for each elementary school grade is organized in five strands, or areas of learning. In each strand, students develop their ability to think mathematically, investigate concepts and relationships, apply their knowledge and skills to solve problems, and communicate their thinking.

Number Sense and Numeration: In this strand, your child is learning about numbers and operations and how to use numbers to describe and understand the world around them. Your child is developing strategies to solve problems involving number calculations efficiently and accurately. The knowledge and skills learned in this strand are used in all other strands.

Measurement: Your child is learning to estimate and measure lengths and distances, area, mass, volume, capacity, time, and temperature. In higher grades, your child will learn and apply measurement formulas, such as area of a circle = πr^2 .

Geometry and Spatial Sense: Your child is learning to classify, compare, and construct angles, lines, and shapes, and to visualize and describe positions and motion in space. Your child will apply the properties of two-dimensional shapes and three-dimensional figures when solving geometry problems.

Patterning and Algebra: Your child is learning to build models to represent real-life situations. Your child is developing the ability to identify patterns and generalize and make predictions based on patterns. Your child is learning to use symbols and equations to describe mathematical relationships.

Data Management and Probability Your child is collecting, organizing, displaying, and drawing conclusions from data, and learning to use math to describe the likelihood that something will happen.

Your child is learning to apply the knowledge and skills acquired in these five strands to solve real-life problems in contexts that are appropriate for your child's grade level.

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Fill-a-Bus Food Drive

Last year, the BDES community amazed the staff at the County of Brant Christmas Hampers with their support and generosity. The Christmas Hamper program supports families in the County of Brant by providing food, Christmas gifts and grocery gift cards. A number of families in our community have benefited from this program in the past. Food that is not distributed through the Christmas Hampers is donated to the food banks throughout the County of Brant.

This year, we will be collecting non-perishable food to donate. Each class will set a goal, and we hope to pass our amazing performance from last year. We will be accepting donations from December 3-14th. Please consider giving what you can. A special thanks to Lang's Bus Lines who have donated a school bus and driver to transport the donations to the Paris Fairgrounds for Hamper assembly.

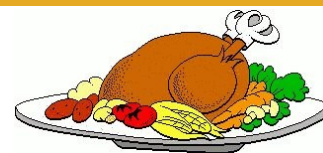


Drop Off and Pick Up



School entry and dismissal are busy times in front of the school. There has been some concern about parking in front of the school. As the winter weather intensifies, the added challenge of snow banks will become an added factor impacting traffic and, ultimately, student safety. Please be alert when dropping off, or picking up students from school, follow all posted parking guidelines and traffic laws. This will help us to focus on student safety and avoid bussing delays caused by traffic in front of the school.

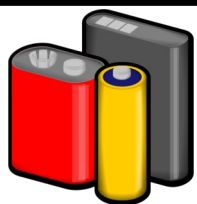
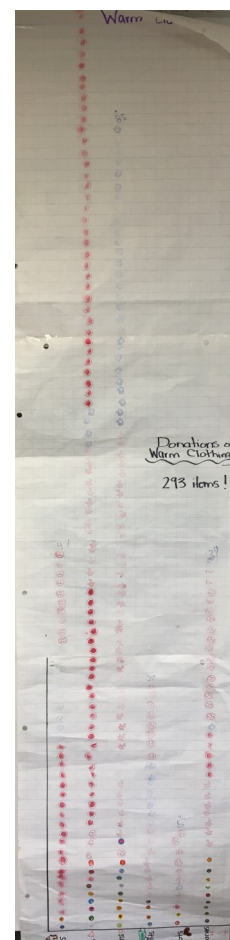
Turkey Dinner



Our annual Turkey Dinner has been set for Tuesday, December 4th. This has become a tradition at BDES and staff and students look forward to sharing food and good company. The dinner is catered by Greenwood. Your School Council funds the dinner, **but asks for a \$2 donation per student to help to offset the cost.** If you are interested in volunteering to serve food on the day of the event, please contact the school secretaries to confirm the date.

Winter Wear Collection

Thank you to all who contributed to our Winter Wear clothing drive. Together, we collected 41 coats, 27 pairs of snow pants, 12 pairs of boots, 39 scarves, 81 pairs of mittens and 93 winter hats for a total of 293 items donated. All items have now been delivered to the Wish Closet and will hopefully be passed on to someone who can use them this winter. To the right, you will see a graph produced by Mrs. Barlas' Kindergarten class to track our donated items.



Recycling

Thank you for donating your used markers 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.

Students' Council Seasonal Events

Students council will be hosting a variety of festive activities for the month of December.

Dec 6 th - Santa-Hat day	Dec 12 th - Christmas Sweater day	Dec 18 th - Christmas PJ day
Dec 7 th - Christmas Character day	Dec 13 th - Decorate a stocking day	Dec 19 th - Christmas Sock day
Dec 10 th - Red & Green day	Dec 14 th - Christmas singalong	Dec 20 th - Snowman competition
Dec 11 th - Present day	Dec 17 th - Christmas Story day	Dec 21 st - Christmas Dance



