



George L. Armstrong ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

December Newsletter, 2019

Happy December to our Armstrong Families!

As 2019 winds down, we wanted to make you aware of some of the upcoming events that will be occurring over the next 2 weeks leading up to the holiday.

December is a very exciting time for our students with special events, holiday crafts and music. We are trying hard to keep everyone calm until December 20th when the break begins! School will begin again on January 6, 2020.

Here is a list of some of the events taking place:

Dec. 12—6A—Joy Day

Dec. 16—6B—Joy Day

Dec. 17—Kindergarten Concerts—Please ask the teacher for your child's concert time.

Dec. 18—Holiday Concert for Grades 1-5 beginning at 11:30

Dec. 19—Kindergarten and Grade 6-8 Pyjama Day and K-5 Sing Along

Dec. 20—Spirit Day—Grades 4-8 Wear a Holiday/Winter Sweater; Grades 1-3 will have a Pyjama/Polar Express Day; Grades 6-8 Activity Day

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday to enjoy time outdoors and with family and friends.

Mrs. Koop and Mr. Puley



Cell Phones and Technology

We are lucky to have many iPads and laptops in our school for use by the students for class assignments and projects. Since the beginning of November, Cell phone use in classrooms is not permitted during instructional time unless for supervised work with a teacher. We purchased a cell phone pocket chart for our classrooms or teachers have a bin for phones. Students who have locks prefer to keep their phone in their lockers. We continue to struggle with students sneaking their phones and using social media or texting friends and family. Parents may want to check their child's TikTok accounts as well as a number of inappropriate videos have been reported on this social media. If you need to connect with your son/daughter during the day, please phone in to the school office rather than their cell-phone. Thanks!

School Council

A huge thank-you to our School Council for the Poinsettia Fundraiser and the Holiday Store. We had a great few days of flowers and shopping! Everyone should be looking forward to the wonderful gifts they will be receiving!



Breakfast and Snacks

Many of our students are arriving to school without having eaten breakfast. This is an important meal to get brains and bodies ready to learn.

We have a snack program at G. L. Armstrong that offers healthy snacks but is not a substitute for a nutritious breakfast and lunch.



We also have many students who are bringing their breakfast to school and then wanting to eat it at school. It would be best if they could eat prior to the start of the school day as this can be disruptive to others.

Food Days

Food days are temporarily on hold due to the job action that is currently taking place. Any food day money that has been pre-paid for Sub day or Pizza Day will be refunded to students. We will let you know when these days will begin again.

Washroom Behaviour

We are really struggling with behaviour in the washrooms on the second and third floor of the school. Students have been asked to sign in and out of class during instructional time when leaving the classroom. We are trying to encourage students to take pride in our school and to respect the property. Our caretaking staff work hard to keep our school clean.

Library Books are due to the school library by December 13. Check those cupboards, shelves and under the bed for any books that may be due back to the library!

Cold Weather Alert!

As the weather begins to turn colder, a reminder that we will go outside as long as the temperature is above -15 Celsius and the wind chill stays above -20 Celsius. If there is a chance of school closure due to weather, the best place to find that information is on the HWDSB website or Twitter feed, the radio or CH News Stormwatch. Let's hope that this does not happen for awhile!!



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