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From the Principal's Desk
"Good things happening at Central."

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Wow! I can't believe that it is December already. The last 3 months have flown by and, traditionally December flies by even faster. Please make sure you check your school calendar and you child's agenda for December, as activities for students and families continue to be added.

I would like take this time to thank the staff, students and families of Dundas Central for their commitment to teaching, learning and building a wonderful school community.

My wish for each one of you, is a joyous , safe and relaxing holiday spent with family and friends.

Cheers,
 Mrs. Shanlin



Thank You

1. Thank you to Ms. Renaud and her Grade 7 class for promoting Movember and Men's Health. Students held a bake sale and a "mustache" sale raising \$350.00 for the cause. Thank you to all who participated!
2. Thank you to the Home and School elves for organizing our fall fundraising events. Thank you to our school community for participating in the Santa's Little Helper, Fresh for the Farm and Christmas wreaths and poinsettias



Community participation

1. This is a friendly reminder that Dundas is a **Nut Free** school. Please refrain from sending nuts and nut products to school as we have many people who have very serious allergies . Please keep this in mind when holiday treats are brought in. We also ask that students not use scents and fragrances in the hallways, as this can cause breathing difficulties for those who have fragrance allergies and sensitivities.
2. As we enter the winter months, we will continue to play outdoors at different times throughout the day. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Boots, mitts or gloves, hats and winter outerwear are necessary for students to be able to enjoy their time out doors. It is also a good idea to send extra socks and mittens in an event that they are needed. As always, Principals can use their professional judgement to determine whether students remain inside for the Nutrition Breaks. The City of Hamilton and the HWDSB recommend staying indoors once the temperature drops below minus 15 degrees without the wind chill. We also connect with Environment Canada at the Mount Hope Airport for hourly updates.
3. **As per the HWDSB Website:**
The decision to cancel School and Board Administrative Operations is often a difficult call to make. Please be assured that the decision to remain open or to close is always made with the safety and security of our students and staff in mind. In the event of inclement weather, our Transportation Department advises our carriers to drive predetermined routes to assess the condition of the roads. This is done between 4:00am and 5:00 am. The drivers report back to the carriers and HWDSB begins to receive reports between 5:30 am and 6:00 am. In the meantime, our Transportation Department is verifying the weather forecast through our local media outlets as well as contacting the City of Hamilton Works Department to determine where possible, what roads have been cleared or when they are expected to be serviced. The decision to close our schools is made in conjunction with our colleagues at the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board based on relevant information at the time. Please remember, as a parent/guardian you always have the choice whether or not to send your child to school

Hotline# 905-521-2535

HWDSB will NOT post a weather alert on its website to signal that schools are open.

4. Please join us for an afternoon of holiday celebration, students in the band and our primary classes will be performing. Thursday December 22 at 1:30pm.

Mrs. Shanlin.



Spirit Day

Friday December 23, 2016 will be our Spirit Day! Please bring a toonie and/or a non-perishable food item and wear your jammies!



There will also be a dance for the students in Grade 6-8. Ticket sale times to be announced.

Home and School

Our next Home & School Meeting is on Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00 pm in the Staff room. We will be allocating the funds raised thus far so please come out to have your say where our funds go. As a reminder, we are still looking for someone to take on the Co-Treasurer role with Stacey. This can easily be a behind-the-scenes role if you are not able to make the monthly meetings. Please contact me or Stacey if you would like to know more!

Yippee! Friday Night at the Movies is back at Central! Put on your jammies, grab your favourite stuffy and join us in the gym on Friday, December 9th for the funny holiday movie Arthur Christmas. Doors open at 6:30 pm for hot chocolate and popcorn, movie starts at 6:45 pm. Don't forget your canned good item for a chance to win a seat on the big, comfy couch!

It's the most wonderful time of the year and that means it's Holiday Baskets time! You should be receiving information about your child's class basket theme shortly. Tickets go on sale Thursday, Dec 15th and will be on sale at 2nd Nutrition Break and after school until the Holiday Concert on Thursday, December 22nd. If you can help with tickets sales, please contact Andy Johnson at andrea.johnson6@gmail.com.

A HUGE THANK-YOU to our recent fundraiser leaders Liz Hunter, Robin Parsons, and Beth Maricic and the amazing people that helped them. We were challenged with a few delivery hiccups and greatly appreciate everyone who helped out! We successfully raised about \$2000! Fantastic!

Another BIG THANK-YOU to Sara Dickinson and the small but mighty team of parents and staff who set-up before and cleaned up after the Winter Clothes Closet.

Finally, thank YOU for generously supporting these fundraisers and charity events. Please consider offering to help with the running of future ones. We are especially in need of people who can spare the odd hour or two during or just after school. If that's you, please let me know and we'll contact you when we have a need.

Important dates to remember:

Fri Dec 9 : Friday Night at the Movies : Arthur Christmas

Thurs Dec 15 : Holiday Basket Tickets go on sale

Mon Dec 19: Pita Monday

Thurs Dec 22: LAST CHANCE to buy tickets for the Holiday Baskets at the Concert

Help Wanted:

We need your help to make our events a success. Can you help at one of these times?

- Holiday Basket Ticket Sales Help 3:00-3:30 Dec 15-16 and Dec 19-21

- Set-up Help 6:00-6:30 and Concession Sales Help 6:30-8:30 for our first Movie Night on Dec 9th

Please contact me to lend a hand. If you can't help, refer a Secondary student looking for volunteer hours our way, please!

Don't forget! If you would like to stay in touch with what's happening in our school and receive notices and reminders about upcoming meetings and events, please sign-up to be on the Home & School email list. Send an email to dcps.hsa@gmail.com to be added. We also have a Facebook page so "like" us to get additional news!

On behalf of the Home & School Executive, I would like to wish you a very Happy Holiday! We look forward to a fantastic New Year!

Warm Regards,

Kim Preston

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