



**COLLEGIATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
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**BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE!**

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We have had our first snow fall already! It's that time of year when we like to stay indoors where it is warm and spend more time with our families. Please remember to keep those important homework routines in place. Our students continue to have goals in place as they work hard to improve their academic skills and have this hard work show up on their report cards that will come home in February.

Please remember we welcome any positive remarks and/or concerns that you may have regarding your child's academic journey. Your child's teacher is only a phone call away.

We would like to extend our heartfelt wishes for a healthy and happy holiday season to all of our students, teachers, parents, custodial staff, office staff, volunteers, and community members. *Collegiate Elementary School* is a nurturing, happy, caring, and productive learning community because of all of our efforts.

**Last Day of School: Friday December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**  
**First Day of School: Monday January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**WELCOME TO COLLEGIATE!**

Please join me in welcoming N. Grant (Grade 1B), H. Naz (Grade 3), and H. Parvin (ESL)! Welcome to the *Collegiate Elementary* Team!



**ORCHARD PARK BAND**

The OP Band will be performing at Collegiate on December 15<sup>th</sup>!

**CHOCOLATE BAR FUNDRAISER!**



Thanks to all our families who participated in our Chocolate Bar Fundraiser! This fundraiser was a great success. We raised **\$10,341.09!** Go Grizzlies!

We had several winners!

**Gift Cards:**

- \$100.00 Aaliyah Gr. 6
- \$50.00 Penelope Gr. 2
- \$50.00 Chase Gr. 1
- \$50.00 Desire Gr. 8
- \$50.00 Ben Gr. 1



**5lb Chocolate Bar**

Alissa Jr. Kinder

**1lb Chocolate Bar**

Christian Gr. 2



**Pac Man Gam Controller**

- Bailey Gr. 2
- Aaliyah Gr. 5
- Kenneth Gr. 2
- Jayla Gr. 4



**Pizza Party:**

- Kinder D:** Mrs. Toscani / Mrs. Montgomery
- Gr. 1/2:** Mrs. Bernard
- Gr. 5/6:** Ms. Attard
- Gr. 6:** Ms. Babineau



**Various Prizes... 37 students!**



## SCHOOL SAFETY



Parents, just a reminder that the front of the school building



has **No Parking** and **No Stopping** signs. Several students cross at the crosswalk, and we are having parents/guardians stopping their cars, making and creating an unsafe environment for our students. This is a safety concern for our students. **\*\*Vehicular traffic in School Bus Loading Zones is prohibited.**



Please take every possible opportunity to show appreciation and respect for the service that school bus drivers provide. Your support is appreciated. Thank you for keeping the safety of our students a priority.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING



Our next School Council Meeting is **Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us in Room 107.

## SPIRIT DAYS!

### Anything **BUT** a **BACKPACK DAY!**

Bring your school belongings in anything **BUT** a backpack.... Be creative!

**Friday, December 8<sup>TH</sup>**

### **Reverse the Roles Day!**

Students dress up as one of the adults in the school, and the Adults dress up as a student!

**Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

### **PJ DAY**

**Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Let's wear our PJs all day!!!



## GRIZZLY ATHLETICS



Throughout the last few weeks, our Volleyball Teams worked very hard preparing for their playoff games. Although each team was eventually eliminated from the playoffs, our student athletes did an excellent job representing *Collegiate* by demonstrating perseverance, fair play, and a positive attitude. As a school, we will be taking the opportunity to consolidate student skill development by hosting our first annual Collegiate Invitational Volleyball Tournaments for both the Senior Boys (December 1st) and Senior Girls Teams (December 8th). In addition, we will also be organizing a staff versus students volleyball game for some fun, excitement, and relationship building just before the winter break. Once volleyball season fully concludes, basketball tryouts will begin the week of December 11<sup>th</sup> for both Senior Boys and Girls Teams.



## GRIZZLY VOICES COUNCIL



Throughout the next few weeks, our student voice council will be working on creating a school survey around equity and well-being. At *Collegiate Elementary School*, we have a lot of amazing things happening in terms of extracurriculars, clubs, events, classroom experiences, school-wide initiatives, etc. However, we also recognize the importance of ongoing learning, improvement, and reflection on how we impact the equity and well-being of our students. As a result, we have decided to create a school-wide survey completely informed by our Grizzly Voices Council. Through ongoing meetings throughout the school year, students will meet with the Grizzly Voices teacher facilitators and engage in discussion and collaboration around equity and well-being topics.

## CLASSROOM KLEENEX BOXES



As we continue with allergy season and move into cold and flu season, we would appreciate if all students could bring in a box of Kleenex to add to our classroom supply! Tissues are in great demand at school and we appreciate your support. Let's reduce the spread of germs and always use a tissue when needed. Thank you!

## INDOOR SHOES

As the weather begins to change, we ask that all students bring a pair of indoor shoes that will be used throughout the school to keep the messy weather outside. We need to work together to keep our classroom carpets clean so our children do not sit on wet, muddy carpets.



## BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Today's Family Program will be running from 7:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m., & 3:05 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Families can register for both the before and after school program, and the early learning and child care program, by [clicking here](#).

One of our placement team members, will connect with families once they register to confirm spaces. Families can connect with team members at [childcare@todaysfamily.ca](mailto:childcare@todaysfamily.ca)

Should families not have access to technology, they can call us at to complete the registration process at (905) 574 – 9344 ext. 112.

## ATTENDANCE CHECK – ABSENT OR LATE

If your child is absent or late, please use either...



**Safe Arrival Program** – by website, app, or phone

- Learn more about Safe Arrival at [www.schoolmessenger.com/safearrival](http://www.schoolmessenger.com/safearrival)

### **Call the School Directly**

- Call the school at (905) 662-2990. State your child's name, grade, teacher, reason, and length of absence.

These services are available 24 hours, seven days a week. When your child is going to be absent, it is essential for your child's safety to notify the school. If we do not receive a notification and your child is absent, our automated attendance notification program will call your home and send you an email to inform you of your child's absence. We ask you call the school or use the Save Arrival Program to explain the reason for the absence.

