



## Principal's Message – December 2022

We have officially entered the festive holiday season of December with updates to share from Mount Hope! We were proud of our volleyball teams for representing our school throughout their season with our senior boys advancing to the play offs. A big thank you to our staff for coaching our teams and developing our students' sportsmanship skills on the court! We also had our choir perform at the Mount Hope tree lighting event this past weekend with Ms. Clark leading the choir. Thank you to our families for supporting student engagement in our community! We are also looking forward to plans that are in place to develop student leadership & voice at Mount Hope with our student council development this month. Student representatives from Grade 4 to 8 will have an opportunity to share the ideas and their voice to help lead school spirit initiatives at Mount Hope into the new year.

Students also had the opportunity to reflect on their Term 1 progress when receiving the reports at the end of November. Setting goals and next steps are important for our students and your collaborative efforts to work closely with your child in setting goals will help them achieve their next steps to end term one, which will be reflected on their first report card that will be distributed in February.

We thank our School Council for their support and organizing Mount Hope's Spirit wear orders in November. We had a successful response from families with students having the choice of ordering t-shirts or sweatshirts to support future spirit days at Mount Hope! We look forward to our spirit wear arrival anticipating its delivery just before the holiday break. Our students are enjoying Lunch box deliveries weekly and we thank our School council for supporting us to ensure our students enjoy lunch deliveries weekly!

Welcoming December today launched our new character trait of focus school wide with students engaged in the act of learning about "caring" and what it feels like at school, in homes, and in the community. We are also looking forward to one of primary classes taking the lead in organizing a festive door-decorating contest at Mount Hope. Doors will be decorated with our office administrators taking on the role as our judges to celebrate creative door decorating across Kindergarten and each division. Our students are excited about this opportunity and the creative ideas have sparked discussions in our classes!

With the end of the calendar year approaching us, we also have some staffing changes to share with you. Ms. Hein, our Early Childhood Educator has transitioned to a leave in anticipation of a new addition to her family. Ms. Varga our Reading Specialist teacher will be transitioning back to her assignment within the system, with Ms. Zablocki returning to us from a leave. Wishing our staff all the best as they transition in the coming weeks.

With the holiday season approaching, the staff at Mount Hope wishes all of our families & students a very enjoyable and memorable break. We hope you find the time to rest, relax and value time with family & friends. We look forward to our students' safe return on January 9, 2023

Sincerely,

*Ms. N. Radojevic* – Principal at Mount Hope