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<http://aps.tldsb.on.ca>**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Dec. 15 - Christmas Concert

Dec. 15- Kinsman Toy Drive pick up

Dec. 13 - School Council Meeting

Dec. 9, 16 &amp; 23 - Carol Singing

Dec. 23 - School's out for the holidays!

*Of Whom Much is Given, Much is Expected***PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Students and Staff have been actively engaged in learning during the month of November. Big ideas and problem solving are creating excitement in Math. In Literacy we are learning our letters and the sounds they make, writing lists, reports and persuasive paragraphs. Teachers prepared progress reports on your child's social and academic growth for the school year to date. We were pleased by the number of parents who were able to meet with their child's teacher to discuss their. It is important that we work together to move our students forward. Please reschedule if you were unable to make your interview.

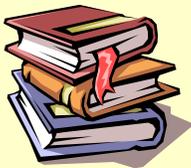
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**Day of Kindness**

On November 18<sup>th</sup> our school celebrated the Day of Kindness with puppet presentations by the Mental Health Association on Feelings, Bullying and Learning Disabilities. It was a wonderful day where we thought about acts we can do for others to show them we care.





## Book Fair

Nov. 30 - Dec. 5 - Book Fair will be open 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. and 3:10-4:00 pm each day. Come on out and do some Christmas Shopping.

## Breakfast Club

If you are able to volunteer with the breakfast program please call the school.

## Character Recognition Assembly

Throughout the month of November, we have been practicing the character trait of responsibility. Students recognized at our end of the month assembly included: Grace, Jayden, Leah, Ilianna, Mya, Emma, Cadence, Jessica, Brooklyn, Mick, Abigail, Griffin, Brooklyn, Harry, Tom, Brock, Tucker.



## Heart Hero Training

On November 28<sup>th</sup> the Grade 4, 5 and 6 students took part in training for CPR and choking in our gym. Students are encouraged to use their training to help teach their family members about CPR. Let's help our students save a life someday!



### **Responsibility:**

*Means that you are accountable for your actions and consider the consequences of your choices.*



## Remembrance Day Assembly

On November 11<sup>th</sup> the primary students paid tribute to the war veterans, fallen soldiers and current peace keepers that help to keep us safe and free in our very own gym. The Junior classes went to the cenotaph where they participated by placing a wreath in honour of the soldiers.

## Kinsmen Toy Drive

The Kinsmen will again be collecting new unwrapped toys and distributing them to families in the area in need. If you wish to contribute, there is a large white barrel in the hall outside the office where you can place a new, unwrapped toy. The barrel will be picked up by the Kinsmen Thursday, December 15. Please help those less fortunate.

## Inform the Office

Please continue to let us know if your address, phone number or other contact phone numbers change. We must keep up-to-date records in order to contact you if your child is ill.

**Please remember that all visitors to the school are asked to sign in at the office.**



## School Council

Our school council has been busy with their Poinsettia Sales and magazine sales. Thank you to Mrs. Ashmore for compiling the poinsettia order and to Mrs. McNabb and Mrs. Stephenson for helping out. Each month School Council meets and in addition to planning for upcoming events, and discussing concerns and successes, we focus on a topic to learn about. In September, we discussed class sizes. In October, we reviewed school supervision. In November, we were introduced to the world of Smartboards—with a presentation from Chris Tindale, from the IT Dept. of TLDSB. It was truly amazing! It made us realize how engaging our children's instruction can be; and how different from that of our school days.

Starting in December there will be a box in the office marked "ROYAL CONCERNS". If you have a general concern, question, or suggestion for the School Council and don't feel comfortable talking with a school council member (or don't know one), write it down and leave it in the box. It will either be answered in the school newsletter, put on the school council agenda and/or you will be contacted directly (if you include contact info). We hope this will assist with connecting despite busy schedules. Keep in mind, if it is something pertaining directly to your child specifically you should always talk to your child's teacher. Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30. All parents are welcome at the meetings.

## Christmas Concert: Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

All of the students are having lots of fun practicing for our "Best on the Box" musical concert this year. Thank you to our many staff members who are displaying great team work in putting this Christmas presentation together. Two performances are being offered for your enjoyment. 1:45 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. We encourage those who are able to attend in the afternoon to do so as the evening performance is always very crowded.



## Dressing for Winter

It is important that students take part in outdoor recesses. It gives them the opportunity to get some exercise, fresh air and play with friends. However, it can be very unpleasant for students when inappropriately dressed. Please listen to weather reports in the morning and ensure your child comes to school wearing warm clothes. **We recommend you write the name of your child in each article of clothing and boots. Often children do not claim lost articles.**



## Photographer: LifeTouch

It is not too late to order pictures! If the due date has passed and you haven't ordered this year's school photos...it is not too late. Mail your order directly to Lifetouch along with your payment:  
Lifetouch Canada, 825 Bradley Ave., London, ON N6E 3C2.  
Questions? Call 1-866-457-8212.  
Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to capture your portrait memories.

## QSP Fundraiser

Magazines will be delivered to subscribers within 10-16 weeks, depending on the magazine (i.e., Canadian vs American, # of issues/year). If you have any questions regarding orders placed, please contact the QSP Customer Service at 1-800-667-2536. Please **do not** call the school, call QSP directly as they will be able to answer specific questions more accurately and investigate any concerns. All orders placed helped raise money for the school as well as allow students to earn prizes. Throughout the year, you are still able to order magazines at discounted rates on-line at [www.qsp.ca](http://www.qsp.ca) . Quote the school code –9891 and money from these sales will profit the school; however students will not be awarded prizes for any more sales this year.



## Hats Off

Payton and Tom decided that our school playground needed to be more user friendly! Working together with Mrs. Burge they came up with a map of the yard with specific activities assigned to each area. They also looked at sharing the equipment during different times during the day. The Peer Mediators were then called upon to help bring out equipment for the students use. They also organize a game for the Kindergarten students during first recess. Thanks to these wonderful young people the students seem to be having fun sharing our school yard!

## School Volunteers

Each and every morning our Seryery is filled with wonderful smells of toast cooking, muffins and fruit. Thanks to the efforts of our tireless Breakfast club volunteers, our students have something nutritious in their stomachs each day as school begins. Our volunteers include: Carrie Moore, Colleen Bell, Michelle Dimoglou, Shelley Brasier, Lynda Craven, Amanda Walker, Emmanuelle Polito, Pippa Stephenson, Sarah Bashford, and Tara Willette.

We are always looking for extra help with the Breakfast Club, so if you are interested please call the school.

# Community News

## Humane Society

This month our students are being asked to bring in items or change to help support our local Humane Society. Madeline wrote an excellent persuasive letter asking the students and staff if we would help support the building of the new shelter plus provide the many animals in need with food and other items. We will be collecting the items any time at the office and during the Carol singing in December. Please help! Check the website for a list of items needed: <http://www.hskl.ca/index.html>



## Children's Holiday Hooray Returns!

The City of Kawartha Lakes Parks, Recreation & Culture Division is set to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Children's Holiday Hooray event on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. This fun and festive event takes place from 1:00-3:00pm at the Victoria Park Armoury in Lindsay and will feature a variety of children's holiday craft and activity stations, storytime, games and much more!

Pre-registration is required for this event. The cost is \$5.00 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Limited space is available.,

Volunteers are also needed for this event. Contact Community Development Coordinator, Courtney Woolacott at 705-324-9411 x 1306 or e mail : "[cwoolacott@city.kawarthalakes.on.ca](mailto:cwoolacott@city.kawarthalakes.on.ca)\_\_