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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

December and winter have begun. Staff and students are working hard towards their academic goals and preparing for the holiday season.

Some of our classes switched to remote learning in November. We worked with Public Health to notify families of any potential exposure. Public Health visited the school to review our procedures and processes. All classes have returned to in-person learning.

To support a safe return to learning in the New Year, the Ministry of Education is making Rapid Antigen Tests available to families. Check out page 4 for more details and complete the form on School Cash online to request the kits. **Participation is Voluntary.**

Glynn A. Green Public School will be participating in the Holiday Hamper program and helping support some of the families in our local community. Information will be sent home to each class.

In addition, we will be holding a **food drive** from **December 6th through 10th**. We are having three Spirit Days (Dec. 6, - Festive Holiday Head Gear, Dec. 8, - Gum Day and Dec.10, -Festive Holiday



Outfits) and are asking students to bring in a food donation on each of the days.

For families, that would prefer to make an online donation. School cash will be set up to accept donations for our Holiday giving programs.

We hope you are able to support these worthy causes. Check out the article on page 5 for more information.

We have organized a few additional spirit days for December. PJ Day on Dec. 3rd and Crazy Hair Day on Dec. 17th and Red and Green Day Dec. 23.

Please check out the attached calendar for the December activities.

We wish all of the Glynn A. Green School families a very safe and happy holiday. We will see you back at school on **Monday, January 10, 2022. Happy Holidays!**

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council next meeting is on **January 18, 2022.**

The **Fundraising Committee** will be meeting on **December 14, 2021, at 6:30.** If you are interested in learning about the plans for fundraising and or assisting in fundraising please contact the school and we will be sure you receive an invitation for the virtual meeting. All parents are welcome to attend.

Feel free to contact the School Council co-chairs or the office with questions.

Heather Stortz

Jodie Bartlett

NOVEMBER AWARD WINNERS



Mrs. Chrastina & Mrs. Belvedere – Chase B., Woomin K., & Frye L.

Mrs. Teather & Mrs. Rossi – Easton V., Parker W., & Sophia V.

Mrs. Hall & Mrs. Leveille – Alivia W, Nash A, and Rhys M-L

Mrs. Kurland – Emily B, & Owen B .

Mrs. Fairchild – Vuke G., Rowan G., Alyssa V., and Claire B.

Mrs. Downs – Rose B., Tessa P., Ryker K., and Kaden B.

Mr. Side – Quinn, R., & Ethan, M.

Miss Moore – Ellis F, Carter O, and Lydia V.

Mr. Stewart – Colby C., and Ethan P.

Mr. Mako – Maddie L., Myles V., and Luca S.

Mr. Mueller – Charlotte F., Anderson H., and Cooper R.

Ms. Gamm – Solmin K., Sydney S. and Devin V.

Mrs. Furtney – Myles V., Luca S., and Maddie L.

Mr. Medhurst – Hayden H., Ella R., and Carter R.

Mr. Campbell – Gurjaap S., Kenneth K. (French), and Julianne M.

Mrs. Coote – Emma O., Keira G., Mylie D., Lexi L., Maxx S., and Noa H.

Mrs. Hyatt- Lydia J., & Annaleigh N., (French)



TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL

Recently, our grade 8 students had a visit from E.L. Crossley staff to learn more about secondary school life, and ask questions about what to expect when they are in grade 9. Students are now working to complete their course selections which are due to the school by **December 15th**.

If you were unable to attend the **E.L. Crossley open house** you can still visit the link below to view the welcome video and have a 360 tour of the school.

<https://www.dsbm.org/sneakpeek/el-crossley>

We have included the links to our other local high schools as well

Centennial – Thurs., Dec. 2, 6pm <https://www.dsbm.org/sneakpeek/centennial>

Eastdale – Wed., Dec. 1, 6pm <https://www.dsbm.org/sneakpeek/eastdale>





REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

Thank you to the students, families and staff that contributed to our Remembrance Day Assemblies. Mrs. Coote and Mr. Medhurst worked with the choir and the band to prepare a respectful outside ceremony. The whole school was able to gather in classes on the yard for the ceremony and were treated to a flyover by some WWII fighter planes. A virtual slideshow was also created to share our Roll of Honour.



INCLEMENT WEATHER

There are times in Niagara when weather conditions are so poor that we must cancel student transportation, and/or close schools to preserve the safety of students and staff.

The decision to cancel transportation and/or close schools is not taken lightly; a variety of factors are considered when making this choice. To learn more about how these decisions are made, please go to <https://www.dsb.org/inclementweather>.

Transportation Cancellations:

Information about transportation delays and cancellations are posted to <https://portal.nsts.ca/Cancellations.aspx>. When transportation is cancelled, every effort is made to communicate the decision by 6:00 am on the day of the cancellation. There are times when transportation is cancelled, but schools remain open. If, on those days you feel it is best for your child to stay home, please report your child's absence <https://dsbn.org/safearrival/> so we can make sure they are safe at home.

School Closures:

When the decision to close schools is made, it refers to all schools: both in-person and remote learners. Every effort will be made to share school closure information before 6:00 am on the day of the school closure. You will find it on dsbn.org, all school websites, DSBN social media, and local media share the news widely as well.



Vaccination Update - With the news that children aged 5-11 are now eligible to receive their COVID-19 vaccine, we've learned of misinformation being shared online that children will be vaccinated at school without the family's consent. **This is not true, and this will not happen.**

Public Health recommends all eligible individuals be vaccinated against COVID-19. Vaccination is the best line of defence for preventing COVID-19 in the school and child-care setting. Visit a [Niagara Region Public Health COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic](#), book an appointment online through the provincial portal at Ontario.ca/bookvaccine or call the booking system at 1-833-943-3900.

For up-to-date information on COVID-19 and vaccine eligibility, please visit the Niagara Region Public Health's [website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). Public health professionals are available to answer any questions through the COVID-19 Info-line Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

To help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and variants in Canada, the Government of Canada has put additional measure under the Quarantine Act. For more information, please visit [Mandatory Requirements FOR UNVACCINATED CHILDREN](#)

Unvaccinated children 11 years and under & unvaccinated youth aged 12 –17

For 14 days after arrival back in Canada, the child **must not**:

- x attend school, camp or daycare
- x attend a setting where they may have contact with vulnerable or immune compromise people (e.g., long-term care facility), regardless of that person's vaccination status or public health measures
- x travel on crowded public transportation (i.e. bus, subway, train)
- x attend large crowded settings, indoors or outdoors, such as an amusement park or sporting event

[International travel \(land & air\) - Children](#)

[Travel Advice and Advisories \(Travel.gc.ca\)](https://Travel.gc.ca)

RAPID TESTS FOR FAMILIES

To support the safe return of students after the winter break, the Ministry of Education, in partnership with Ministry of Health, Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health and the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services (MGCS), will be providing public schools with rapid antigen screening kits for students in Ontario.

Before the winter break, students (with permission from parent/caregiver) will have the opportunity to receive a BTNX rapid antigen screening kit that contains five tests. These test kits will support voluntary screening at home, prior to students' return to the classroom in January. Please complete the forms on School Cash Online to request tests or contact the office directly. **Participation in the program is voluntary.**

HOLIDAY GIVING

Our school has taken on several families to sponsor with our Christmas Hamper program. Letters with the ages, sizes and special interests of the individuals in your “family” will be sent home this week.

For families that would rather make an online donation. School Cash Online will have a link where donations can be made. Funds raised will be used to purchase gift cards to support families purchasing groceries and other essential items.

Items for Christmas Hampers can be brought in anytime to your child’s classroom.

Students and staff will be organizing the hampers and getting them ready for delivery. Please have all items to the school by **Friday, December 17, 2021**.

If you have any questions feel free to contact the office directly.

PELHAM CARES FOOD DRIVE

This year, we will also be participating in a food drive for Pelham Cares. We will be having three spirit days during the first full week of December. We are encouraging students to bring in a food donation for Pelham Cares on each of the Spirit Days.

- **Monday, December 6, Festive Holiday Head Gear (Hats, Ears, Antlers, etc.)**
- **Wednesday, December 8, Gum Day**
- **Friday, December 10, Festive Holiday Outfits (Festive Sweaters, Shirts, etc.)**

We have included some suggested donations, but all donations are greatly appreciated.

Apple Sauce Jars	Flakes of canned meat/Ham/Turkey/Chicken	Condiments
Peanut Butter/Jams	Sidekicks/Hamburger Helper	Lentils/Rice mixes
Canned Pastas	Canned Vegetable/Fruit	Vegetarian Stews
Almond/Soy Milk	Peanut Free School Snacks	Boost/Ensure drinks

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan accordingly.

Winter Break

Friday, December 24, 2021 to

January 9, 2022

(Last day of Class is Dec. 23)

January 23, 2022

PD Day

February 18

PD Day

March Break

March 14th to 18th, 2022

The complete 2021-2022 Elementary School Calendar is available online: <https://www.dsb.org/calendars>

December 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Day 10	2 Day 1	3 Day 2	4
5	6 Day 3 Holiday Headgear	7 Day 4	8 Day 5 Gum Day	9 Day 6	10 Day 7 Festive Holiday Outfits	11
Pelham Cares Food Drive						
12	13 Day 8	14 Day 9 School Council Fundraising Meeting @ 6:30	15 Day 10 Intention Sheets Due	16 Day 1	17 Day 2 Crazy Hair Day Holiday Hampers End	18
19	20 Day 3	21 Day 4	22 Day 5 Picture Retake Day	23 Day 6 Red and Green Day	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas
26	27	28	29	30	31 Happy New Year	Classes Resume January 10, 2022

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