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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"

Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

We hope you had a relaxing, restful holiday with lots of time spent with family and friends. As everyone settles back into routines, please help us reduce the number of lates and help your child be here before the 8:45 bell.


Thank you to everyone who came out to support our Christmas Concerts! It was a wonderful night of music and we hope you enjoyed the performances. A big thank you to Mrs. Fernandez, Ms Windatt and the Kindie Team for their organization and preparation and all staff for their support!

Please remember that recess times are modified if the temperature is too low but we do try to get students outside as often as possible. Students should have appropriate clothing to go outside. Please label items if you can and extra socks and mitts are always a good idea!

As cold and flu season continues, remind your children to wash their hands frequently. Keeping them home for a day's rest will help stop the spread of germs and prevent others from getting sick. Students should expect to go outside for recesses when they return to school.

JK on-line registration begins January 13 at 4 pm. Please let friends and neighbours know so their children can be registered. With our growing population, it is important to have all students registered before June.

EQAO DATES - Gr. 3 May 20-22; Gr. 6 May 26-28



Snow Safety - As we move into the wintry weather, students are reminded that snow stays on the ground. Throwing snow in any manner is not permitted due to safety concerns. Please reinforce this with your child. Thank you for your support.

IMPORTANT DATES

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| 14 | Pita Day Holly Richards Workshops (Gr. 7/8) | 23 | Gr. 8 Parent Night at Dunbarton (6:30 pm) Fun Fair Meeting (6:30 pm) |
| 15-16 | School Screening (JK/SK, Gr. 2, PLP) | 30 | SCC Meeting (6:30 pm) Ski Club |
| 16 | Petsmart (Cariglia/Yorke) | | |
| 17 | PA DAY—NO SCHOOL | Feb 4 | Pizza Day |



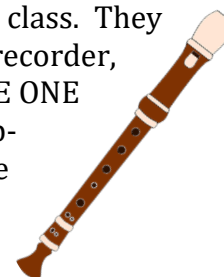
Music Notes 🎵

Grade 7/8 Band will be starting on Monday, January 13. All students in grade 7 and 8 are invited and encouraged to join. We rehearse every Monday at lunch recess.



CHORUS: Rehearsals re-commence on Wednesday, January 15 at 8:10. Students should be on time and ready to learn as we prepare to participate in The Pickering Rotary Music Festival.

RECORDERS for grades 4, 5, & 6 classes: Recorders will be available for purchase on cash online for \$6.00. For hygienic reasons, each student needs their own instrument to play in music class. They will be able to use this instrument for grades 4, 5, and 6. If your child already owns a recorder, you DO NOT need to order one. If your child doesn't own a recorder, please PURCHASE ONE on cash online, as they will be available until Thursday, Jan 16. Recorders come with a zippered case and cleaning rod. Be sure to purchase one by the due date, as orders will be sent to the manufacturer on Jan 17. After this date, students will need to bring in a recorder acquired on their own time. Thank you for understanding!



Jewelry Fundraising Sale



Our Gently-Loved Jewelry Sale Fundraiser is coming soon...

... just in time for Valentine's Day but **ONLY FOR 2 DAYS!!**

By purchasing a "new found treasure" (piece of jewelry or bag), you will be helping support **I Love First Peoples**, a Canadian charity that empowers and motivates Indigenous children and youth to succeed through education and helps promote reconciliation and education through practical community projects. Most items will be sold for between \$2.00 and \$5.00!!

Date: **Wednesday, February 5 and Thursday, February 6**

Time: **8:00 - 8:30 a.m., morning recess and lunch time ONLY (both days)**

Any donations of gently-used jewelry are always welcome and can be sent in to Mrs. Avison.

Below is a list of upcoming events / promotions available for purchase. Please visit our website at <https://DDSB.schoolcashonline.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 |
|------------|---|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| On going | Recorders (Gr. 4, 5, 6) ONLY if you don't already own a recorder | Jan. 16 | \$6.00 |
| Jan/Feb | Ski Club Final Payment (for students already registered) | Jan. 12 | varies |
| Feb. 4 | Pizza Day – meal includes cookie and choice of drink (chocolate milk, white milk, juice or water) FINAL CHANCE TO ORDER FOR THE YEAR | Jan. 29 | \$5.00 1 slice \$7.00 2 slices |

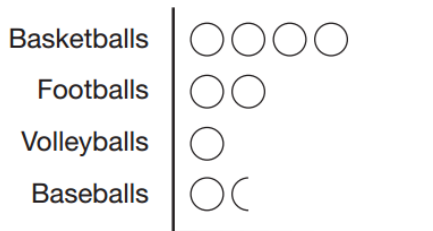


EQAO Sample Math Questions

Grade 3

5 Which statement about the pictograph is true?

**Balls Sold
at a Sports Store**



Each ○ represents
10 balls sold.

- Twice as many basketballs as baseballs were sold.
- Twice as many baseballs as volleyballs were sold.
- An equal number of footballs and baseballs were sold.
- The total number of baseballs and basketballs sold was 55.

Grade 6

14 This pictograph shows information about the leaves that Mr. Smith has for an art project.

Leaves for Art Project

| Colour | Number of leaves |
|--------|------------------|
| Yellow | |
| Orange | |
| Red | |
| Brown | |

Key
Each represents 4 leaves.

How many leaves does he have in total?

- 8
- 16



School Community Council

The SCC will be starting an **electronic waste fundraiser** in the new year. If you are planning on disposing of any electronic items, please consider donating them to this fundraiser. Accepted items include gaming consoles, ipods, desktop computers, handheld devices, printers, keyboards, mice, etc. A complete list was sent in an email and will be included in following Sunday email weekly reminders. Items can be dropped off beginning Thursday, January 9 and will end February 10. The drop off bin is in the main foyer and items can be dropped off between 7:00 am and 6:00 pm. Thank you for your continued support.

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

FUN FAIR We have had our first planning meeting for the 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 is necessary. Come out to our next meeting on **Jan. 23rd, 2020 @ 6:30 pm** in the Teachers' Lunchroom.

Bus Cancellations

In an effort to better address inclement weather cancellations, Durham Student Transportation Services has introduced weather zones. DSTS encourages you to review the zones on their website at www.dsts.on.ca. **HIGHBUSH IS ZONE 4**



Parents should be aware of the following:

(a) During inclement weather, the Durham Board may attempt to keep schools open, but this does not mean that students must be sent to school. It is the parents' responsibility to decide if conditions are safe for their children to walk to and from school

(b) When buses are cancelled for the morning, they will not run in the afternoon. Listen for radio announcements, school twitter or school Remind early in the morning during inclement weather. The follow Radio Stations will be the source of information:

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|-----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| CKDO-AM 1350 | KX96 95.9 | CHUM FM 104.5 | CFRB AM 1010 |
| CBC/CBL FM 99.1 | MAGICFM 94.9 | CHFI 98.1 | Q107 FM 107.1 |
| The Mix 99.9 | | | |

If your student is a bus student and you send them to school on bus cancellation days, please ensure they are picked up at 3:15 to allow staff to get home safely as well.

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From the DDSB – Some Dates of Significance for January 2020

December 26 - January 1 - Kwanzaa (African/American Canadian)

Professor Maulana Karenga started Kwanzaa in 1966 to encourage African Americans to celebrate the beauty of their African heritage. The time is celebrated by decorating with African art and fabrics, and wearing African clothing. Each of the 7 principles of Kwanzaa, called the Nguzo Saba (Swahili for “seven principles”) is thought about and celebrated on each of the 7 days of the festival. The Nguzo Saba are: Umoja (unity), Kujichagulia (self-determination), Ujima (collective responsibility), Ujamaa (cooperative economics), Nia (purpose in building the community), Kuumba (creativity), and Imani (faith). A special seven-pronged candle holder, the Kinara, is used for Kwanzaa. One candle is lit the first day, two the second day and so on.

January is Tamil Heritage Month

On June 12, 2012, the Legislative Assembly of Ontario had its first reading of Bill 111, an Act to proclaim the month of January Tamil Heritage Month. People of Tamil heritage have migrated to Ontario since the 1940s. Tamil Canadians have overcome obstacles while making significant contributions to Ontario’s social, economic, political and cultural tapestry. Tamil Heritage Month presents an opportunity to reinforce the important history and contributions of Canadians of Tamil heritage. The month of January was chosen because the first month of the Tamil calendar – Thai begins in January. This month is also significant as Tamil Canadians recognize many cultural and artistic observances including the Tamil Harvest Festival – Thai Pongal.

January 1 – New Year's Day

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day are special days for many people around the world. On the morning of New Year's Day, children on the Six Nations Reserve in Ontario go from house to house collecting gifts of edible treats. People of Japanese heritage welcome the New Year (Gantan Sai) with prayers and visits to holy sites often timed to coincide with the stroke of midnight. For French Canadians, New Year's Eve is sometimes more important than Christmas Eve. Their house-visiting custom is called "guignoloée." Bell-ringers announce that visitors have arrived. After the singing, the visitors collect money, food, and clothes for the needy. People of Scottish heritage call New Year's Eve "Hogmanay". Many European Canadians observe several Scottish customs today—the most popular among which are the use of noise-makers and the singing of “Auld Lang Syne” at midnight. Often there is also a round of kissing. On New Year's Eve, many people of Chilean heritage sing their national anthem. People of Austrian heritage may eat marzipan candy pigs, which stand for good fortune. People of Portuguese heritage eat 12 raisins for good luck—one for each stroke of the clock. Koreans may stay up all night, and have "forgetting-the-year" parties, during which there is a ceremony to forget any past disappointments.



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January 15 – Birthday of Martin Luther King Jr.

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a Baptist minister and political activist who is arguably the most famous leader of the American Civil Rights Movement. King was named Man of the Year by Time Magazine in 1963, and won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964—then the youngest man ever to have received the award. He turned over the Nobel Prize money to further the Civil Rights Movement. King was assassinated in 1968 in Memphis, Tennessee, where he had planned to lead a march in sympathy with striking garbage workers. It was only 9 years later, in 1977, when he was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Jimmy Carter. In the United States, Martin Luther King Jr. Day is observed on the third Monday of January each year. The struggle to have this day recognized as a federal holiday involved Stevie Wonder's song "Happy Birthday," and a petition with 6 million signatures—the largest petition in US history. The day was observed first in 1986, and was finally observed in all states in 2000. For his promotion of non-violence and racial equality, King is considered a peacemaker and martyr by many people around the world.

January 20 - Martin Luther King Day

The idea of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a holiday was promoted by labor unions in contract negotiations. After King's death, U.S. Representative John Conyers and U.S. Senator Edward Brooke introduced a bill in Congress to make King's birthday a national holiday. The bill first came to a vote in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1979. However, it fell five votes short of the number needed for passage. Two of the main arguments mentioned by opponents were that a paid holiday for federal employees would be too expensive, and that a holiday to honor a private citizen would be contrary to longstanding tradition (King had never held public office). Only two other figures have national holidays in the U.S. honoring them: George Washington and Christopher Columbus.

January 21 – Lincoln Alexander Day (Canada)

Lincoln MacCauley Alexander was born on Jan. 21, 1922. He practised law for more than 10 years and in 1968 was elected MP of Hamilton West, becoming Canada's first black MP. He held his seat for four terms, but left in 1980 to become chair of Ontario's Worker's Compensation Board. In 1985, he was named Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, the first black man to hold that title. He was also the University of Guelph's longest-serving chancellor from 1991 to 2007. He died in October 2012 at the age of 90.

As of December 3, 2014, Lincoln Alexander Day January 21, Lincoln's birthday, is now recognized officially as Lincoln Alexander Day across Canada, with Royal Assent by the Governor General December 9, 2014.



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January 25 – Lunar New Year

This festival has its origins in East Asian and South East Asian countries. It begins with the first new moon of the lunar calendar and ends on the first full moon of the lunar calendar, 15 days later.

The lunar calendar is based on the cycles of the moon, so the dates of the holiday vary slightly from year to year, beginning some time between January 21 and February 20 according to Western calendars. Approximately 10 days before the beginning of the new lunar year, houses are thoroughly cleaned to remove any bad luck that might be lingering inside, a custom called "sweeping of the grounds." Traditionally, New Year's eve and New Year's day are reserved for family celebrations, including religious ceremonies honouring ancestors.

Source: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Lunar-New-Year>

January 27 – International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust (UN)

On November 1, 2005, the United Nations General Assembly voted unanimously to designate January 27 the "International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust." This day coincides with the day in 1945 when the Nazi concentration and extermination camp Auschwitz-Birkenau was liberated. The UN resolution also rejected any denial of the Holocaust as a historical event, either in full or in part, and member states are urged to teach the lessons of the Holocaust to help prevent future genocide. This day has been observed since 2001 as Holocaust Memorial Day in many European countries. Observed within the State of Israel, and Jews world-wide; Yom HaShoah vea hagvora, the "Day of Remembrance of the Holocaust and the courage of the Jewish people," on the 27th day of the month Nisan on the Hebrew calendar, which usually falls in April.