



Cheetah Chatter

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From the Desk of Mrs. Baggs

December 2008

Welcome to December and the busy time of the year as the term ends and we ready ourselves for the Holiday Concert in the next 3 weeks. Report cards will be coming home Dec 3rd, with interviews available Dec 4th in the evening and Dec 5th in the am. This is our time to share with you how your children are progressing compared to the curriculum expectations of the grade. It is our goal to encourage progress and high expectations for every student at Cherrywood. As teachers we are always striving to do our best to help your children learn to the best of their ability.

We hope to see you at interview time. Times are scheduled to allow us to meet with each parent. If more time is needed, another time can be set with your child's teacher to meet again and discuss in more detail. To prepare for the interview, think of questions you may have and take a careful look at the learning skills at the end of the report card. These are the skills considered necessary for school success. Please take a look at the grades and comments made in this section and compare them to the curriculum areas for your children. Please complete the 3rd page of the report card and bring it along with you to the interview time.



Great news our website is up and running! Check us out at www.dsbni.edu.on.ca/Schools/Cherrywood/

Character Trait of the Month: Tolerance

This month we will focus on Tolerance. The trait can be practiced while we learn about others holidays, traditions and beliefs. On a daily basis, we all need to be tolerant of others and learn to get along and work together. Too often students focus only on themselves and their friends. As they grow and mature it is important to look to help others and understand them. We are all part of a global community and need to learn to see the good in others. Check out the back of your child's agenda for ideas of how you can talk about this trait at home.



Season of Giving – Project Share

The Cherrywood community is encouraged to donate non-perishable food and Canadian Tire money 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 The River. We will be encouraging the students to work as colour houses in a friendly competition to see which house can bring in the most Canadian Tire money and food items. The school is also in a friendly competition with the other Niagara Falls schools to see who will bring in the most food 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.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Literacy Corner

The key skills that will improve each students' learning are reading and writing. We use these skills in every subject in every grade. How can you encourage and develop these skills at home? Insist on your children reading something every night and talk to them about the books or articles or magazines that they are reading. If they are on the internet - find a site that they can read. Email or good old fashion letter writing is a great way to encourage writing skills. Making lists or keeping a journal can also motivate children to write. If you value reading and writing then your children will as well. Check out our Book Fair. Books are well priced and each book sold earns us funds towards books for our library. Books make a great gift.



News from our School Council

Our next School Council meeting will be January 27 at 6:30pm in our Library. Everyone is welcome.

Some of the items discussed so far at our School Council meetings:

Fun Fair is coming May 14th. We will need parents interested in organizing this event and helping out the day of the event. We will also offer volunteer hours for some of our responsible high school students.

Raffle Baskets at the Holiday Concert Dec 17th. Each class will have a theme and parents will be asked to donate items. School Council will wrap the baskets and sell tickets the night of the concert. We hope this will be a fun Fundraiser for extra things around the school.

School Council is going to help buy a *SMART Board* for the school that allows students to use a white board directly with the computer programs and the internet. More to come on this item later.

New *team uniforms* are coming soon from Speck Industries. The money comes directly from school fundraisers.

We are collecting *receipt tapes* for Zehrs (all locations) and Foodland (Morrison location). A secondary school student is organizing them and sending them to the stores. This will bring in money to the school. Please collect receipts and send them to our office.

Monthly calendar and newsletter will be on our website each month.

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Please help us to keep our students safe. Please do not allow your students to walk through the parking lot. They need to walk down the side walks and pathways to the side walk. If you are parked in the parking lot, please meet your child/ren and escort them to the car. They are hard to see at the busy pick up and drop off times. Thanks for your support to protect our students.



Information for December

Holiday Concert

December 17th will be our concert day. A change this year – we are going to hold our concert at the First Baptist church (next door) to accommodate more people. We will still have an afternoon performance (2:00 pm on December 17th) and we encourage you to come if possible as we are sure that the evening will be a busy time. This afternoon performance will be a dress rehearsal. This year we will have a fundraiser for the school. We will have baskets that families can put raffle tickets in to win. Raffle tickets will be \$1 each or 15 tickets for \$10. The draw will be before the concert begins.

Professional Development Day

There is no school on Friday, December 5th. Teachers will be doing interviews and working together in the pm.

Staff Updates

We welcome back Mrs Brooks as our Learning Resource Teacher on Dec 8th. Thank you to Miss Huntingdon for all her work on behalf of our students. Miss Huntingdon has moved on to a position at Kate S. Durdan School.

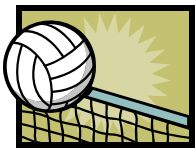
INCLEMENT WEATHER and ATTENDANCE

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 bussing 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.dsbn.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.



Sports



Congratulations to our Junior Volleyball teams for representing us well in the region. Thanks to Mr. Crowe, Mr. Smith, Miss Rutherford, and Mrs. McDonald for the extra time they spend coaching.

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 being of all of our students is the number one priority at Cherrywood.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Gr 2 & 3 to Balls Falls	2	3 Report Cards go home Book Sale	4 Colour House Day Interview night 4-8 pm Book Sale	5 PD Day No school Interviews in morning Book Sale	6
7	8	9	10	11 Intermediates to AN Myer	12 Pizza Day	13
Project Share begins until Dec 16						
		16 Gr 7&8 Immunization	17 Holiday Concert Dress rehearsal 2 pm Evening 7 pm	18	19 Last Day before Winter Break Red & Green Day Bowling Junior classes Hot Dog Day	20
21	22 Hanukkah	23	24	25 Christmas	26 Kwanzaa	27
					Boxing Day	
28	29 Islamic New Year	30	31	1 New Year's Day January	2 See you January 5th	3
Winter Break Dec 20-Jan 4						

Winter Break continues until Jan 4