




Day & Date	Day	What's Happening
Mon. December 2 nd	1	Toy & Food Drive Continues
Tues. December 3 rd	2	
Wed. December 4 th	3	
Thurs. December 5 th	4	Pizza Day 
Fri. December 6 th	5	

Please continue to check our school website for updates: <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/fairwood.ps>

Trustee Greetings

One of the top priorities set out by our school board is creating an environment that enables our students to focus on learning and being successful. That means creating environments where students are safe and feel safe, where all of our students know that they are welcome and supported, and where they see their identities reflected, valued and celebrated.

Championing Equity and Inclusivity

Championing Equity and Inclusivity is one of the priorities outlined in the [Board of Trustees' Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#). We are fortunate to live in one of the most diverse regions of Canada, and welcome students, staff and families with a broad range of identities and experiences. There has been much work underway at the Board in the past few months to ensure we are providing all of our students with a safe, equitable and inclusive learning environment, including:

- Providing [Board-wide training](#) for over 12,000 school staff on anti-Black racism.
- Bringing together over 250 students and staff at our annual [SpeakOut conference](#) for the 2SLGBTQ+ community.
- Acknowledging [Treaties Recognition Week](#), and learning about the importance of treaties and treaty relationships in Canada from First Nations community members.
- Hosting a labour market information night for parents to learn about current and future career opportunities and employment trends.
- Bringing together hundreds of members of the education community for three days of learning focused on Indigenous Education and Equity at our world-renowned [Quest conference](#).

This is in addition to the ongoing work taking place in our schools. It is also important that our families know and feel that they are a valued, respected and important part of our school community. We recently held regional school council forums that brought together school council members from across the region to learn and share together on important topics such as engaging families, vaping and more. It was wonderful to see so many family members there.

Respect ~ Responsibility ~ Honesty ~ Empathy ~ Fairness ~ Initiative ~ Perseverance ~ Integrity ~ Courage ~ Optimism



The Board of Trustees was also pleased to receive and commit to taking action on the recommendations in response to the Anti-Black Racism, Antisemitism, Classism and Islamophobia community consultations.

Winter Months

With the winter weather already upon us, I also want to remind families that school transportation may be cancelled on [extreme cold or inclement weather days](#), and there may be rare occasions when emergency weather conditions result in school closures. To ensure families are aware, last month, we tested a new system to send text messages to families in emergency situations only. Information about transportation cancellations and school closures will also be available on Board and school websites, Board social media channels and local media.

Many of our students and families will be celebrating days of significance and holidays in the coming weeks and months, and I wish you all the very best for the season. I hope everyone has a safe and happy winter break and we look forward to welcoming students back in January.

Cynthia Cordova
Trustee, Georgina

Holiday Concert



Our Holiday Concert will be held on **Thursday, December 12th Tentatively from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.** We are also having an **afternoon dress rehearsal beginning at 1:10 p.m.** for our students and any families that are unable to attend the evening performance. The **Kindergarten concert will be on Friday, December 13th at 1:20 p.m.** We are hoping to support our local food bank by collecting non perishable food donations or a small donation as an entrance fee. Come out for an evening of holiday cheer and help support organizations in our community!

Gingerbread Houses

The Fairwood staff has been hard at work building some new gingerbread houses for the holiday season. They will be on display beginning December 4th until the 18th of December with the draw for winners on Thursday, December 19th. Tickets are 25 cents each and will be available to students during the lunch hour. Thank you in advance for your support 😊

Want front row seats for the upcoming holiday concert?

Tickets are available from the school office for

\$1.00 ea or 6 for \$5.00.

Draw will be held on the night of the Holiday concert!





December is an Exciting Time of Year!

The first day of winter falls in December Spending time with Family and Friends!

December is also a great time to get outside, have fun in the snow and discover the great outdoors!

When the temperature drops, it is common for many parents to want their kids to spend time indoors. However, there are many benefits for kids to be active outside in the winter, including:

- Building different muscle groups and improving physical health
- Engaging in creative play
- Being messy and having fun
- Fresh air and sunlight
- Learning first-hand about nature, the weather and the seasons

When children are outside they move more, sit less, play longer and sleep more soundly at night. Being active also helps to improve your self-esteem, social skills and mental health.

With appreciation,

Jill Maar
Principal

Lillian Lahe
Vice Principal












Pat Best
Admin Assistant

Diane Carlson
Admin Assistant



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Day 1	3 Day 2	4 Day 3	5 Day 4 Pizza Day 	6 Day 5	7
8	9 Day 1 K Trip to Crock A Doodle	10 Day 2	11 Day 3  Community Breakfast 7:00 - 8:00 am	12 Day 4 Pizza Day   Holiday Concert 6:30- 8:00pm	13 Day 5 Kindergarten Concert – 1:20-2:50 pm	14
15	16 Day 1  Red & Green Day	17 Day 2	18 Day 3  Ornament/Santa Hat Day Character Assembly – Empathy 11-12 pm	19 Day 4 Pizza Day 	20 Day 5 Winter/ Holiday PJ Day! 	21
22 H	23 O 	24 L	25 Christmas 	26 Kwanzaa 	27 A	28 Y
29	30	31	BACK TO SCHOOL ON JANUARY 6, 2020			

Dear Parents/Guardians;

It's that time of year again – time to start Fairwood's annual TOY DRIVE. Our Falcon WE Leaders will be organizing and hosting the event this year. Each classroom has been assigned an approximate age and gender to help support all the needs of our community, this is just a **guide line**, and any new toy donation would be greatly appreciated. The Toy Drive will run from November 25th to December 9th.



We appreciate your help and support with this Fairwood tradition.

The Falcon WE Leaders

Mrs. Gibson	Toddler		Mrs. Koruna	Age 8 - Boy		Mrs. Munro	Age 13 - Girl
Mrs. Zavagno	Toddler		Mrs. Griffith	Age 8 - Girl		Ms. Atcheson	Age 13 - Boy
Mrs. Fiering	Age 6 - Boy		Mrs. Hill	Age 9 - Boy		Strong, Johnson, Thompson	Age 12 - Boy/Girl
Mrs. Metzner	Age 6 - Girl		Mrs. Snow	Age 9 - Girl			
Mrs. Mercer	Age 7 - Boy		Mrs. Campbell	Age 10/11 - Girl			
Mrs. Hann	Age 7 - Girl		Mr. Woodger	Age 10/11 - Boy			