

Colonel Cameron News

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Principal's Message

As we head into our last month of the 2023 calendar year and prepare to usher in 2024, a big appreciation and recognition goes to our students for their efforts leading up to their progress report. The Learning Skills section of the report cards/progress reports really examine the way your child engages in the learning process. In many ways it is a measure of how they apply themselves, not just in areas of the curriculum but also as members of our school community. Thank you to parents and teachers who connected for interviews. As the weather turns colder, please make sure that students dress for the weather.

Save the Date: The Winter Concert will be on Wednesday, December 20th. Parents are welcome to attend the show during the second block, starting at 12 PM. Our students have been working hard and are very excited about the performance.

School Hours

8:45Playground Opens
9:00Classes Begin
9:00 - 11:00....Instructional Time
11:00 - 11:40 Nutrition Break/Recess
11:40 - 1:20.....Instructional Time
1:20 - 2:00..... Nutrition Break/Recess
2:00 - 3:20....Instructional Time
3:20.....Dismissal

Dates To Remember:

Dec. 6Pick Up Fundraiser Orders (3-5 PM)
Dec. 8Boston Pizza Lunch
Dec. 13G.L.S.S. Band Visits
Dec. 15Let It Snow Day
Dec. 15Holiday Luncheon
Dec. 18Four Colour House Day
Dec. 19Holiday Headwear Day
Dec. 20Sparkle & Shine Day
Dec. 20Winter Concert
Dec. 21Festive Comfort Day
Dec. 22Holiday Sweater Day
Dec. 22“Cougarific” Assembly
Dec. 25-Jan. 5.....Holidays
Jan. 8First Day of School in 2024



Congratulations:

At the end of the month, we will be

saying goodbye to someone near and dear to the Cougar Family. After 38 years of working as an Early Childhood Educator, Mrs. McGee will be retiring to spend time with her family. We will miss her, but we wish her all the best!

Student Council: Our Student Council Representatives have been very busy this month. Operation Christmas Tree is a huge success! Thank you for all your donations. Items will be picked up on December 7th. There are lots of special days planned for the month. (Please take a look in the Dates to Remember section.)

School Advisory Council:

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the recent fundraisers for Box Of Cards and MacMillan's that the School Advisory Council offered. **A reminder that both fundraisers will be delivered to the school on December 6th and are to be picked up at the school on this day between 3PM and 5 PM.**

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 7th at the school from 4-6 PM. All are welcome.

Playground Equipment: **Please be advised that our playground equipment is now closed and will not re-open until the Spring.** The Ontario School Board Insurance Exchange advises the closure of school playgrounds due to the following reasons:

Freezing temperatures - At temperatures below 0 deg. C, very few types of protective ground surfacing remain resilient enough to offer any degree of protection to a falling child - regardless of depth. If the ground cover is frozen, the play equipment is **NOT** safe for use.

Snow build-up - Snow can cause two problems on a play structure - first, it can make play surfaces very slippery; secondly, it can create suffocation hazards if the openings at the end of tube slides or similar structures become closed in by drifting snow.

Ice or freezing rain - As noted above, ice or freezing rain can make play surfaces, hand grips and stairways very slippery, increasing the risk of slip and fall injuries.

Clothing - Winter clothing is very different than normal clothing. Synthetic materials, such as nylon, reduce sliding resistance, particularly on plastic slide beds. This can increase the travel speed on this equipment to a dangerous level, and if combined with frozen ground cover can increase the chance of injury. Winter clothing is also very bulky and is more likely to have drawstrings or hooks and clips which can become entangled in components of the equipment. Please remind your child not to use the school equipment outside of school hours during the winter months.

Senior Girls' and Boys' Volleyball: Congratulations to the school volleyball teams on a successful and enjoyable season! Both teams practiced hard, played well, were a positive tight group, and represented Colonel Cameron respectfully! Coach Henderson and Coach Steeves are very proud of the hard work that the girls put in throughout the season. Coach Van Hooft and Coach Charron would like to thank the boys for all their hard work this year.



Holiday Luncheon: On December 15th we will be partnering with Parkway Pentecostal Church to host a turkey luncheon for our students. This is a wonderful time for our school community to come together and enjoy a delicious meal of roast turkey with all the trimmings! Students just need to supply their own drink and snacks that day as everything else will be covered by generous donations.

Winter Break:

The last day before the Christmas Holidays is December 22nd, 2023. School will resume on Monday, January 8th, 2024. On behalf of the entire Colonel Cameron Staff, we wish our students and their families a wonderful and healthy holiday! See you in the New Year!



At Colonel Cameron Public School, we look forward to working with each child and family to ensure an excellent education for ***Every Student, Every Day.***