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## Office News

December is here! We are full steam ahead for the last 3 weeks of school before Winter Break. Many wonderful things have been happening in our building; Moustache Spirit day, volleyball teams, Terrific Kids Assemblies, and lots of amazing learning. We look forward to a busy December with schedules full of activities. Please check the important dates in this Newsletter for information on events.

As a staff, we continue to dedicate ourselves to the learning needs and improvement of each and every student. The academic, social, and emotional growth of our students is supported by the many staff members, parents, and community volunteers who give so freely of their time and expertise. Thank you for making the learning environment at P.E. McGibbon Public School so awesome! In addition, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our school community for your continued support with our charitable initiatives and fundraisers, such as our recent collection for cancer research as we recognized “Movember”. We appreciate your generosity and kindness.

We would like to wish those that have celebrations this month to have a wonderful holiday with family and friends. Looking forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024!

## Inclement Weather (P.E. McGibbon is Zone 2)

In the event of inclement weather, listen to the local radio station or check the website [www.schoolbusinfo.com](http://www.schoolbusinfo.com) for information regarding bus cancellations and school closures. Please keep the following in mind: in the event of fog, buses that are canceled in the morning will run in the afternoon. When buses are canceled in the morning due to snow, buses will not run in the afternoon.

## Progress Reports / Interviews

Thank you to those of you who were able to meet with your child's teacher for an interview in November. If you were unable to attend, please note that teachers are always willing to discuss your child's progress with you; reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

## Sports / Special Events



Our intermediate volleyball teams are in the midst of their season. It has been exciting to cheer them on; Go Grizzlies! We thank all our staff for going beyond their work day to provide these extra activities. Mr. Gardiner, Ms. Helps, Ms. Rops, and Ms. Hayter have been diligently working on developing the girl's volleyball skills and sportsmanship. Ms. Mason, Ms. McPhail, and Mrs. Kingma have been coaching the boy's team. All the best as you wrap up your season in December.





P.E. McGibbon was fortunate to have a special Remembrance Day assembly this past month. Thank you to Mr. Dark and Madame Dickson for organizing this assembly for our students. It was moving to hear several of our students share through singing, speaking, and video creations.

## Community Partners: Shout Outs!



The grade 3 to 6 students had the privilege of attending the Sarnia Sting's first School Day hockey game. A huge thank you goes to Wright General Contractors, Sentry Fire, and Bluewater Power for their 100% funding of this experience. Thank you to Ms. Hayter for organizing these donations for us.

We have been enjoying fresh produce from the Kiwanis and Macklin Farms. These donations have helped fill the stomachs of our students. At times we receive large donations of produce that need to be sent home before they spoil. We will try to pick different families to send these donations home with when we find ourselves having too much.

## Holiday Lunch / Santa Shop

Imperial Oil has generously paid for a school wide holiday lunch. The menu is turkey, mashed potatoes, corn, buns, and coleslaw. Lunch will be provided for all students and staff on December 22nd. We will be eating in two shifts; 11:30 am and 12:10 pm. If your child has any dietary restrictions, please contact your child's teacher.

The Santa Shop will be running at the school from December 11th - 15th. The Santa Shop is an opportunity for students to purchase gently used items for their families. All of the items in the Santa Shop have been donated by staff and community members. Each item costs a dollar. The money raised will be going towards providing supplies for families who are struggling this holiday season.

# Terrific Kid's Assembly



It is always a treat to have the Kiwanis attend our Terrific Kids Assembly; Ben, Charlotte, Jaindy, and Audrey received extra recognition for their exemplary trait of enthusiasm. Throughout the month of November, students were encouraged to bring in money for cancer research. The students could vote on a staff member that they wanted to see get a pie in their face. Mr. Chambers, Mr. Dark, and Ms. Hayter were the lucky three that gave students the great privilege of throwing a pie in their face.

## Upcoming Events

Santa Shop:	Dec. 11th - 15th
Holiday Hat Spirit Day:	Dec. 18th
Holiday Assembly (Grade 3/4 - 8):	Dec. 19th @ 11:45 am
Holiday Socks Spirit Day:	Dec. 19th
Holiday Assembly (JK - Grade 2/3):	Dec. 20th @ 11:45 am
Holiday Sweater Spirit Day:	Dec. 20th
Holiday Accessories Spirit Day:	Dec. 21st
Green/Red/White Spirit Day:	Dec. 22nd
Turkey Dinner (free):	Dec. 22nd