



# Janet Lee News – December

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### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

It is so hard to believe, but November has come and gone so quickly. In December we will be celebrating all kinds of events during the last few weeks of school as we approach our 2-week holiday break. We will complete our year with festive activities including Holiday Assemblies, a variety of school trips, spirit days, tournaments and a student initiated outreach project (Toy Drive). Leading up to these festive events, we will continue to emphasize a culture of learning, problem-solving and a sense of academic optimism. The Character Trait we are focusing upon at the school this month is Kindness. Take some time at home to talk to your child(ren) about the meaning of Kindness and how important it is for all of us.

December is a month of many diverse celebrations that will continue into January for many of our students and their families. Hanukkah is an 8-day Jewish holiday that is celebrated between December 13<sup>th</sup> and December 20<sup>th</sup>. Winter Solstice welcomes the winter season on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Christmas is celebrated on December 25<sup>th</sup>. Kwanzaa is a week-long celebration beginning on December 26<sup>th</sup> each year. Within our community at Janet Lee we strive to build understanding and acceptance of these wonderful yet different traditions, and will also simply enjoy the fun and joy of holiday time spent with family and friends.

Staffing update: Mrs. Moscardini in FDK will be going on Maternity Leave mid December and Mrs. S. Lieske will be starting as the teacher in the classroom.

Ms. McLean, our afternoon Office Assistant will be starting a new position at Cathy Wever school in January, 2018.

I have enjoyed my two months as Principal at Janet Lee, while Mrs. Anderson was away. The students, the staff and the parents that I have met have all been so wonderful.

**I'm thrilled to announce that Mrs. Anderson will be back at school starting Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. She has missed everyone, and is looking forward to her return.**

Mrs. C. E. MacKenzie

Interim Principal



### December Events

Please continue to check the Janet Lee website for upcoming events and special occasions throughout the year.

**Dec.1– PA Day NO SCHOOL**

**Dec.4-15–** McMaster Children's Hospital Toy drive

**Dec. 6–** Junior & Senior Boys' Volleyball Tournament, Dofasco

**Dec.7–** Senior Girls' Volleyball Tournament, Dofasco

**Dec.12–** Grade 8 Grad Wear Presentation

**Dec.13–** Comic Event- Grades 2-5, Gym

**Dec. 15–** Pajama Day! (please bring a toonie for donation to The United Way)

**Dec.18–** School Holiday Assembly, 8:10 -10:00 a.m., Gym

**Dec. 18–** Parent Holiday Assembly, 10:30 - 12:10 p.m., Gym

**Dec. 19–** Grades 7 & 8 to Saltfleet for Holiday Concert (a.m.)

**Dec.19–** Kinders-Grade 2 Movie Trip (Ferdinand)

**Dec.20–** Intermediate Band to Play at Juravinski (p.m.)

**Dec.22–** Celebration Assembly 8:10 a.m., Gym

**Dec.23-Jan.7–** Winter Break Holiday!!

**Jan.8–** First Day Back after Break. Happy New Year!!



## Drinking Water Testing



Ontario is continuing to protect children's health with new regulation changes aimed at improving drinking water testing in child care centres and schools to minimize children's exposure to lead.

New amendments to Ontario Regulation 243/07 that took effect July 1, 2017, now require lead testing within these facilities for all fixtures used to provide drinking water and/or prepare food or drink for children under 18. There is a three-year period to test at elementary schools and child care centres, and a five-year period to complete testing at secondary schools.

Ontario Regulation 243/07 also requires testing to measure the presence of lead in drinking water against the provincial drinking water quality standard of 10 micrograms per litre, based on a national guideline set by Health Canada.

As we go through testing each year at Janet Lee you may notice stickers around certain sinks in the school. Any water fixture that is meant to provide water for consumption or for food preparation will be clearly labelled with a sign illustrating that the water is provided for drinking purposes. Water fountains will not have these signs as their intended purpose is for drinking.

Please contact the office at anytime should you have any questions or concerns.

### Community Notice Regarding Dogs

For families close to the school, we have seen an increase in people using the kindergarten 'pen' as a dog park. Unfortunately, the people doing that are also not cleaning up after their dogs. This creates an unsanitary place for our smallest students to play. Please share with your neighbours that this has become an issue, and encourage them to not use that play area as a dog park.

### Holiday Concert

Please join us for  
a special  
**HOLIDAY CONCERT**  
(Janet Lee Gym)  
**December 18th at 10:30  
a.m.**



### Toy Drive

*Janet Lee will be Hosting a  
Winter Toy Drive for  
McMaster Sick Kids*

*From:*

*Dec. 4-15th*

*Please bring in a New &  
Unused Toy*



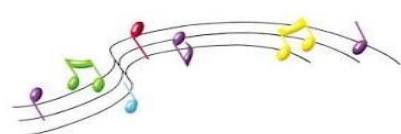
### Janet Lee Band News

Our Grade 7 & 8 Intermediate Band has been very busy practicing for this holiday season's events! Band performances will be taking place on the following dates:

**Dec. 18th @ 10:30- School Holiday Assembly**

**Dec. 20th @ 12:45-2:00 p.m.- Juravinski Hospital**

Thanks to the band and to Mrs. Chiasson for all of the hard work involved in preparation for this holiday season!!



## There is Still Time to Order Your School Photos for the Holidays...

Fall photo day orders placed **online at [edgeimaging.ca](http://edgeimaging.ca) by Sunday, December 10th** or **by phone at 1-888-416-3343 (EDGE) by Friday, December 8th\*** will have guaranteed delivery to home before the holidays!

Thank you for sharing with your parents and guardians today!



## Athletics News

This month our Flag Football team had a chance to compete at a tournament at Tim Hortons Field. It was a very cold day but the kids persevered and had an amazing time. Our volleyball seasons will be wrapping up, a big congratulations to all of our volleyball teams on great seasons. Although the regular season is complete the teams still have a tournament coming up with lots of playing time to show off their skills. The boys tournament is December 6 and the girls is December 7. The year will finish off with basketball tryouts being December 5 for both boys and girls in grades 6, 7 and 8.



### School Council

November's School Council Meeting was postponed....  
Please watch for updates regarding December's meeting date. (TBD)



## No Smoking Please



Just a reminder that smoking is not permitted anywhere on School or Board property at any time of the day or night. This by-law applies to staff, students, visitors and parents. It also includes the interior of your vehicle. The parking lot is considered school property according to the by-law. Please remember that we want to maintain a smoke-free environment.

## No Nuts Please

### PEANUT AND NUT SAFE SCHOOL

This year we have students with life-threatening allergies to peanuts or nuts. Please do not send your child with any nut products for lunches or snacks. Working together we can help ensure the safety of all our children.





## Free Access to the Virtual Immersion Campus for Your Child

Dear Parents,

Your children can now access the Virtual Immersion Campus and receive help from our online teachers in French, English and Math.

Send your homework to: [homework@voilalearning.com](mailto:homework@voilalearning.com) before accessing the platform. Your children can also practice their French and play French games on the platform (riddles, pictograms and much more), all while earning points.

To register to the Virtual Immersion Campus:

- Visit [voilalearning.com](http://voilalearning.com), click on 'My school board is registered'
- Enter the code: 46HWDSB

The Virtual Immersion Campus

will be open **Monday to Thursday**

from **5pm to 6:30pm** for homework help

and from **6:30pm to 8pm** for French practice.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions,

Your online tutor,



## HWDSB Public Website (Helpful Tip)



Did you know that when you go on the Janet Lee and Board's Public websites, at the top of the website pages it has "select language" option? You can then choose the language of your choice to view school and board information

*Check out: [www.hwdsb.on.ca](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca)*



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