

LEGACY PUBLIC SCHOOL E-BULLETIN



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CELEBRATIONS



**Christmas-Dec 25th
(western) Jan 7th (eastern)**

Christmas is a joyous religious celebration of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. Christians recognize Jesus of Nazareth as the Messiah, the Son of God, and accept him as their Saviour and Lord. Western Christianity celebrates Christmas on December 25. Eastern Christians may celebrate Christmas on January 7th. Many exchange gifts, singing, visiting with family and friends, and attending services in Church.



Hanukkah-Dec 22nd-30th

In Judaism, Chanukah is celebrated for eight days to commemorate the victory of Judah the Maccabee for religious freedom and rededication of the Temple in 165 B.C.E. and to celebrate the power of God and the faithfulness of Israel. During the celebration, the eight candles of the menorah, the Chanukah lamp, are lit one day at a time. Card-playing is traditionally associated with the festival, as is spinning the dreidel (a spinning top).



Kwanzaa-Dec 26th-Jan 1st

Kwanzaa ("first fruits of the harvest" in Swahili) is being observed by increasing numbers of African Canadian families.

On each day of the week during Kwanzaa, a candle is lit in a seven-branched candelabrum called a kinara, to represent one of the seven principles celebrated during Kwanzaa: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith. Children often receive educational and cultural gifts, and the week may end with a great feast - the Kwanzaa Karamu - followed by dance, music and readings.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We say goodbye to 2019 and welcome 2020, We hope you and your family and friends have a new year filled with good health and success. As we finish the calendar year we can look back and celebrate the many activities and events that have occurred this year at Legacy PS. As we look ahead, the New Year provides new opportunities for students to demonstrate responsibility and act on their personal goals and celebrate their achievements. At Legacy we continue to engage in activities to show kindness and respect to and for each other in person and online and strive to ensure that students at Legacy Public School know they matter and belong.

January also marks a time that we begin planning for the next academic year, therefore we would appreciate to know as early as possible if you plan to move out of our area this year. On Friday January 17th, we begin our registration for Kindergarten students for September 2020. As well, registration forms to attend Markham District Secondary School will be delivered to our grade 8 families at the end of January.

The first term Elementary report cards will be sent home in February. This report card will detail the academic achievement and learning skills for your child this term.

We wish our families a restful break and will see students back at school on January 6th, 2020. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

UPCOMING KEY DATES

Dec 20th-Holiday Spirit day

Dec 22nd-30th-Chanukah

Dec 25th-Christmas (Western)

Dec 26th Jan 1st-Kwanzaa

Dec 21st-Jan 5th-Holiday Break

Jan 1st-Happy New Year 2020

Jan 7th-Christmas (Eastern)

Please check our Calendar at:

<http://bit.ly/2DdPcaJ>



Lost and Found

If you are missing any items from home and are in and out of the school, please check our lost and found table. Items will be left out for the month of January.



Holiday Spirit Day



Parent Engagement--SAVE THE DATES



Legacy PS and our School Council Numeracy Committee are excited to announce 3 parent engagement evenings focused on MATH. One of the goals in our School Improvement Plan is focused on math and helping our students deepen their thinking and application of math concepts through problem solving. We strive to have our students persevere through problem solving tasks and see themselves as confident, risk taking mathematicians.

We are dedicated to work with our parent partners and School Council members in the area of math problem solving.

Mark these dates on your calendars!

Wednesday, Jan 29th: Kindergarten to Grade 3 Parents

Wednesday, Feb 12th: Grade 7-8 parents

Wednesday Feb 26th: Grade 4-6 parents

WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE SCHOOL?

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| Me to We Club (Grade 7-8) | Lunch Buddies (Gr 5 and 6) |
| School Council (Grade 6-8) | Peer Mediators (Gr 5-8) |
| Office Helpers | Intramural Basketball (Gr 4-8) |
| Class Economy (Gr 8) | Legacy Talent Club (Gr 4-8) |
| Announcement Teams | Int Boys and Girls Volleyball |
| Walk to School -Active School Travel | Eco Club |
| Equity Committee | Play Leaders |

Exploring Outdoor Learning in Kindergarten

This week our kindergarten students spent time engaged in outdoor learning.

Thank-you to Mr Ian Fould's -a retired outdoor education teacher and past teacher at Legacy PS who spent the day with our kindergarten students



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