



Holbrook Elementary School

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Peace Breakfast. Just a reminder of our Peace Breakfast on December 13th in the am. This breakfast is for all students in our school and will be prepared by School Council members and parent volunteers. We look forward to enjoying this breakfast together as a Holbrook Husky School Community! If you are able to volunteer to help with this event please contact the school office.

“Welcome Winter” Holiday Assembly will be taking place on Thursday December 20th at 9:10am in the gym. All are welcome to attend. Please note that students will be having their dress rehearsal on December 19th and will need to have any; props, costumes etc here at school for that rehearsal time.

It is December and we have already seen that wintery weather keeps making its return on a fairly regular basis lately! With that comes the reminder to please review with your child(ren) the school rule that **there is to be NO throwing or kicking of ice and snow at school!** As well, a reminder that students need to be dressed appropriately each day for the forecasted weather conditions as we will be outside for recess as often as possible! Students need to wear boots for outside and have appropriate safe footwear for indoors, hence footwear worn outside is not appropriate or safe for wearing in the gym or classrooms throughout the day. No slippers!

Every Child Reading By the End of Grade 1. At Holbrook School, we're committed to supporting our HWDSB goal where every child is reading by the end of Grade 1, where developmentally appropriate. A child who is reading at grade level by the end of Grade 1 is set up for positive academic outcomes and future success. In Sept. 2017 HWDSB celebrated the deployment of Reading Specialists across the district to work directly with students and educators in all Kindergarten and Gr.1 classrooms. Reading Specialists are working with children within our classrooms, alongside our classroom educators, to deliver appropriate strategies and or interventions. They support reading acquisition and respond to student learning needs.

At Holbrook, Mrs. Johnson continues to be the Reading Specialist teacher supporting our Kindergarten and Grade 1 students and staff in our school this year. Likely your son or daughter in K-1 may have already spoken of Mrs. Johnson in his or her classroom this fall. To help your child to reach this goal please continue to spend quality time every evening reading with your child(ren).

With the busy holiday season fast approaching, on behalf of the staff at Holbrook School and myself, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday with family and friends. Have a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday January 7th, 2019!

Ms. E. Birch-Jones



Nutrition

We'd like to thank our parent group for providing nutritious snacks for our students five days a week. Several very dedicated volunteers have been looking after this worthwhile program.

Thank you from all of us.

Pizza Dates

The next pizza order from will go home on Wednesday, December 6th and will be due back on Monday, December 10th. The pizza dates fro this form will be Dec.19, Jan. 9, 16 and 23rd.



Rapid Phone Message for Snow Days

HWDSB uses an automated phone messaging system to contact all parents/guardians in the event of a school cancellation due to inclement weather. This system will contact anyone in our student information system who has a valid home phone number. If you do not receive a phone call in the event of severe weather, you can determine if schools are open by calling the School Cancellation Hotline at 905-521-2534.



Milk

Milk is for sale at every nutrition break. Cards are \$5.00 for 5 milks.

No Smoking Reminder:

A reminder that smoking is not permitted on any school board property. This includes inside the school or on the grounds.



Important Dates

December 3	Holiday Tree/Food Drive begins
December 7th	PA Day
December 10	Pizza forms due
December 12	Bus Safety Presentations
December 13	Peace Breakfast
December 14	Winter/Festive Sweater Day
December 15	Bull Dogs Game
December 17	Last day for Food Drive and Mitton Tree
December 17	French Choir performing at Idlewylde Manor
December 20	Winter Holiday Concert
December 21	Red, Green, White Day
	Last day of school for 2018
January 7, 2019	First Day of school for 2019

Holbrook's Monthly Assemblies

Each month Holbrook will be having an Assembly which will focus on; a Learning Skill or TRIBES trait and an Academic Focus. Parents / Guardians are most welcome to attend. Please check our calendar each month for details. Each month a different class will host the assembly and share an explanation of the TRIBES trait or Learning Skill.

As well, each month students will be recognized for perfect attendance over the past month.

Congratulations to our first group of Perfect Attendance Students (from Sept 4th to Nov. 23rd);

Nicholas Langley	Neveah Dixon
Makayla Boag	Shayla Dosky
Henry Cole	Nathan Porter
Mohammad Hamadi	Simon Elmhirst
Chloe McCall	Myla McGee
Kayden Letchford	



Christmas Vacation

Christmas vacation begins on December 22nd.

School resumes on Monday,

January 7, 2019

Festive Winter Sweater Day!



Brrrr....its cold outside! We want you to warm up by wearing your fun, festive winter sweaters on December 14th! If you don't have one, decorate one to celebrate your faith, culture or winter!

Red, White and Green Day—December 21st



Holbrook Husky Holiday

Mitten Tree!

Holbrook will have a Mitten Tree in the front showcase of the school. We will be collecting NEW; Hats, Mitts, Gloves and Scarves to donate to neighbouring Shelters as well as Neighbour to Neighbour.

Please send new items to donate to the Mitten Tree to the main office with your son / daughter! Thank you in advance for your support with this initiative!

December is a time of celebration around the world. Some of the celebrations in December are **Christmas, Hanukkah, Winter Solstice, Kwanzaa and New Years!** These celebrations are time for families to gather and remember their traditions. Special decorations festoon their homes and traditional meals are enjoyed. Family and friends exchange gifts and participate in special rituals such as attending religious services or singing seasonal songs. Although we have our differences, families around the world all celebrate and value family, friends and traditions.

Whatever your faith, or culture, we would like to take this time to wish everyone a joyful and healthy season of peace, family and friendship.



Holbrook Food Drive for Neighbour to Neighbour

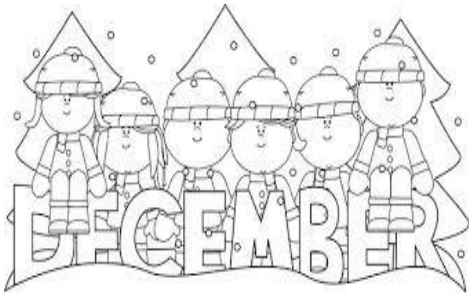
Our holiday food drive will run from December 3rd to December 17th. Please send in non-perishable food items to school with your child. There will be an Ice Cream Sundae party for the class who collects the most items for the Food Drive!! Let's go Holbrook!!!



Feeding the Community

Food Drive





School Council Happenings



Chocolate sales will be wrapping up this Friday. Please ensure you have returned all the money & unsold chocolate bars by Wednesday 5th December 2018. Winners will be announced at an up & coming school assembly. We are very thankful to all the students & parents who gave of there time to help make this another successful fundraiser.

Peace Breakfast will be held on Thursday 13 December 2018 starting at 8 am and running until 11:30 am. This event is for students only. We are looking for volunteers to help with the setup, serving of the pancakes & clean up. If you are available & would like to be part of the team please drop us an email at holbrookschoolcouncil@gmail.com , include your name, phone number & email please.

Events for the 2018 – 2019 school year:

Peace Breakfast Thursday 13 December 2018;
Movie Night Friday 18 January 2019; Snuggle Up & Read Monday 28 January 2019;
Family Dance Night Friday 12 April 2019; Family Meal Thursday 2 May 2019;
Summer Carnival TBA More info will be sent home as the event gets closer.

**As the Holiday Season fast approaches Holbrook School Council
wishes everyone A Safe, Happy & Joy Filled Holiday Season.**

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Season greetings, I'd miilad said oua sana saida, De Christmas akhtar de bakhtawar au newai kal de mubarak sha, Feliz Navidad, Sretam Bozic, Hristos se rodi, Joyeux Noel, Sheng Tan Kuai Loh, Vesele Vanoce, Frohliche Weihnachten, Boldog Karácsonyt, Mo'adim Lesimkha, Shub Christu Jayanti, Merii Kurisumasu, Maligayang Pasko, Mboni Chrismen, Idah Saidan Wasanah Jadidah, Happy Christmas ...

Mike Palma

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HOLBROOK SCHOOL

December 2018



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p><u>Holbrook Husky Holiday Tree Starts Dec. 3rd-17th</u> <u>Class Food Drive Competition starts Dec. 3-17th</u></p>					1
2	3 Day 4	4 Day 5	5 <u>Pizza Day</u> Day 1 	6 Pizza order forms go home today! <u>Frozen Yogurt & Popcorn on sale \$2ea.</u> Day 2	7 <u>P.A. Day for Students</u>	8
9	10 Pizza forms due today Day 3	11 Day 4	12 Bus Safety Presentations <u>Pizza Day</u> Day 5 	13 <u>Peace Breakfast 8-10:30am.</u> Please contact the office if you can volunteer! Day 1	14 <u>Spirit Day: Ugly Sweater Day- Festive or Otherwise!</u> Day 2	15 <u>Holbrook Husky Day at Bulldogs Game 3:30pm</u> "Teddy Bear Toss" for MAC Sick Kids
16 <u>Dec. 17th Last Day for Tree of Warmth & Food Drive Donations!</u>	17 <u>10:15am French Choir performing at Idlewyld Manor</u> Day 3 	18 Day 4	19 9:10am Concert Rehearsal-students only <u>Pizza Day</u> Day 5 	20 <u>9:10am Welcome Winter Holiday Concert in the gym . Parents invited to attend!</u> <u>Frozen Yogurt & Popcorn on sale \$2ea.</u> Day 1	21 <u>Red, White & Green Day!</u> Last Day of School for 2018!	22
23	24	25 	26	27	28 <u>Students return to school on Monday, January 7th, 2019</u>	29

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

