

Crosby Heights Public School

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December 2015

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From the office...

At this time of year, teachers are preparing your child's first report card of the school year. In this progress report, the assessment of student learning skills is included, as well as indicators of how your child is progressing in each curriculum area. As noted in the Ministry of Education "Growing Success" document, "The development of learning skills and work habits needed to succeed in school and in life begins early in a child's schooling. As students move through the grades, they develop and then consolidate their learning skills and work habits in preparation for post-secondary education and the world of work."

We look forward to sharing your child's progress with you. Progress Reports will be sent home to families on December 11.

We are excited that our Breakfast Club program is up and running! Thank you to our amazing volunteers who make it happen!

Students have been busy with extra curricular activities and leadership opportunities around the school. Many clubs, sports teams and leadership opportunities are available to our student. Ask your child how they would like to get involved in Crosby Heights Extra Curricular Life!

As always, we value your partnership and support of your child's learning.

Sincerely,
Mr. T. Dunn
Principal

Mrs. T. Dynes
Vice-Principal

PA DAY

There will be
No School
for students on
Friday,
Jan.15 2016.

Next
School Council
General Meeting

Wednesday,
January 13
2016.

Meeting at
7:00pm

ALL ARE
WELCOME TO
ATTEND!

School Council Meeting Dates

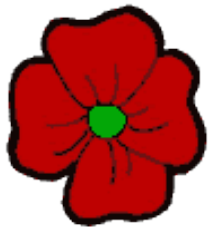
Wednesdays:
November 18, 2015
January 13, 2016,
Monday, February 10, 2016, and
Monday, April 13, 2016.

Meetings at 7:00pm—8:30pm
All parents are welcome to attend.

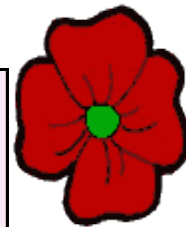


Please note that Breakfast Club Last Day is Thursday,
Dec.17. Breakfast Club resumes on Monday, Jan. 11, 2016.





Remembrance Day



On November 11, Crosby Heights Public School participated in Remembrance Day assemblies. Student performances included a musical ensemble, as well as book and poetic readings on the topic of the poppy. Wreaths were decorated and brought to the assembly by each class. In our front lobby, a Wall of Honour was created. It includes pictures of relatives who have served or who are currently dedicating their lives to service. Grade 7 and 8 students are also participating in Remembrance Day art and writing contests, with the potential of award winning pieces being put on display in the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa. We want to thank those soldiers past and present, who dedicate their lives so that we may live in a world full of peace and liberty. Lest we forget.

BY Jesse and Elena, Student Ambassadors, gr.8



Dressing for Cooler Weather



All our students are expected to be outside before, during and after school in all weather conditions (i.e., rain or shine, snow or heat). Students need to come to school dressed to play outside during recesses. Boots (for rain or snow), rain jackets, hats, mitts, scarves and snow pants will help make recess an enjoyable time. **It is advisable for children to keep extra pants and socks at school in case they get wet.**

Upcoming Dates for December And January



Dec 11	Progress Reports Go Home
Dec 15	Winter Concert
Dec 21-Jan 2	Winter Break
Jan 13	School Council Meeting at 7:00 pm
Jan 15	PA Day

STUDENT LEADERSHIP CORNER

student Council News



me to we
Better choices for a better world

In the New Year, Mme. Ceniti and Ms. Kennedy will be looking for a small group of intermediate students who are interested in making a difference in our world. The philosophy of the Me to We leadership team is about creating a better world by shifting our thinking from 'me' thinking to 'we' thinking and acting. Students on the team will have an opportunity to explore current issues in the world, and then to choose, plan and implement local and global initiatives within the school. Any interested intermediate students will be invited to fill out an application and selected candidates will have an opportunity to interview for a position on the team. We look forward to hearing what kinds of positive changes our Crosby students would like to make in the world this school year!

CYBERBULLYING AWARENESS

The Government of Ontario designated the week of November 17 as Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week. During that week, schools across York Region focused on addressing cyberbullying. York Region District School Board has been working collaboratively with York Regional Police and the York Catholic District School Board to develop resources to support school-wide cyberbullying awareness initiatives.

Here at Crosby Heights, teachers worked with their students to develop a greater understanding of what cyberbullying looks like and how students can respond, and be proactive to prevent it. Students wrote and presented daily announcements to spread the message school-wide.

Cyberbullying is the use of electronic devices and or the internet to threaten, embarrass, socially exclude and harass. Cyberbullying can occur through various forms of social media, including: texting, email, chats, websites, instant messaging, cell phones and through pictures/video clips. Cyberbullying is often aggressive behaviour that can be intentional or unintentional, direct or indirect. It may include: mocking, insults, threats, racist, homophobic comments, gossiping, spreading of rumours, excluding, humiliating and shunning.



If you'd like to learn more, watch our [Change The Culture of Cyberbullying](https://www.youtube.com/YRDSBMedia) video on the Board's YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/YRDSBMedia>. Join us in saying **#yeswewill** change the culture of cyberbullying through your favourite social media tools.

English Language Learners

We gathered a list of useful sites where you can learn more about Canada and keep up to date with what is happening in your home country in your mother language. It is important for our students to keep their cultural heritage while continuing to adopt our Canadian culture.

Letter sounds, words and beginner reader

<http://www.starfall.com>

Richmond Hill library (with multilanguage, multicultural and accessible services on line)

<http://www.rhpl.richmondhill.on.ca/RHPL/>

Curriculum

<http://www.linktolearning.com/>

Math

<https://homeworkhelp.ilc.org/>

Newspapers from around the world

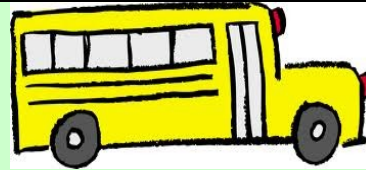
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Crosby Heights P.S. is tweeting! Visit us on Twitter for updates, events, and information! @CHPSYRDSB

SAFETY IN OUR BUS LOOP

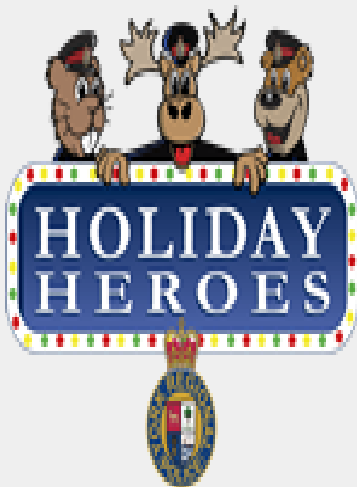


Our parking lot and bus loop are busy places every morning and afternoon! To ensure the safety of all, **please** drive slowly, be mindful of our students, and be aware that buses are unloading and loading students. With your awareness and care, our parking lot can stay safe!

HOLIDAY HEROES

Since the launch of Holiday Heroes in 2008, York Regional Police has raised more than \$1 million in monetary donations, new toys, new children's clothing and food. As always, all donations raised in York Region, stay in York Region! These goals could never have been achieved without the generosity and support from the public!

This year, Crosby Heights is partnering with York Regional Police to support the Holiday Heroes program. We welcome your donations of non-perishable food items and new hats, mitts and scarves that will be donated at the end of the campaign.



This year's campaign will run from **November 24 to December 11, 2015** and 100 per cent of donations directly support the children from our community who are in need. Our collaborative efforts will provide holiday cheer to the thousands of families who have registered for assistance through the local Salvation Army programs.

School Council Newsletter

November 2015



Our Vision

School Council believes that education is a partnership involving parents, students, teachers, principals, community and school boards. Our vision is to build community within the school and enhance communication with our students and families.

2015/2016

Parent Council Members

Chair <i>Marcelle C.</i>	Pizza Program Sub-Committee Chairs <i>Yanling F. & Verity S.</i>
Treasurer <i>Marcelle C.</i>	
Secretary <i>Randi M.</i>	Members-at- Large <i>Lily W. Siiri K. Sherry Z. Tony V. Sean J.</i>
Volunteer Coordinator <i>Verity S.</i>	
Teacher Representative <i>Jessica K.</i>	Administration <i>Mr. Dunn Mrs. Dynes</i>
Breakfast Club Sub-Committee Chairs <i>Heather G.</i>	



Message from School Council Chair

Marcelle Castle

Happy November! We are off to a great School Council start. We couldn't have done it without the energy and passion of our Parent Members, Teacher Representative and School Administration.

Thanks to the many parent volunteers who continue to assist and support the school in countless different ways every day.

The school council has many plans and activities in store which rely on the support and input from Parents and Volunteers. If you are interested in getting involved, please join us at the council meetings. All Parents/ Caregivers/ Guardians are welcome to attend.

If you have any comments, questions or suggestions for School Council, please feel free to send a message at crosby.heights.ps@sc.yrdsb.edu.on.ca

If you are interested in volunteering, please e-mail us to let us know.

Breakfast Club

November 9th was day one of our ever successful Breakfast Club Program. The program currently runs Monday to Thursday mornings from 8:10 to 8:30am and is open to all students of Crosby Heights.

From grocery shopping, to preparing and serving breakfast, to helping to clean-up afterward, this program wouldn't thrive without the parent and student volunteers, the teachers as well as the school administration. There is always a need for additional help so if you are interested in helping with Breakfast Club, please e-mail us.

Pizza Program

School Council is happy to announce that our Pizza Program started November 16th. Sales are at an all-time high for Term 1 which runs through to February 5th. Envelopes will be sent home with plenty of time to participate in Term 2.

Pizza is served every Monday. Table sales are available if you haven't pre-ordered. Slices can be purchased for \$2.00.

We can't thank our parent and student volunteers enough. We depend on you and the time that you contribute to help ensure a successful program.

Parent's Corner

We are excited to announce that our library will soon provide resources for parents. Parents can borrow books and other reading materials on various topics.

Stay tuned for more details.

School Council Meeting Dates

Please mark your calendars, come, and join us for the upcoming School Council Meetings. We welcome and encourage all parents to attend. It is a great way to know what is happening at the school, meet other parents and get involved.

• January 13, 2016 @ 7pm	• April 13, 2016 @ 7pm
• February 10, 2016 @ 7pm	• May 11, 2016 @ 7pm

Message From Our Trustee

It is that time of year when our schools brim with energy and excitement for the many diverse celebrations taking place across our region. I am always happy to join the festivities happening in our schools and appreciate the efforts of our students, staff and community members to bring the holiday season alive.

As we wind down 2015, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents and guardians for their support of our students and staff over the past few months. A school community is only as strong and welcoming as the people who make up that community. Our students, staff and community members have continued to demonstrate respect, character and commitment in their work and interactions over the last few months. As a trustee, I consider myself very fortunate to work with such supportive community and staff members.

On behalf of all of the trustees and staff of the York Region District School Board, I would like to wish you and your families a very happy holiday season.

All the best for 2016!

Ms. C. McBain
Trustee