

# FLAMBOROUGH CENTRE SCHOOL FALL NEWSLETTER

It has been a very busy fall season at Flamborough Centre with many activities and great student work and engagement across all grades.

Welcome New Staff! I would like to take this opportunity to welcome two new staff members to our Flamborough Centre family. Mr. Harvey is the new teacher for Class 3 / 4 while Mrs. Adams begins her maternity leave. Ms. McConnell will take over for Mr. Mac Edwards in the library and primary prep coverage. We are excited to have both of these teachers join our staff!

Flamborough Centre Remembers. I am so very proud of our Grade 8 student leaders as well as all the other students for their participation and role in our November 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day assembly. It was a most sensitive and powerful service with student work and voice presented throughout in a variety of forms including song, media, poetry, letter-reading, drama, visual art and dance. Thank you to Mrs. Pretty and the Grade 8 students for their thoughtful work. See our student perspective inside this newsletter edition.

I would like to thank School Council for their work early this year to raise funds for our school initiatives. Thank you to all of our families for participating in the Keurig and Steeped Tea fundraisers. Please read this edition's Council Corner for more details of Council's plans.

We continue to operate under unusual conditions at Ontario Schools. While the ETFO (Teachers) and CUPE (Caretaking) workers have been able to reach agreements with the Ministry, OSSTF (our Office Administrator staff, and other Board support staff) continue to work towards an agreement under job action conditions. Thank you for your patience as you come to the school and ring the entry bell. I am the only staff member permitted to let visitors in the building and at times, I am not directly in the office to do so immediately. This is only one example of the impact of the job action. I appreciate everyone's understanding and support during this challenging time for all. Continue to check our school website for updates.

We hope to see many of our families at our Holiday Concert in December. It is always such a wonderful event and a terrific way to bring the spirit of the season to the entire family. This event will be planned and organized by the students in Class 6/7 and promises to be a festive event. I would also like to thank the students in Class 7A for their leadership and organization of their Holiday charity initiative. This class has organized the collection of important items to bring to new Syrian families who will make Hamilton their home in the New Year. School supplies, toiletries, hats, mittens, teddy bears, socks and more are on the donation list. As always, our students are sharing, discussing and identifying their own role in the global community. Thank you to all that participate.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. Happy holidays, everyone!

Keep yourself informed! Our Flamborough Centre website is regularly updated with important information and events happening at our school and around the HWDSB. If you are not already receiving the notifications of updates, and would like to, simply register on-line and you will be kept up-to-date.

Go to: [www.hwdsb.on.ca/flamboroughcentre/](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/flamboroughcentre/)

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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

November 23 & 24: Gr. 7/8  
Immunizations

November 26 & 27: Parent  
Teacher Interviews

December 9: Parent  
Information Night (Waterdown  
DHS): PE/Health Curriculum

December 11: Progress Reports  
sent home

December 17: Holiday Concert

December 18: Last day of school  
before Winter Holidays

December 21-January 1: Winter  
Holidays

January 29: PA Day

February 4: FC Parent  
Information Night

Cold Weather Alerts! Students will be outside each day unless the temperatures drop below minus 15 degrees Celsius or colder with the wind chill. On those days, students will remain indoors at nutrition breaks, DPA and PE classes.

Any school closures due to inclement weather and/or road conditions will be posted on Board web sites and announced on CHCH TV, 102.9 KLITE FM radio, and 900 CHML AM.

## Flamborough Centre Students Start off the Giving Season!

After Halloween activities were done and put away, students in our JK-Gr. 4 classes enjoyed the anticipation of the Christmas season. For the past few years, students in the Port-a-Pac have had a chance to participate in a project called, **“Operation Christmas Child.”**

The project is coordinated by Samaritan’s Purse, a non-profit Christian relief organization. Participants chose the age and gender of their recipient. Then shoe boxes were filled with non-perishable items for children in economically depressed areas all over the world. Gift items such as small toys, school supplies and personal hygiene items like toothbrushes and toothpaste were packaged up and given. Flamborough Centre students should be very proud of their global contributions and know they are taking positive action to making this Christmas season enjoyable for many families around the world. Thank you!



### We Need Labels!

Through the Campbell’s Labels For Education program, Flamborough Centre has the opportunity to earn great rewards for our students, such as musical instruments, PE and Nutrition Break equipment, Art supplies and much more. By bringing in and submitting labels from many Campbell’s food items, students and their families can help us earn these great rewards. It’s easy! Simply bring in any labels from the many Campbell’s food that you may purchase through your weekly groceries. We’ll collect, sort and count. We get bonus points for products purchased by the case (3X the amount of points!). We have already collected almost 7000 points! Our goal before the holidays is to collect 10 000 labels!



Labels to collect: Goldfish crackers, V8 Juice, Habitant soups, etc, Gardennay, Pace Salsa, Prego Pasta Sauce products and of course any variety of Campbell’s Soup. We need the bar code and front label of the food item.

## COUNCIL CORNER

In the past 2 months, Flamborough Centre School Council members have been planning this year's fundraisers. So far, we have completed the fall Keurig and Steeped Tea fundraisers. We plan on holding a winter Keurig order as well as our annual themed baskets. New this year we will offer a flower flat sale at our May Open House. Also, thanks to some new volunteer parents, who are running our weekly pizza fundraiser. The funds raised will go towards 21st Century Learning Technologies and Classroom library collections.

Save the Date!!! This year again, we will hold a Parent Information Night funded by the Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant, which is offered by the Ministry of Education. Our night will be held on February 4, 2016 in the evening and will feature professionals who will speak on mental well being, anxiety, resilience, body image and self-esteem in children and youth.

On December 9, 2015, there will be an Information Session on the revised Ontario Health and Physical Education Curriculum held at the Waterdown High School. We will have more details coming soon.

Last but not least, we would like to introduce the new Executive team for this year's Flamborough Centre Council...**Co-Chairs** - Suzie Larochelle and Tracy Cunliffe; **Treasurer** - Lianne Broughton; and **Secretaries** - Leanne Barlow and Janice Kwasney.

We are excited about the year ahead.

Suzie Larochelle, Co-Chair



## FLAMBOROUGH CENTRE REMEMBERS...

*This year's Remembrance Day assembly turned out very well. The Grade 8 students were extraordinarily well organized and put on an amazing tribute. From Powerpoint Presentations to dances to a wonderful tableau, they performed very well on stage and spoke clearly. It was a very inspiring assembly and it really set the bar high for next year. Let us not forget the purpose of we remember.*

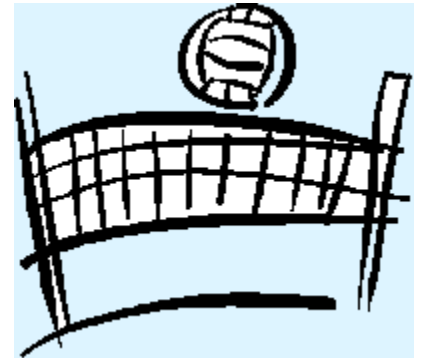
*Written by Andrew Krynski & Nick Honrath*

## Falcon Athletics...

### Senior Boys' Volleyball

The senior boys' volleyball team finished their season with four wins and one loss and ended up in a tie for first place. In the quarter finals last Wednesday November 18th, they beat Templemead School to advance. The players have been getting better every week and everyone looks forward to their quarter-final game this week. Players are: Mason, Jarred, Braeden, Adam, Owen, Jack, Logan, Cole, Tyler, Carter and Josh.

Good luck, boys!



### FC Reminders:

- **PA Day** Friday November 27, 2015.
- **Lost & Found items** will be displayed in the front foyer during Parent-Teacher Interviews. Please check the table for your child's missing items
- **Pizza Days are Fridays** and students have the opportunity to purchase pizza by the slice if they did not pre-order. A slice of pizza is \$1.25
- **Please call in your child's absence.** If your child will be away or is ill, please call and leave a message with the office. (905-689-6636).
- **Dress for the weather!** While November has been warmer than usual, winter temperatures come quickly. Students will be outside for both nutrition breaks as much as possible during the winter months. Please send your child to school dressed warmly everyday with warm footwear, mittens, hats and winter coats.

### *Flamborough Centre Students Reach Out!*

Our students have organized two important giving initiatives for this holiday season. Class 7A will be collecting needed items to donate to the Rock Chapel United Church to support the Syrian families who will make Hamilton their home in the New Year. Each class has been assigned a theme which will help focus the donations.

FDK: Picture books      Class 1 / 2: Bath toys      Class 3 / 4: Arts and Crafts      Class 5 / 6: Teddy Bears

Class 6A: Gently used or new clothing      Class 6/7: Welcoming Cards to the families

Class 7A: Toiletries (toothpaste, soap etc.)      Class 7B: Mitts, socks

Class 8A: Hat, Toques      Class 8B: School Supplies

In addition to the support we are providing for new families to Canada, we will also hold our Annual Food Drive. Please consider donating a non-perishable food item to the Holiday drive and support the Flamborough Food Bank. We will be collecting food items from December 2 – December 11<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to all of our students and families for their generosity and initiative at this wonderful time of year.