

North Cavan Public School  
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## December 2019



### Principal's Message:

December has come in hard with winter snow but the kids are happy about it! It is always a busy month at school and at home, but it is also exciting for the kids. Please look over the *Calendar* and *'Important Dates'* list carefully to ensure that nothing is missed.

To avoid overcrowding in our Gym for the holiday concert, we are going to follow the format we used last year which seemed to work much better. We are holding three concerts. One is on **Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** (Primary and Junior Concert). This is an excellent choice for grandparents since it is during the day and in the daylight hours.



The other concerts are on **Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at:**

**6:30 p.m. Primary (JK-Gr.2) Concert**

**7:30 p.m. Junior (Gr.3-6) Concert**

The theme this year is *'Home for the Holidays'*. Our hope is parents will be able to find a concert that best fits their schedule. **If any parents can attend the afternoon performance, it would help reduce pressure in the evening. One favour we ask our primary student parents is to kindly make room for the junior student parents once the Primary concert has ended.** If parents have children in both Primary and Junior grades then they, understandably, may wish to stay for both performances and that is just fine.

**\*\*Important Change:** This year parents will need to supervise their children at the concerts since the staff will not be available for supervision due to the changed schedule. Thank you for your support in this regard.

### Warm Clothing & Lost & Found:

With the cold weather coming it's important to keep skin covered. Please send your child with appropriate winter apparel that they can get on and off independently. Please attempt to LABEL everything as our lost & found is growing and we would like to have things returned to their proper owners. Anytime you're in the school please check the lost & found if you are missing an item.



### Christmas Toy & Food Drive:

We are collecting non-perishable food items and new unwrapped toys in the front entrance of the school for those less fortunate. All items collected will go to families in the Cavan Millbrook area. Thank you in advance if you're able to make a donation. The drive ends on December 12<sup>th</sup>.



### Sports:

The Junior Mixed Volleyball teams have been practicing and training regularly for their tournaments. The recreational teams played really well on Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> at Kenner. Our competitive team plays on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at James Strath P.S. Go Cougars Go!



### School Council Fundraising News:

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent fundraising event *'Pyjama Party/Parent's Night Out'*. The kids had a blast eating pizza, making holiday crafts and watching a movie with their friends. Many parents told us they had fun just having time to themselves or a visit with other friends and family. Congratulations to the following families who won prizes in the raffle draw:

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| Apollo Grill         | The Cathcart Family |
| Lansdowne Place Mall | The Simpson Family  |
| Boston Pizza         | The McNeven Family  |
| Riley's              | The Davis Family    |
| Shorelines Casino    | The Nolan family    |
| Kettle Drums         | The Schultz Family  |
| Escape Maze          | The Knapp Family    |

Thank you to the School Council and high school volunteers (former NCPS students) who organized and helped run the evening!

**What are School Council Funds Being Used For?**



Recently, our School Council paid for author Philip Roy to provide two school wide presentations to the students at our school about the importance of reading and writing. The kids also learned about what it takes to be an author and Philip Roy stressed the value of environmental stewardship. He brought three sculptures he had made out of reclaimed materials that support the Submarine theme in his novels. Our School Council also paid for the new slide in our playground as the old slide had developed a crack over time. Our Council is next hoping to purchase new safety wall mats for the Gym.

Our next fundraiser is a Dance-A-Thon planned for the kids on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020!

**North Cavan Sledding:**

When there's enough snow on the ground the school 'Krazy Karpets' come out for the students to use on the back hill. Recess sliding for the students is always an exciting thrill for them. The rules are, wear snow-pants, jacket, hat, boots, mitts and slide safely.



**Throwing snow balls and kicking snow at others is never permitted for safety reasons. We also ask that the kids not bring their own sleds to school as we do not have room to store them and too many sleds on the hill at one time becomes unsafe.**

**2020-2021 Kindergarten Registration:**

Kindergarten registration for the 2020 – 2021 school year has begun. If your child will be four years old by December 31, 2020 they are eligible for Year 1 (Junior) Kindergarten. If they are five years old by December 31, 2020 they are eligible for Year 2 (Senior) Kindergarten. Please contact the office to register your child and share this news with friends and neighbours who have kindergarten aged children. **When registering new students parents must bring birth certificate and immunization records and proof of address.**



**Phone/Email Messages:**

Phone/Email messages are sent out occasionally that act as additional reminders or updates to North Cavan families. Most of these messages are from the school and some are from the KPR Board. If you are not receiving these messages please contact Mr. Twiss or Ms. Nolan in the office and we will do our best to rectify this.

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**HAPPY HANUKKAH!**

#### **Safe School Initiatives:**

All parents are asked to please check in at the office when you visit the school. **If you are picking your child up early please come into the school office to get them.** If your child is being picked up at the end of the day instead of riding the bus, please come into the office to get them so that the office knows. We don't wish to have children walking through the parking lot for safety reasons.

**\*Absent Child:** please phone the Student Absence reporting system (1-844-434-8119) every day that your child is absent or late.

**\*Notes:** You can write notes regarding upcoming absences (appointments, holidays) in your child's agenda. The teacher will relay this information to the office.

#### **Character Education:**

Having a STRONG, POSITIVE CHARACTER is just as important to being successful as any academic skill. With that in mind, we try to emphasize the 10 character traits listed below:

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| 1. Respect                 | 6. Fairness     |
| 2. Responsibility          | 7. Initiative   |
| 3. Courage                 | 8. Perseverance |
| 4. <b><u>Integrity</u></b> | 9. Honesty      |
| 5. Empathy                 | 10. Optimism    |

**For the month of DECEMBER we are focussing on INTEGRITY.**

#### **Breakfast Club:**

The Breakfast program continues to operate 5 days per week & the students are very appreciative. If you're interested in learning more about the program, joining the team or making donations of food or money please contact the school office.



#### **Legion Poster, Poetry and Narrative Contest**

##### **Winners:**

Congratulations to the following students who won for their posters and poems in this year's Millbrook Legion Contest:

##### **Grades 1/2 Black & White Poster**

- Marty H. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Alice G. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

##### **Grades 1/2 Colour Poster**

- Braylen E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

##### **Grade 3 Black & White Poster**

- Emma M. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- Teegan W. 1<sup>st</sup> Place

##### **Grade 3 Colour Poster**

- Ian C. 1<sup>st</sup> Place

##### **Grade 4 Black and White Poster**

- Evelyn A. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

##### **Grade 4 Poem**

- Emily S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

##### **Grade 4 Narrative**

- Kaitlyn D. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

##### **Grade 5 Colour Poster**

- Chayse V. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place



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-Olivia S. 1<sup>st</sup> Place

**Grade 6 Black and White Poster**

- Kayla W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- Hannah S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Sophie H. 1<sup>st</sup> Place

**Grade 6 Colour Poster**

- Felicity T. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Congratulations to all of the students who entered the contest!

**Wanted: Comments on Draft 2020-21 Calendar**

KPR is seeking comments from students, parents, guardians, staff and community members regarding the school year calendar being proposed for 2020-21. Please comment via the online survey – available on the home page of [www.kprschools.ca](http://www.kprschools.ca) – by Monday, December 6, 2019. Dates being proposed for next year include:

**Option A:** School year for students starts Tuesday, September 1, 2020 (before Labour Day) and ends Thursday, June 24, 2021. The Friday before March Break is a school day. For staff, there is a PA Day on August 31, 2020, and one on June 25, 2021 plus five PA days throughout the school year.

**Option B:** School year for students starts Tuesday, September 8, 2020 (after Labour Day) and ends Tuesday, June 29, 2021. The Friday before March Break is a school day. For staff, there are two PA Days the week before school starts and one on June 30, 2021, plus four PA Days throughout the school year.

**Option C:** School year for students starts Wednesday, September 2, 2020 (before Labour Day) and ends Tuesday, June 29, 2021. The Friday before March Break and Friday before Thanksgiving Weekend are holidays. For staff, there is a PA Day on Tuesday, September 1

and one on June 30, 2021, plus five PA Days throughout the school year.

**Winter Break** for all 3 options: Monday, December 21, 2020, to Friday, January 1, 2021.

**Upcoming Important Dates:**

- \* Wed., Dec. 4 - 6:00 p.m. - School Council Meeting (Library)
- \* Wed., Dec. 11 - 2:00 p.m. - JK-Gr.6 Holiday Concert
- \* Thurs., Dec. 12 - 6:30 p.m. - JK-Gr. 2 Holiday Concert  
- 7:30 p.m. - Gr.3-Gr.6 Holiday Concert
- \* Mon., Dec. 16 – Snow Date for the Holiday Concerts
- \* Wed., Dec. 18 (10:55 a.m.) -Hot Turkey Luncheon, whole School (Gym)
- \* Wed., Dec. 18 -Spirit Day – Wear your holiday hat/hair band!
- \* Thurs., Dec. 19 -Gr. 4, 5, 6 Caroling at Ptbo. Square and 3 Local Senior’s Homes, all day
- \* Fri., Dec. 20 -Spirit Day - Wear Red, White and Green Day!  
-9:30a.m. - Character Assembly: Integrity  
-Snow Date for Turkey Luncheon (if needed)
- \* Fri., Dec. 20 - Last School Day (ending at 3:35 p.m.) - Happy Holidays!
- \* Mon., Jan. 6, 2020 - First Day Back



Happy Kwanzaa

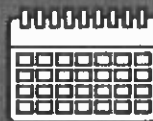






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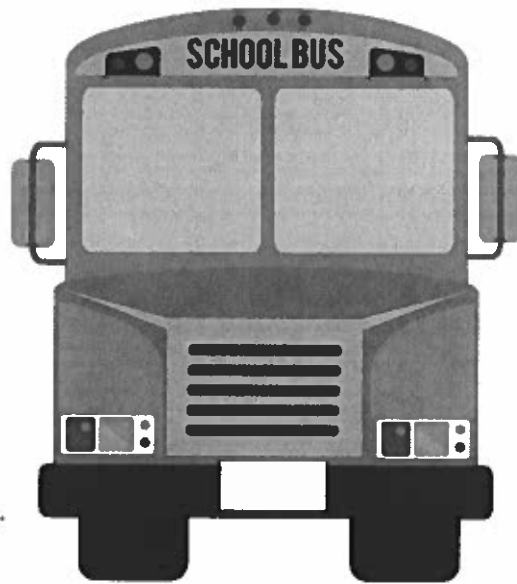


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# **INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION**

## **BUS CANCELLATION or SCHOOL CLOSURE**

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**Helmet required if under age 13—bicycle style will do.**

**All other equipment provided.**

**SUNDAYS—12:45 PM to 3 PM—\$5 each**

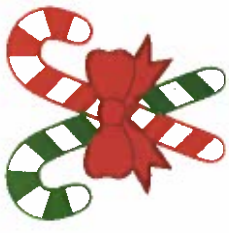
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**(705) 799-7156, omemeecurling@gmail.com**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Day 3 Fitness Club 3:35 – 4:45 p.m.	3 Day 4 Dance Troupe 8 a.m. Gr. 3 & 4 Lunch Box Lunches	4 Day 5 Dance Troupe 8 a.m. Gr. 5 & 6 School Council Meeting in the Library 6:00 p.m.	5 Day 1 Dance Troupe 8 a.m. Lyrical Gr. 5 & 6 Lunch Box Lunches	6 Day 2	7
8	9 Day 3 Fitness Club 3:35 – 4:45 p.m.	10 Day 4 Dance Troupe 8 a.m. Gr. 3 & 4 Lunch Box Lunches	11 Day 5 Dance Troupe 8 a.m. Gr. 5 & 6 Spirit Day: Holiday Hat Day! Holiday Concert 2:00 p.m. (JK-Gr. 6)	12 Day 1 Dance Troupe 8 a.m. Lyrical Gr. 5 & 6 Lunch Box Lunches Holiday Concert 6:30 p.m. (JK-Gr.2) 7:30 p.m. (Gr.3-Gr. 6)	13 Day 2	14
15	16 Day 3 Fitness Club 3:35 – 4:45 p.m. Holiday Concert (Snow Date if Needed)	17 Day 4 Dance Troupe 8 a.m. Gr. 3 & 4 Lunch Box Lunches	18 Day 5 Dance Troupe 8 a.m. Gr. 5 & 6 Turkey Luncheon 10:55 a.m.	19 Day 1 Dance Troupe 8 a.m. Lyrical Gr. 5 & 6 Gr. 4/5/6 Class going carolling Lunch Box Lunches	20 Day 2 Spirit Day: Wear Red, White and Green! Last Day of School (Dismiss at 3:35 p.m.) Turkey Luncheon (Snow Date if Needed)	21
22	23 Winter Break 	24 Winter Break 	25 Winter Break 	26 Winter Break 	27 Winter Break 	28
29	30 Winter Break 	31 Winter Break 	Happy Holidays 	Happy New Year 	Class resume on January 6, 2020	