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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Mission

The Highbush P.S. Community will provide a positive, safe and collaborative environment that will promote respect for diversity and excellence for all, through active involvement in academic, athletic and artistic pursuits.



HIGHBUSH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Highbush Hawk "Eye"

Thank you to everyone who attended progress report interviews. Communication between home and school is important for student achievement. Hopefully your child has some goals that they are working towards for the January reporting period. If you were unable to meet your child's teacher, please call to make an appointment. We are proud of the work the students have accomplished so far this year and we thank you for your ongoing support.

Students are preparing for the Christmas Concert on Wednesday and Thursday of next week and we hope to see many of you there! Concert information is on the following page. As always, we anticipate a very full gym for all three concerts. Please note that junior classes participate in the spring concert.

Although we have been enjoying milder weather, the cold temperatures are arriving. Students are reminded to wear hats, mitts, coats and boots so they can stay warm while they are enjoying fresh air at recess. Please label outerwear to help it get returned to its owner and check the lost and found often. Extra socks and mittens in backpacks are always a good idea! When students return from an illness, they will be expected to go outside for recess.

Thank you for helping the Kiss and Ride work more smoothly. Please remember that parents/guardians should not be parked in the staff parking lot. With the increased number of staff, our spaces are limited. Thank you for your cooperation.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season! Enjoy the time with family and friends!



DSTS
Durham Student Transportation Services

Students are asked to be at their bus stop at least 5 - 10 minutes prior to the scheduled bus stop time. Please do not show up at the stop at the scheduled time or wait in a car until the bus arrives and then run out to the bus. Students need to be at the stop waiting for the bus.

<https://bus.dsts.on.ca/>

Thank you

IMPORTANT DATES

3	Pizza Lunch / Parent Voice (6:15 pm)	16	Santa Day (JK/SK)
9	Crock-A-Doodle (JK/SK) / Fire Fighters (Gr.1)	17	Orchard Villa visit (JK/SK, PLP)
10	Crock-A-Doodle (Gr. 3) / Pita Day	19	Cookies and Colouring (Gr. 1-6)
11	Concert (Tipson/Marlatt/Lawless/Yorke) 5:30 - 6 pm Concert (LeBlanc/Yiouroukis) 6:30 - 7 pm	20	Last day of classes REGULAR DISMISSAL 3:15 pm Fire Fighters (Gr.1)
12	Concert (CHORUS, Int. Ensembles, The Greatest Showman Musical) Fire Fighters (Gr.1)	Dec 23 to Jan 3 Jan 7	Winter Break Pizza Lunch



Music Notes 🎵

Holiday Concerts Information



❖ Wednesday, December 11: Kindergarten Classes

♪ 5:30-6:00 pm: Tipson/Marlatt/Lawless/Yorke

♪ 6:30-7:00 pm: LeBlanc/Yiouroukis

❖ Thursday, December 12 6:30 pm, doors open at 6 pm.

♪ **Students should arrive to their classrooms by 6:15pm.**

♪ **Attire:** Students should wear colourful and festive clothing. Please AVOID wearing head wear such as Santa/Elf hats, antlers etc., as they can block other students' view of the audience and stage.

♪ To practice the songs, you can visit <https://sites.google.com/ddsb.ca/fernandezmusic/k-3-music> which will be updated as new information arrives. Please note that some of the choreography will be different from the video and will be modified in class.

♪ Concert includes performances by the Highbush Chorus, Intermediate Ensembles and the primary division (grades 1,2,3 and 3/4) will be presenting a short musical titled, "The Greatest Snowman" by Teresa Jennings.

The Greatest Snowman, Primary Musical

Every 100 years, Santa Claus takes Christmas off. (Having been around the world thousands of times, he's really looking forward to a staycation. Who could blame him?) The tricky part of this is, of course, finding a substitute to take over his Christmas Eve duties, namely delivering gifts to good little children all around the world - in one night. It's a challenging task, and choosing the right replacement is equally challenging. Toward this end, Santa accepts applications and resumés from hundreds of candidates that he must then sort through. Surely one of them is great enough to win the honor.

As our story begins, some of the final candidates are interviewing for the job. With elves, reindeer, animals, a little snowman, and other 'surprise' characters to choose from, Santa certainly has a difficult decision to make! Will he be impressed by other's accolades and boasting, or by a big heart and gentle nature? Who truly is...the greatest?

Chorus

❖ **Chorus** rehearses every Wednesday morning at 8:10 am in Room 201.

The Highbush CHORUS had a wonderful time representing our school at the first ever Pickering Christmas Market on November 30. Highbush students and families milled about Esplanade Park sipping hot cocoa and performing Christmas songs for our community. It was an honour and a great event to be a part of, and has certainly got us into the spirit of the season!



EQAO Sample Math Questions

Grade 3

Zoe creates this pattern. It decreases by the same amount each time. Four numbers are missing.

93, 85, 77, _____, _____, 53, _____, _____, ...

What is the pattern rule?

Fill in the four missing numbers.

What is the 11th term in her pattern?

Show your work.

Grade 6

Marisa makes this growing pattern using white and grey squares.

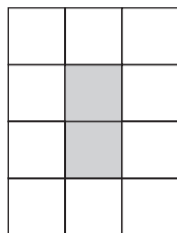


Figure 1

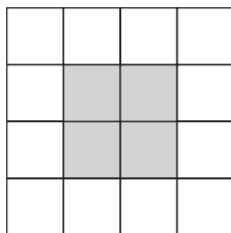


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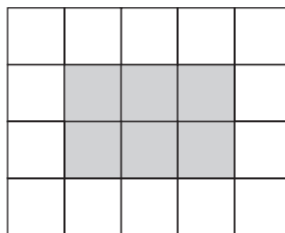


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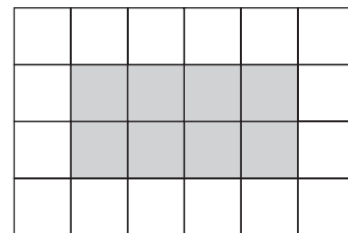


Figure 4

Marisa is making Figure 10. She has 15 white squares and 15 grey squares to make it.

How many **more** white squares and grey squares will she need to make Figure 10?

Show your work.



Congratulations to the Junior Girls Volleyball team who won the Area H Championship. The girls will continue to the Regional Sweet 16 this week. Good luck, girls!

Congratulations to the Junior Boys team on a great season. Unfortunately, they had a tough area championship and were eliminated.

We're proud of both teams for their effort and sportsmanship. Thank you to Mr. Williamson, Ms Goc and Ms Ma for coaching.



Back by popular demand is our Equity and Diversity Leadership's **December Cookies and Colouring event**. During the lunch recess on December 18th, students from grades 1-6 can come to the gym, **with a toonie donation (\$2.00)**, and receive a cookie and have fun colouring with others, in a supervised setting. All proceeds will go to one of our Leadership charities.

Ms. Slack, Ms. Yorke, Mrs. Avison

The Spirit of Giving

Students from Mrs. Marlatt/Mrs. Peters & Mrs. LeBlanc/Ms. Balgobin's kindergarten classes collected donations for the Super Sophia Project. We filled four Love Boxes for children who have to spend time in a hospital over the holidays. Students brought in donations for a baby boy in the NICU, baby girl in the NICU, a 15-18 year old boy, and a 15-18 year old girl. We worked as a team to decide which items belonged in each box and students were very excited to see how full all of the boxes were. We hope the Love Boxes bring some cheer to children and their families over the holiday season.



Below is a list of upcoming events / promotions available for purchase. Please visit our website at <https://DDSB.schoolcashionline.com> to register. **IF YOU ARE UNSURE IF YOU HAVE PAID FOR AN ITEM, PLEASE CHECK YOUR PAYMENT HISTORY BEFORE PURCHASING.**

EVENT DATE	EVENT / PROMOTION	PAYMENT DUE	COST
Jan / Feb	Ski club deposit	Dec. 6	\$50.00
Dec. 9/10	Crock-A-Doodle (Gr. 3)	Dec. 8	\$18.00
Dec. 11/12	RAFFLE—reserved parking and front row seating	Dec. 10	1 for \$2 3 for \$5
Dec. 17	Orchard Villa Nursing Home (JK/SK, PLP class)	Dec. 12	\$4.00
Jan. 7	Pizza Day (meal includes cookie and choice of drink (chocolate milk, white milk, juice or water)	Dec. 18	\$5.00 1 slice \$7.00 2 slices

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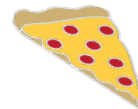


School Community Council

Fun Fair Thursday June 4th, 2020

We have had our first planning meeting for Highbush Annual Fun Fair. This amazing event will be on June 4th, 2020. To make it a success we need more volunteers to form a committee. No experience necessary. Come out to our next meeting on **Jan. 23rd, 2020 @ 6:30 pm** in the Teacher's Lunchroom.

First **PIZZA LUNCH** of 2020 is January 7th. As we will be on Christmas break, pizza lunch has to be ordered by Dec 18th. Pizza will be available for online purchase from Dec 4 – 18th.



We would like to invite you to purchase **RAFFLE TICKETS** to win one of the following prizes for our concerts being held on Wednesday Dec. 11th and Thursday, Dec. 12th. Tickets are 1/\$2 or 3/\$5 and are available through cash online. Please purchase your tickets by Monday, December 9th as the draw will take place on December 10th and you will be notified by phone.

First prize: **FRONT ROW SEATING AND PARKING IN THE PRINCIPAL'S PARKING SPOT**
(1 family to win a max of 4 seats)

Second prize: **PARKING IN THE VICE PRINCIPAL'S PARKING SPOT.**

FUNDSCRIP

Thank you to all the families for shopping with Fundscrip and contributing to our fundraising initiatives at Highbush! This year we are supporting Mental Health in our school.

NEXT MEETING

SCC's next meeting is on Thursday, January 30th at 6:30pm in Teachers' Lunchroom. These meetings are always open to all parents/caregivers. We can be contacted at highbushscc@gmail.com.



Our Families In Need Gift Card Fundraiser is on now!

This year, we are helping these families, again in partnership with Pickering Village United Church, by donating a preferred gift card so the families can purchase exactly what they are in need of this holiday season. Each grade has been given a designated family with their gift card preferences. You can also check out the list put up by the display case in the front foyer of the school. Any gift card donation should be labelled with the Family # and Grade and should be **received by the classroom teacher by no later than Monday, December 9th.** Thank you for your generosity and for teaching your child the importance of giving to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Mrs. Shepherd, Mrs. Avison and Mrs. Ovenell

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From the DDSB – Some Dates of Significance for December 2019

December 1 - World Aids Day – United Nations

The commemoration of World AIDS Day, which will take place on 1 December 2019, is an important opportunity to recognize the essential role that communities have played and continue to play in the AIDS response at the international, national and local levels.

World AIDS Day offers an important platform to highlight the role of communities at a time when reduced funding and a shrinking space for civil society are putting the sustainability of services and advocacy efforts in jeopardy. Greater mobilization of communities is urgently required to address the barriers that stop communities delivering services, including restrictions on registration and an absence of social contracting modalities. The strong advocacy role played by communities is needed more than ever to ensure that AIDS remains on the political agenda, that human rights are respected and that decision-makers and implementers are held accountable.

Source: www.un.org

December 2 - International Day for the Abolition of Slavery – United Nations

According to the International Labour Organization, more than 40 million people worldwide are victims of modern day slavery. Modern Day Slavery is an umbrella term used to cover practices such as forced labour, debt bondage, forced marriage, and human trafficking. In addition, more than 150 million children are subject to child labour, accounting for almost one in ten children around the world.

The focus of this day is on the eradication of these contemporary forms of slavery.

Source: www.un.org

December 3 – International Day of Persons with Disabilities– United Nations

The annual observance of this day was proclaimed in 1992. It aims to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society and development, and to increase awareness of the situation of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life.

International Day of People with Disabilities (IDPWD) stands by its conviction that a person is not inherently 'disabled'...disability is NOT a feature of a person. We say that people have health impairments: some of us need wheelchairs to mobilise; some of us need seeing-eye dogs; some of us need assistive technology – just like some of us need glasses to read; or medication to manage pain; or an inhaler to manage asthma.

All people have different health impairments at some time in their lives. The difference is that most of the time your health impairment doesn't stop you from functioning, being included or participating in your community. IDPWD exists to make sure that environmental and social BARRIERS are identified, and to help everyone to work together to overcome them. We will never eradicate health impairments...but by overcoming barriers, then we eradicate disablement.

Source: www.un.org; www.idpwd.org

December 10 – Human Rights Day – United Nations

Human Rights Day is observed every year on the 10th of December. The Declaration of Human Rights establishes the equal worth of every person. Though its promise has yet to be realized all over the world, it has stood the test of time. The principles set out in the Declaration of Human Rights are as relevant today as they were in 1948.

We can take action in our own daily lives and help to improve the lives of others around the world.

For more information: <http://www.un.org/en/events/humanrightsday/>

www.ohrc.ca



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HANUKKAH



The Festival of Lights



KWANZAA



A celebration of family, community and culture

