

January Days of Significance

January 1st	New Year's Day	January 1st	Temple Day
January 5th	Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh	January 6th	Epiphany and Feast of Theophany
January 7th	Christmas (Eastern)	January 9th	Mahayana New Year (3 days)
January 9th	First Day of Classes for 2012	January 13th	Maghi
January 16th	Martin Luther King Day	January 23rd	Chinese New Year
January 23rd	P.A. Day	January 26th	Losar (Tibet)
January 27th	Family Literacy Day		

Parent's Corner

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



The next Dalewood Parent School Council meeting is on **Tuesday January 17th** from **7:00-9:00pm**, in Room 8.

Lunch club volunteers – we are looking for parents who might be interested in volunteering some time to help support lunch club activities from January to March 2012, please contact us, if you are interested.

Character Education / Student Leadership

Before we begin discussing what is coming up, we should first reflect on what our student leaders did in the month of December. OELC music students were busy helping to organize and run the Holiday concerts. They were also busy moving the music room down the hall to room 7. OELC athletic students ran volleyball intramurals in the gym, sold and delivered spirit wear and enjoyed a holiday pot luck. The IT team were kept busy setting up and ensuring sound was ready for the holiday concerts and the dance. Me to We students ran the December advisor lesson on empathy, organized a toiletry drive and a warm outer wear drive. Toiletries were taken to Insamuch House and Drummond House, both homes for battered women and children. Drummond House also received a \$72.00 cheque from funds raised at a student staff volleyball game. The warm clothes were picked up by First Student bus lines and distributed to the Walk-in closets across HWDSB. The Dalewood community again contributed to helping others in need. Our thanks!

With the start of a new year, there is usually renewed enthusiasm and a desire to complete our intended projects for 2012.

1. East Africa is experiencing their biggest drought in 60 years. Children, parents and elders are starving and thousands are dying each month. You can help by purchasing a "rafiki chain". A rafiki chain is a long beaded chain that can be worn by men and women as a necklace or a bracelet and are made by the women in East Africa. If you purchase a rafiki chain, you are feeding a child in East Africa for a month. Imagine not having to worry where your next meal is coming from, for a whole month. You can purchase your rafiki chain online now for just \$10.00 @ www.metowe.com/shop
2. On January 27th Me to We student leaders will lead an advisor lesson on **Acceptance**. As with each of our character attributes, we will tie it to eliminating bullying in our Dalewood school community.
3. A group of Me to We student leaders heard a commercial that 1 in 10 Hamilton students start their day without breakfast. They hope that this number is not indicative of our school. Regardless they have decided to organize an impromptu breakfast on January 31st. On this day these students will be walking around before school passing out hot chocolate and ½ bagel. This is just another example of student leaders demonstrating initiative, empathy and kindness.