

# R.L. Hyslop Elementary School



## DECEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

### Important Dates

Dec 5 – Hold and Secure Drill (10 am)

Dec 6 – Red, White and Green Day

**Dec 7 – PA Day (no school for students)**

Dec 10 – School Council Meeting (6:30 pm)

Dec 13 – Holiday Bazaar

Dec 14 – Holiday/Winter Sweater Day

Dec 21 – Pyjama Day

**Dec 21 – Last Day of School before Winter Holidays**

Dec 21 – Holiday Sing Along Assembly (9 am in the gym)



**January 7, 2019 – Frist Day Back to School after the holidays**

### FROM THE DESK OF MR. HILL

November has been a busy month at RL Hyslop and December is promising to be even busier. Our students have been working hard not only on their academics, but also in extra-curriculars, school teams and supporting local charities. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to, participated in, and came out to join us at our annual Remembrance Assembly on November 11. It was wonderful to be able to gather as a school community to remember those who have fought and died for our freedom.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Hat Day! Your donations for the United Way were very much appreciated.

The students in the 7/8 class have been researching charities and creating plans to support them. In November, we were pleased to be able to collect an overflowing bin of toys, personal and household items to donate to Hamilton Extend-a-Family. These items will help to provide a joyful holiday for families of children with special needs.

From December 3 to 6 some students from the 7/8 class are organizing a Food Drive for the Good Shepherd. Please help us support those who are less fortunate this holiday season by sending in donations of non-perishable food items. We have set a goal of 150 items, but are hoping you can help us far exceed this goal. The class that brings in the most items will be rewarded with a hot chocolate party!

Throughout the month of December, we will be holding a weekly theme day. All students are encouraged to participate in as many of these as they would like. The first one, Red, White and Green Day is Thursday December 6. Friday December 14 is Holiday/Winter Sweater Day and Friday December 21 (our last day of school before the holidays) is Pajama Day. We will

also be holding a Holiday Sing Along Assembly in the gym at 9 am that day. Everyone is welcome to join us!

In the busy month of December, I hope that you all find time to spend with family and friends and enjoy the beauty of the holiday season. If I do not have a chance to see you over the next month, please have a safe and happy holiday. The first day of school in the new year is January 7, 2019.

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE**

A reminder that the School Bazaar is on Thursday December 13. Students will have the opportunity to shop for various items during the day. Thank you to everyone who is helping to organize the day, donating items, or who will be volunteering that day. The doors will also be open for parents after school at 3:10pm to 4:00pm. We are looking forward to a fabulous day!



Our next School Council Meeting is on Monday December 10 at 6:30 pm in the library.

### **SENIORS GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

Mrs. Archibald and Mrs. Dobrik are very proud of the Senior Girls' Volleyball team. They dedicated their time during nutrition breaks and after school to develop their skills and demonstrated how they could pull together as a team this season. They persevered and showed excellent sportsmanship. Thank you for all of your hard work and determination. Congratulations to the team on making the playoffs and on your 4<sup>th</sup> place finish at the annual Stoney Creek Invitational tournament!



Congratulations Ermira, Erina, Brooklyn, Shalynn, Bailey, Caylee, Kayley, Marina, Abby, and Arianna!

**GO HAWKS!**



## **JUNIOR SWIM TEAM**

Mrs. Montgomery and Mrs. Archibald were honoured to help coach and support the junior Swim team. We may have been small in numbers but we were mighty. All team members demonstrated courage and determination. For some it was their very first time competing in front of a large audience. Just jumping into that pool at McMaster for the Swim Meet made your coaches and families proud. Congratulations to everyone involved!



## **WINTER WEATHER**



With the cooler weather fast approaching, please make sure your child is dressed for the weather conditions. Our students are outside during entry time and 20 minutes during the outdoor portion of both nutrition breaks. Sometimes students will also be outside for short periods of time during Daily Physical Activity time. Students will stay inside if there is a cold weather alert (-15 degrees Celsius or colder with wind chill).

## **LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are looking for a few parents who have a police check and are interested in volunteering in our school library for one hour a week. Please let Mrs. Rickard-Smith or the office know if you are willing to help out. Thank you!