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## December 2016

### Principal's Message

Well we have been lucky with mild weather so far, but that is sure to change this month! December is always a busy month at school and at home, but it is also fun for the kids. Please look over the *Calendar* and 'Important Dates' list carefully to ensure that nothing is missed.

Many parents told us that the Christmas concert was very popular, but also very crowded last year. Some parents had difficulty fitting in the Gym. To help solve this problem this year, we are trying something new. We are holding three concerts all on **Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>** as follows:

2:00 p.m. Primary and Junior Concert

6:00 p.m. Primary (JK-Gr.2) Concert

7:00 p.m. Junior (Gr.3-6) Concert



The theme this year is '*Let it Snow*'. 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.

### North Cavan Book Fair

Thank you for supporting our book fair in November. We sold approximately \$1,300.00 in books which should generate about \$650.00 revenue to support new book purchases for our Library! Thank you everyone.



### North Cavan Students of the Month:

Below are the October and November students of the month as chosen by their teachers based on the Character traits **RESPONSIBILITY** and **COURAGE**. At North Cavan we celebrate students with great character. Many of the NC students show great character every day. Below are just some of our great students. \*\*Congratulations to all of the students\*\*

#### **October Character Winners (Responsibility):**

**Kgtn. (Cotarelo/McLean):** Trent E., Brinleigh C.

**Kgtn. (Maxwell/Moore):** Kate W., Graiden G.

**Gr. 1:** Evelyn A., Camden M.

**Gr. 2:** Alexis D., Kaitlyn C.

**Gr. 3/4:** Hannah S., Alexis D.

**Gr. 4/5:** Kayden C., Serina T.

**Gr. 5/6:** Susy W., Ryan L.

**Library/Technology:** Ashley A., Adelaide C.

#### **November Character Winners (Courage):**

**Kgtn. (Cotarelo/McLean):** Sawyer M., Landon R.

**Kgtn. (Maxwell/Moore):** Lilly J., Thomas W.

**Gr. 1:** Alexis V., Colin G.

**Gr. 2:** Kenzie M., Olivia S.

**Gr. 3/4:** Carsten M., Jonathan T.

**Gr. 4/5:** Mya M., Kayla B.

**Gr. 5/6:** Maya H., Mitchell K.

### 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





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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 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Sports:**

The Junior Mixed Volleyball teams have been practicing and training regularly for their tournament on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>.



JK/SK (Maxwell/Moore) – Pet-A-Palooza – treats, toys, leashes etc.

- Gr. 1 – Everything Lego
- Gr. 2 – Movie and Music - cd's, itunes, gift cards etc.
- Gr. 3/4 – Relaxing Spa – candles, bubble bath, slippers etc.
- Gr. 4/5 – Chocolate Lovers – candy bars, cookies, gift cards etc.
- Gr. 5/6 – Happy Hour for Adults – gift cards for LCBO, wine, glasses etc.

As with all fundraising at NCPS, participation is completely voluntary. We would suggest a maximum of \$10 per family. Tickets for the trees are \$10 for an 'Arm's Length' of tickets. You may purchase tickets on the night of the concerts (Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>) or by order form which will be sent home soon.

**School Council Fundraising News**

**One Stop Shopping Extravaganza:**

The One Stop Shopping night was very well attended and very successful. The evening raised a little over \$1,200 for the School Council. Thank you to all of the North Cavan Council members who made it successful and special thanks to the Vendors who participated and all of the people who attended.



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

Recently, our School Council payed for 'Tim the Puppet Tamer' to do his school wide presentation to the students about bullying prevention and being a good friend. Students also learned some basic skills about being a puppeteer. Our Council is also purchasing two more iPod devices for each classroom in January to support technology learning at NCPS. On December 8<sup>th</sup>, School Council is paying for the buses to take all of our students to the Port Hope Capitol Theatre show 'Snow



**Hockey Raffle Tickets** for sale (4 seats for ea. Game)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize - Leafs vs. Senators game on Sat. Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Marlies vs. RCH game, Jan. 14
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - Peterborough Petes – game of your choice.
- If you're able to help by **selling tickets** please contact the office. All proceeds go to support the North Cavan School Council.

**Draw Date:** Thursday Dec. 22, 2016, 7:30 p.m. Any unsold hockey tickets are due back at 9:30 a.m. this day please.

**Festival of Trees Raffle:**

During the evening of the Christmas Concert (Thurs. Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>) we will be raffling the 'Themed Christmas Trees' which the classes have assembled. We are asking that students from each class donate a variety of items based on their assigned theme. Everyone will have an opportunity to place raffle tickets on the tree of their choice. Winners will be selected on the evening of the Concert. Half will be drawn at the Primary Concert and half at the junior concert. Anyone absent will be contacted by the school office to claim their prize. Thank you in advance if you are able to help with this School Council fundraising project.



**Classroom tree Themes:**

JK/SK (Cotarelo/McLean) – Crayons, Paints, canvas etc.



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White'. They are also raising funds to upgrade our baseball diamond – hopefully by next fall.

**QSP Magazine and Cookie Dough Sales:**

Thank you to all who took part in the Magazine - Cookie Dough Fundraiser. We raised about \$2,585.00 to support school council activities for the school.



**THANK YOU - from the North Cavan School Council!**

**North Cavan Tobogganing:**

When there's enough snow on the ground the 'Krazy Karpets" will come out for the students to use on the back hill. Recess tobogganing 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.**

**2016-2017 Kindergarten Registration:**

Kindergarten registration for the 2017 – 2018 school year has begun. If your child will be four years old by December 31, 2017 they are eligible for Year 1 (Junior) Kindergarten. If they are five years old by December 31, 2017 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 Messages:**

Phone 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.



**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 to get them.** If your child is being picked up at the end of the day instead of riding the bus please come in to get them and let the office know. We don't wish to have children walking through the parking lot.

**\*Absent Child:** please phone the school (705-944-5366) every day that your child is absent. Please state your child's name, teacher and the reason for the absence.

**\*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 |
| <b><u>4. 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 Robynne Chapman at [drtjkc@gmail.ca](mailto:drtjkc@gmail.ca)





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### Legion Poster and Poetry Contest Winners

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

#### **Grades 1,2,3 Black & White Poster**

- Kaia E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Jonathan T. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

#### **Grades 4,5,6 Black & White Poster**

- Jack Y. 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Josie M. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Jack E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

#### **Grades 4,5,6 Colour Poster**

- Gabrielle R. 1<sup>st</sup> Place

#### **Grades 4,5,6 Poetry**

- Susy W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Josie M. & Maya H. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Congratulations to all of the students who entered the contest!

### Local Library Update

The Millbrook Parade is Dec. 3rd, at 1:00 pm. The Library is "Calling all Elves" and asking community children to come join us in the parade in support of their local Libraries.

December 3 2016, Millbrook Branch is also hosting our Annual Christmas Party from 11a.m.-12:30p.m. There will be crockpots full of hot chocolate and apple cider, as well as a few Holiday crafts for children. Please stop in and share some festive time together at your local Library!

The Cavan Monaghan Libraries will be closed December 24, 2016 to January 2, 2017. The Libraries reopen January 3, 2017. Please check our website at: [cavanmonaghanlibraries.ca](http://cavanmonaghanlibraries.ca) for more information and details on events throughout January.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping our rural Libraries stay viable!

### Wanted: Comments on Draft 2017-18 Calendar

KPR is seeking comments from students, parents, guardians, staff and community members regarding the school year calendar being proposed for 2017-18. Please comment via the online survey – available on the home page of [www.kprschools.ca](http://www.kprschools.ca) – by Monday, December 5, 2016. Dates being proposed for next year include Winter Break from Monday, December 25, 2017, to Friday, January 5, 2018, with the last day of classes before the break being Friday, December 22, 2017. This reflects the same dates set by the Ministry of Education.

### Upcoming Important Dates:

- \* **Fri. Dec. 2** - 2:00p.m. – Grade 3 swim to Survive Program
- \* **Thurs. Dec. 8** – 9:30 a.m. - Whole school trip to 'Snow White'
- \* **Mon. Dec. 12** – Toy and Food Drive Ends
- \* **Wed. Dec. 14** – 6:30pm - **School Council Meeting**
- \* **Thurs. Dec. 15** - Gr. 4, 5, 6 Caroling at Ptbo. Square and 3 local Senior's Homes, all day
- \* **Fri. Dec. 16 (10:50 a.m.)** –Hot Turkey Lunch, whole school
- \* **Wed. Dec. 21** – Spirit Day – Hat Day!
- \* **Thurs. Dec. 22** – Spirit Day – Red, White and Green Day!
  - Holiday Concerts – 2:00 p.m. Primary & Junior (JK-Gr.6)
  - 6:00 Primary Concert (JK-Gr.2)
  - 7:00 Junior Concert (Gr. 3-Gr.6)
- \* **Dec. 23** – Spirit Day – Pyjama day!
  - 9:30a.m. - Character Assembly: Integrity
- \* **Fri. Dec. 23** - Last School day (ending at 3:30 p.m.): **Happy Holidays!**
- \* **Mon. Jan. 9, 2017** - **First Day Back**

