

WELCOME ~BIENVENUE JANUARY 2015

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WINTER HAS ARRIVED

- Important Reminder: **January 19th** is a P.D. day so there will be no school for students. Staff will be using this day to collaborate and work on Term One report cards and the Kindergarten Summary of Progress reports.
- December's Change for Change was a huge success! Thank you to our entire community for all your generous donations of non-perishable food, change and support with our Bake Sale. In total we raised over \$2100 dollars allowing us to support many families in our community for the holidays. Way to go Coyotes!
- Welcome to Mme Cristina Storey who has begun teaching our core French, drama and health classes for Mme Khabra. Bienvenue!
- On one of the worst weather days of winter to date, we had the warmest of visits from our new trustee Kathy McDonald. It was so nice to be able to show Mme McDonald our school, let her meet Cody, and she even bought some goodies in support of our Change for Change Bake Sale. Her contact number is 905-796-8163.
- Just a reminder that 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 2nd**. 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
- The Staff Climate Committee is in the final stages of developing **PAWS expectations posters** for our hallways, classrooms and playgrounds. Leaders from our junior grades will be creating presentations about what is expected in each of these areas.
- Our next School Council Meeting will be **Wednesday, January 14th at 6:30pm**. All parents are welcome to attend. Hope to see some new families there.
- Speedball continues as an Intramural starting up on Monday, January 12th so play ball!
- On **Tuesday, January 13**, Peel Public Health will be providing a FREE dental screening for students in kindergarten and grade 2. Families will be notified if a child needs dental care and they will bring home important information for follow-up.
- Copeland will host two musical performances put on by the "Prologue" company for the performing arts. Students will have the opportunity to view one of the shows, either on **January 20th or January 27th**.
- Kudos to our Green Team, who have diligently been visiting classrooms and offices throughout the school to monitor our energy consumption. Classes strive to receive a "high-five" from our Eco-leaders for practicing good energy consumption behaviours, like turning off the lights when not in the room and turning off computer monitors when not using them. See how well you can practice these ideas at home!
- Outdoor "Playground Activity Leaders", or "P.A.L.S." as they are better known, will soon be underway! During the month of January, junior students will be receiving the necessary training from Ms. Ramirez, Mme Tzelkos and Ms. Nuamah. After that they will lead group games outside on the playground during nutrition breaks for our younger students! Sounds like fun! Watch for them soon.
- We recognize the following Bus Patrollers for December: Sulaiman A., Anita W.
- The Bus Patrollers recognize the following bus students for the month of December: Veer M., Hardi S., Gayatri G., Jaspreet S., Nivyanand D., Gurleen B., Dhaliwal G., Gunpreet H., Aryaa D., Heba B., Rubeen Z., Kamani H., Maron B., Etana S.
- Thank you to those students and parents who continue to walk to school, even on cold days. It serves as a good model and allows us to keep our two crossing guards, who are there for that purpose. It also relieves the intense congestion of cars parking and waiting to enter the school.

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- Choir rehearsals will continue to take place on every Day 5 during Nutrition Break C and D. Bring your lunch and be ready to sing!
- The Recorder unit will be starting soon for our Grade 4 and 5 students! Please remember to bring your recorders in during the month of January. You can borrow an older brother or sister's recorder, or purchase one at Long & McQuade (Music store in Brampton). If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Ikeno or Mrs. Gervasio.
- Families of students in grade 3: Please watch for information about a **FREE additional recreational swimming** opportunity coming up on **January 29th**. This relates to their Swim to Survive program that students enjoyed throughout the fall.
- We had our first Colour House activity in November and enjoyed meeting up with our Colour House teams. We participated in a cooperative activity which focused on positive digital leadership and our **THINK** posters. Ask your child about our **THINK** posters and how they can use this problem solving model as it relates to technology.
- Our first **PAWS** award assembly will take place on **January 26th** at **9:30** am in the gym. During this assembly students will be receiving an award focusing on the P in PAWS which represents positive attitude. Parents will be notified by the classroom teacher if their child will be receiving an award and parents are welcome to attend.
- **WANTED:** Used LEGO (small pieces preferred), to build up our LEGO collection at the school which benefits clubs and classrooms. If you have any donations, please bring them in to your classroom teacher. Thank you in advance for your generosity!
Please note that any donated LEGO will not be returned
- The Peel District School Board is hosting its annual parent conference on Saturday, **April 18, 2015**, at Fletcher's Meadow Secondary School in Brampton. This year, the conference will focus on numeracy—25 out of 60 workshops help with math. Parents will still have the opportunity to attend workshops on other topics, including literacy, special education and science. This **free** learning event is open to Peel parents of students at all grade levels. *Registration opens **February 2, 2015**.*
- The Forest of Reading Program is about to get underway! This program, designed for students in K-5, promotes reading for enjoyment, increases awareness of quality Canadian literature, and much more. Students in all grades are highly encouraged to participate in this fantastic program. Let's start reading!
- Kindergarten students will be receiving their Summary of Progress reports on **Friday, January 30th**. Parents please ensure you check backpacks that day for the reports. Grades 1-5 Report Cards will go home with students on **Thursday, February 5th**.
- Important safety information about our Kiss 'N Ride is going home separately today. We have received many complaints this week about the traffic congestion on James Potter, and police and Brampton City By-Law officers have been at the area in response and to support the school administrators. **WE URGENTLY NEED YOUR HELP. PLEASE REVIEW THE INFORMATION TO ENSURE TRAFFIC FLOW CONTINUES OR KISS 'N RIDE WILL BE CLOSED.**
- This year is NOT like every other year, with the addition of full day kindergarten we have close to 100 additional cars, not including the extra cars when there is a severe cold spell. **REMAIN PATIENT, IF THE LANE IS FULL, DRIVE ON, CIRCLE BACK LATER, DO NOT SIT IN A QUEUE AND BLOCK TRAFFIC.** Thank you.



Meet Our New Trustee Kathy McDonald visiting with Cody