

## WELCOME ~BIENVENUE DECEMBER 2014

### DECEMBER

- Copeland Coyotes care! Last month we raised \$ 584 for the United Way. Way to go!
- Thank you to everyone for joining us for our Remembrance Day Assembly and thanks to Mrs. Ikeno, Mrs. Gervasio and Mme Tzelkos for coordinating such a moving event.
- Good luck to Mrs. Khabra as she begins her maternity leave Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. We hope everything goes well for you and your new baby.
- Best wishes are extended to Suzanne Nurse, our trustee who, with the change in wards will be supporting other schools in the Board. We have appreciated her support over the years and wish her all the best in her new area.
- We also extend a warm welcome to our new trustee Kathy McDonald, a newly elected trustee who begins her role as of December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Under the Immunization of School Pupils Act, the Region of Peel reviews immunization records of students and any student who does not provide immunization records after receiving two notices during an eleven week period will be issued an order of suspension from school on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. We highly encourage all families who have received a letter from the Region of Peel, to understand this process and update records according to the timelines. Inquiries can be directed to [www.immunizepeel.ca](http://www.immunizepeel.ca)
- Students participated in our first Colour House assembly on November 21st. The theme was "Positive Leadership", which was also the Board's Bullying Prevention and Awareness theme this year. Students reviewed Copeland's Code of Conduct, "P.A.W.S." (Positive Attitude, Act Responsibly, Use your W.I.T.S. and Self-Belief), as well as our problem-solving model, "Use your W.I.T.S." A great way to help reinforce these two models is to ask your child to explain them to you!
- Our next Colour House Assembly will be **January 26<sup>th</sup>** focusing on Positive Attitude.
- November 13<sup>th</sup> 530 students participated in the STACK IT UP EVENT. We beat the record from last year! Thanks to Copeland's participants Speedstack can once again claim a new Guinness World Record for "Most People Sport Stacking at Multiple Locations in One Day." We passed last year's record of 555,932 and are still counting. As of this writing, the number stands at 556,599 and verifications are still coming in. (Keep track by going to <http://www.thewssa.com/stackup/2014/>)
- Our next School Council Meeting will be Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. All parents are welcome to attend. Hope to see some new families there.
- This year Copeland Public School is continuing with the holiday tradition of Change for Change, the Food Drive and Toys for Tots. In the past we have been able to use this money to help families in need within our school community, sponsor animals through the WWF, purchase two water systems for the Sudan, toys for our toy drive and non-perishable food items for a local charity. This year we are hoping to be able to help **THREE** families in need within our Copeland community. Please send in your loose change and help those in need!
- Non-perishable food items are also in great need, as are new toy donations. The charity drives will run **December 1<sup>st</sup> to December 12<sup>th</sup>** with additional collections taking place the evening of **December 11<sup>th</sup>** at the winter concert. Accept the challenge!
- Copeland's Winter Concert will be taking place on **Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**. The performance will begin at **6:45pm** finishing at approximately 7:45pm. Children performing in the concert will receive a letter with details. All of the classes have worked hard on their performances and would love to have an audience for the entire show. **Parents please note doors will not open until 6:15pm to ensure we are set up.**

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**DECEMBER HAPPENINGS**

- Fundraising items from Lamontagne will be available around **Thursday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>**. Details about picking up items will come home with students that have placed orders.
- We recognize the following Bus Patrollers for the months of October and November: Anshleen B., Irahath G., Tanisha C., Rayhan A.
- The Bus Patrollers recognize the following bus students for the months of October and November: Aryan C., Harjeevan G., Abhishek T., Jassimran S., Semilore O., Angel B., Adil J., Alesha F., Ashnoor A., Robin A., Alyssa A., Tehya O., Felex H., Sienna S., Manaal S., Parmveer S., Clayvis M., Gurneet D., Ishpreet M., Gaurav G., Zahra H., Mya W., Simar M., Manreet M., Saanvi T., Elizabeth S., Rayven G., Chelsea N., Joshua O.
- Please join us in welcoming Ms Mathieson to Copeland as our Teacher-Librarian while Ms Goodhand is on her maternity leave. Many of our students already know she is passionate about learning and has a love for reading! Be sure to say hello next time you visit the school and library.
- Skating trips continue for our primary students this month. We continue to need parent volunteers so please speak to your child's teacher if you can help us out.
- Brampton Parks and Recreation will be in our school November 28th, December 12th and December 19th to run an active program for those students who have chosen not to attend their skating trip. Thanks for keeping our Copeland Students Active!
- Speedball as an Intramural has begun! Please ask your son or daughter if they have played yet? Participation, and good sportsmanship will be key. Classroom teachers have game schedules and it is posted on Mme. Neves' Class Website. Play ball!
- In order to keep our children healthy and happy, while enjoying the fresh air, students and parents are reminded of the importance of dressing appropriately for the weather. It is important that students find their mittens, gloves, boots and winter coats. Grade 1 -5 have 2 recess breaks during the day, and kindergarten have 2 outdoor play times so it is necessary for all students to wear warm clothing for the outdoor, fresh air times. An extra pair of pants in the backpack OR snow pants is a great idea for young children who are attracted to puddles and snow piles.
- **IS FRENCH IMMERSION RIGHT FOR MY CHILD?** If you are interested in sending your child to French Immersion program for Grade 1, and need more information, please contact the school and we will send home a brochure with more information.
- Winter holidays means school will be closed December 22- January 2<sup>nd</sup>. School will resume on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Parents can also plan ahead noting there is a PD Day on Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- **On behalf of all the Copeland staff we extend a very Happy Holidays to ALL celebrating the following high holy days this festive season.**

*Mrs. Rathbone*

December	Luut'aa
December 2	Maun Agiyaras or Muanajiyaras
December 6	Sanghamitta Day
December 8	Bodhi Day (Rohatsu)
Sunset of December 11 to 30	the month of Masa'il
December 13	Birthday of Imam Agakhan
Sunset of December 17 to 24	Chanukah
Eve of December 20 to 21	Yule
December 21	Tohji-taisai
December 25	Christmas
December 26	Boxing Day
December 26	Zarathosht-no-Diso
December 26 to January 1	Kwanza
December 28	Birth of Guru Gobind Singh
December 31 to January 4	Ghambar Madyarem
December 31 to January 18	the month of Sharaf

*Mrs. Hassanwalia*

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