

# NEWS FROM THE NEST



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**December 2022**

## **From Mrs. Byatt-Millington**

Hello Falcon Families!

We have a busy month coming up – from the end of the volleyball season to the beginning of our class presentations in the gym during carol sing and STEM experiments that introduce students to the trades. Teachers and students have been busily working on many things. We are proud of the contributions our students are making to our community – decorating a tree for the park, representing TAPS at the Legion Remembrance Day Service, volunteering for The Gift, or donating to the Goodfellows No Child Without a Christmas campaign – we know that all of these contributions help to make our school and our town a better place to be.

## **Wreath Sales**

Thank you to everyone who supported the school by purchasing a wreath. Wreaths will be available for pickup on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from the small gym. Please come between 10:00 am and 5:30 pm to pick up your wreath. If you are coming after school, please wait until the buses have cleared out before parking out front. Money raised from this fundraiser will be used to offset the cost of field trips throughout the year.

## **Hot Lunches**

Hot lunches continue to be a great success and a time saver for many families. As we move forward through the year, the plan is to offer the following:

- Pizza (Fridays)– orders sent out for 2-3 months at a time – next order form comes home mid-January
- Harvest Fresh (Tuesdays) – also sent out 2 months at a time – next order form is out in the new year
- Subway – each month we'll offer an opportunity to purchase sandwiches from Subway

Money raised through hot lunch sales goes into the Student Trust Fund, which is used to subsidize field trips and purchase equipment for student use.

## **School Council**

While we meet in person, several parents have asked to have a virtual option as well. For all future meetings, this will be made available. If you would like to join virtually, please contact the office and your email address will be added to the list of members.

Our next meeting will be Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Learning Commons.

## **Sports Update**

Volleyball – Sr. Volleyball has begun with our teams facing off in their first league games. Both teams have shown a great deal of growth from their first games to their most recent ones. They are beginning to work together more to get the ball over the net and are coming together as a team. Congratulations to both teams for qualifying for the quarter finals! Many thanks to Mrs. Bolohan, Mr. Cobb and Mr. Munroe for coaching.

Intramurals – Volleyball intramurals for Grade 4-6 has begun, thanks to Mr. Munroe for organizing and supervising.

Basketball – Tryouts for Senior Girls' and Boys' Basketball will be taking place soon. Students are asked to listen to the announcements for more information.

## **Grade 8 Graduation**

We are beginning to make plans to celebrate our Grade 8 grads. Graduation pictures will be taken on Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Students are asked to bring/wear a white shirt with a collar. If they don't have a shirt or tie, the photographer does have some available, but be aware these will be shared.

Students may wish to follow a traditional style of dress (shirt and tie for boys and shirt/blouse for girls) but that can be determined by each family.

## **Student Leadership**

Our Student Leadership Team has been hard at work preparing to support the Kinsmen and Goodfellows with their food/toy/clothing drive this winter season. They have been collecting donations from each of the homerooms and are hoping that when their donations are laid out, will stretch from the small gym to the big gym. A pie in the Principal's face is at stake so they have been encouraging classes to continue their donations.

The Team is also going to be selling Candy Cane's the week of December 12<sup>th</sup> to raise money for future Student Council events.

## **Playground Equipment**

All the playground equipment (climbers, monkey bars, GaGa Ball pit) is now closed for the season. Because the ground freezes, the pea gravel and wood chips are no longer able to absorb the impact of a fall, making it unsafe for play.

Please help us to enforce this by encouraging your child(ren) to stay off the equipment before and after school, until it reopens in the spring.

## **Christmas Holidays**

Our last day of school in 2022 is Friday, December 23. The school will be closed for two weeks; phones will not be answered, and the voice mail will only be checked periodically. If you have information to share with us, please leave a message on the general voicemail and it will be returned when checked.

The school reopens on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **Bus Cancellations – Zone 7**

During the fall we might experience some heavy fog in which there could be the potential for bus cancellations. During the fall season, when there are bus cancellations due to fog, busses will not run in the morning but will run in the afternoon.

TAPS is in ZONE 7.

To check for any bus cancellations during the school year, please tune into the local radio stations or check the school's social media feeds.

## **COVID Protocols**

Currently, the LKDSB continues to take direction from and follow the advice of the CK Medical Officer of Health, the Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Education.

While many protocols and guidelines have eased up, we are still encouraging families to do the following to keep our building and our people as safe as can be:

- Stay home if feeling sick (to determine when to return to school, feel free to continue to use the School Screener for guidance - [Covid School Screener](#))
- Practice good hand hygiene – soap or sanitizer
- Practice coughing/sneezing into your elbow, not your hands
- Do not share items that touch the mouth (water bottles, lip balm for example)

As everyone has their own level of comfort with being in public, we encourage all our staff and students to respect the choices of others. What is good for one family's health, may be different from another's.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER IN DECEMBER**

Dec 12 – 15 – Candy Cane Sales

Dec 19 – 23 – Caroling/Student Presentations

Dec 19 – Holiday Headwear Day

Dec 20 – Holiday Character Day

Dec 21 – Red, Green, White Day

Dec 22 – Holiday Sweater Day

Dec 23 – Holiday PJ Day

Dec 23 – Last Day of Classes