



Cheetah Chatter



Cherrywood Acres Public School 4635 Pettit Avenue, Niagara Falls, ON L2E 6L4



December 2011



From The Desk Of Mrs. Baggs

Welcome to December and the busy time of the year as we ready ourselves for the Christmas Extravaganza in the next 3 weeks. This year we are inviting all family members to join us on Thursday, December 22nd at Glengate Alliance Church for our Christmas Extravaganza at 7pm for students in grades 1-8. The Early Learning Program Kindergartens will have their own show. We will also have our annual Basket Raffle Fundraiser. We hope to see everyone there!

We had many questions about report cards this year. Now that the Province of Ontario has only 2 terms, our first report card with marks will come home Feb 9th, 2012. There will be an opportunity for those families who wish to meet and talk about the report card at that time. Please remember if you are ever concerned or have questions, you can set up a meeting with your child/ren's teachers at any time.

The Staff here at Cherrywood wish your family a safe and restful holiday at the end of this month. School will be closed from Dec 24 until Jan 8, 2012. We will see everyone back at 8:55am on Jan 9, 2012.



Dates To Remember

- Pizza Day—Dec 2 & 16
- Project Share Donations
Until December 14
- Scholastic Book Fair
Nov. 29-Dec 3
- Christmas Extravaganza
(Gr 1-8) Dec 22 7pm
- Raffle Basket Donations
Until December 9

School Council Update

This month we had a presentation about SNAP (Stop Now and Plan)- a program to help students make good choices in frustrating situations. As well we focused on the School Improvement Plan. It was explained that our goals at Cherrywood are to improve students reading and comprehension skills at every grade level. We are also focusing on problem solving in math and communicating our mathematical thinking in class. In January we will look at assessment and evaluation at school. We will also be creating a survey to go home with the first report card to get input from all of our parents on our programs and activities here at school. Watch for the dates of our January meeting.

Character Trait for December—Caring—Project Share

Caring is an important character trait to develop in our children daily. By encouraging caring daily, we make the world around us a kinder and better place to be. Part of Caring is **Empathy**. Students learn that empathy is knowing how someone feels and thinking about what they would want or need. There is a saying "Put yourself in someone else's shoes." This means pretending to be that person, pretending to understand how they feel and what they would want or need. Some examples might be: * thinking about how your friend feels about losing a favourite object; * saying that you know how your friend feels about not making a team.

This month you can practice Caring by donating to Project Share for our food and toy drive.

Cherrywood Bingo

Location: Delta Bingo
4735 Drummond Road
Niagara Falls, ON

Time: 11am - 3:30pm

Dates:

- Sunday, Dec. 4, 2011
- Sunday, Jan. 8, 2012
- Sunday, Feb. 19, 2012
- Sunday, April 1, 2012
- Sunday, May 13, 2012
- Sunday, June 17, 2012
- Sunday, August 5, 2012
- Sunday, Sept. 9, 2012
- Sunday, Oct. 21, 2012
- Sunday, Dec. 2, 2012

Volunteers are always needed to run bingo. Please contact the school office if you are interested in helping out.



Season of Giving—Project Share



PLEASE
GIVE



The Cherrywood community is encouraged to donate non-perishable food, Canadian Tire money and toys to help support local families in need. We have registered our school as part of the Project Share Good News Food Drive with many other schools and 105.1 ED FM. The school is in a friendly competition with the other Niagara Falls

schools to see who will bring in the most food, toys and CT money. James Morden is the reigning champion. Last year's campaign supported over 3000 people in Niagara Falls.

This is an excellent opportunity to encourage volunteerism and helping those in our community.

Examples: canned vegetables or fruit, coffee and tea, canned soup, sugar, packaged or canned pasta, canned juice, peanut butter, ANY non-perishable goods

EBOOKS

eBooks are here! DSBN has purchased over 100 titles (some with multiple copies) for students in the board to access and read through Destiny (our library website). These are eBooks, not eReaders so you can check them out and read them on your home computer for 2 weeks. The books are automatically checked in at the end of the loan period.

To search for eBooks and check them out, go to <http://destiny.dsbm.org> and log in with your child's username and password (the same one they use at school). In the catalog tab under the material type, select eBook. This will search for ALL eBooks in DSBN, some will be high school age and some will be elementary age (you can also limit the search by reading level and interest level). Click on an eBook that you may want to read and to check it out, select the on-line option. This way, your child can access the book from any computer as long as they are logged into Destiny. Some eBooks will read to your child and some you will have to read to your child (or they can read it on their own). They have a bookmark option to hold their spot until they read it again.



Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is at our school and we are thrilled to offer this literary event to our students. We invite your entire family to participate by purchasing the latest and greatest in children's books. **Did you know that for every \$10 you spend at the Book Fair, at least \$6 in product goes directly back to our school?** Your support of this event is key to our obtaining new resources for our library and school. *The holidays are also coming up soon and books always make excellent gifts.*

Book Fair Dates and Times

Wednesday, Nov 30 9am—4 pm

Thursday, Dec 1 9am—6 pm

Friday, Dec 2 9am—11am



Physical Activity



Did you know that Canadian children/youth ages six to 19 spend an average of 8.6 hours per day, or 62 per cent of their waking hours, being sedentary?

Here are some ways to help your children meet the recommended 60 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity each day:

Limit recreational screen time to no more than two hours per day

Encourage children and youth to play outdoors

Play outside with your children:

Go for walks, hikes, build snowmen, go tobogganing

Introduce your child to skates or skis so they can learn to slide

Play catching games using a wide range of soft objects



For more information go to www.activehealthykids.ca or www.participaction.com



High School Open Houses 2012

A.N. Myer SS Tuesday, January 17 6:30pm-8:30pm

Stamford Collegiate SS, Tuesday, January 17 6:30pm-8:30pm

Westlane SS, Tuesday, January 17 6:30pm-8:30pm

Inclement Weather & Attendance

Thanks for the great effort made to phone in each day your child is away. You may also inform the office in advance if you will be on vacation or have pre-booked appointments. Our answering machine operates 24

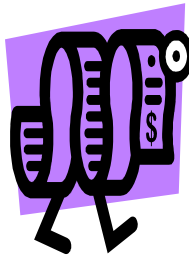
hours a day so you may leave a message any time day or night.

Please remember that when bus-sing is cancelled due to inclement weather, school may still be open. If you choose to keep your child home on these days, PLEASE

CALL TO INFORM THE OFFICE. For information on school closures, please visit our website at: www.dsbm.edu.on.ca/Schools/Cherrywood and click on "In Case of Emergency". For your child's safety we ask that you call the office even on possible snow days.



Save Your Zehrs & Foodland Receipts



Be sure to save all your receipts from Zehrs and Foodland and put them in the box in the school office. The school re- ceives a portion of the total sales back each year which is used towards student activities.

Winter Outdoor Time

The winter weather is here. Students are expected to wear appropriate clothing and to leave it on when outside. Running shoes are not safe outside on our often icy pavement.

Snowballing is not allowed on school property. Students who choose to ignore this rule will be given written notification to be signed by a parent for the first offence and if ignored a second time, they will be suspended. The safety and well be- ing of all of our students is the number one priority at Cherrywood.

Please remember—if your child is too sick for 20 minutes of outdoor play, they are too sick for school!





December 2011

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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|  | |  | | 1 Day 1 Scholastic Book Fair 9am-6pm | 2 Day 2 Scholastic Book Fair 9am-11am Pizza Day Gr 8 D&T | 3 |
| 4 | 5 Day 3 Nutcracker Brock University Gr 3-8 | 6 Day 4 Game On! 3:15pm Gr 8 Boys | 7 Day 5 | 8 Day 6 | 9 Day 7 HPV Vaccine #2 Grade 8 Girls | 10 |
| 11  | 12 Day 8 SNAP Gr 4/5 | 13 Day 9 Game On! 3:15pm Gr 8 Boys | 14 Day 10 | 15 Day 1 AN Myer Holiday Show Gr 6-8 | 16 Day 2 Pizza Day Gr 8 D&T | 17 |
| 18 | 19 Day 3 | 20 Day 4 Hanukkah (Jewish) | 21 Day 5 | 22 Day 6 Christmas Extravaganza 7pm Glengate Church | 23 Day 7 Jr. Bowling Trip | 24  |
| 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31  |
| CHRISTMAS/WINTER HOLIDAYS DECEMBER 24, 2011-JANUARY 8, 2012 | | | | | | |

If you would like to receive your newsletter via email instead of receiving a hard copy please fill out this form:

Student Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Parent's Email Address: _____

