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## décembre—December 2017

Dear Confédération Families;

December brings us to the end of another year. This year, we will be hosting a Kindergarten performance before the holidays. Families of our Kindergarten students will be invited to view either an afternoon or evening performance. All

other grades will host a performance later in the new year. Details will follow.



*Happy Holidays*

Thanks to all parents who were able to attend parent-teacher conferences in November. We appreciate your collaboration in contributing to the success of our students!

On behalf of the staff at École Confédération, we would like to wish all of our families a safe and restful holiday season. We hope the break provides you with the opportunity to relax, recharge, and spend some quality family time together.

Yours in cooperation,

Mme A. Smith  
Principal

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Vice-Principal

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

Dec. 6th—Glenhyrst Night-6:00-7:30

Dec 12, 13, 14 Candy Cane Gram Sales (\$1 per candy cane)

Dec 15-NPC concert band performance for Intermediate Students

Dec. 14-Kindergarten presentation in the gym at 12:15 and 6:00pm

Dec. 18 Candy Cane Day (Candy Cane Grams delivered, staff and **students** dress in red and white)

Dec. 19 Door Decorating Contest

Dec. 20 Winter Wonderland Wednesday

Dec. 21-Kindergarten Bowling Trip, Pyjama Day

Dec 22 Ugly Christmas Sweater Day and Gr 6-8 Winter Dance

Dec. 25-Christmas Break Begins (Return to school on Jan. 8th)

### A Note From Our Public Health Nurse...



#### **Tips for Keeping Your Family Safe This Holiday Season**

The holiday season may be the most wonderful time of the year. It is also a time of year where mishaps and visits to the emergency room may increase, especially for children. Protect your little ones from common holiday dangers by following some of these holiday safety tips:

- \*Make sure your Christmas tree is sturdy. Trees that are not secured properly can fall onto children.
- \*Keep trees away from sources of heat such as electrical outlets, radiators and portable space heaters.
- \*Practice fire safety and have a family emergency plan in the event of a fire.
- \*Hang smaller decorations higher up on the tree. Small decorations may look pretty but can pose a choking hazard for young children.
- \*When buying toys, look for ones that are well-made and age appropriate. Remember to check the Government of Canada's Recalls and Safety Alerts database to see whether any toy has been recalled.
- \*Keep holiday plants out of children's reach. Mistletoe and holly are poisonous and can cause an upset stomach.
- \*Be aware of food safety guidelines to avoid accidental food poisoning over the holiday season.
- \*For more holiday safety tips, visit the injury topics section of Parachute Canada at [www.parachutecanada.org](http://www.parachutecanada.org).

#### **Grand Wellness Fundraiser**

Purchase a gift card at Grand Wellness Spa, 202 Grand River Ave, between Dec. 10-16 and 15% of all purchases will be donated back to the school! Makes a great holiday gift!

### Peanut/Nut Aware School

If your child is bringing in treats to share with the class for a holiday celebration, please read the label carefully to ensure that the food does not contain nuts or traces of nuts.

This is a peanut/nut aware school. Please do not send peanut based products, peanuts, or any nut products that may contain any of these items to the school. The safety of other children depends on this.



- Peanut butter substitutes are not allowed in elementary schools in GEDSB.
- Food is not permitted on the school playground at recess and at lunch. Students are permitted the opportunity to eat their snacks and lunches prior to going outside or immediately following the morning and afternoon recess periods.

### Student Council News

Our student council is planning a number of fun events during the month of December. Thanks to Mme Whittaker for her leadership with this group of students.

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## Monthly Assemblies

During the months of December and January, we will be encouraging students to demonstrate Understanding.

## Participaction 150 Play List Progress

Thanks to everyone who has sent in photos of students involved in activities from the Participaction 150 playlist. We have completed 84/150 activities this year. We still have some time to try and meet our goal of completing all 150 activities. Please send us a photo of your child doing any of the remaining activities by Dec. 31. Let's see how many more we can do!

Have you tried:

Curling	Wheelchair Basketball
Water Polo	Cricket
Aquafit	5 Pin Bowling
Dragon Boating	Horseshoes
Stick Pull	Snowshoeing
QUidditch	Kin-Ball
Housework	Axe Throwing
Building a Sandcastle	Table Tennis
Tennis Chopping Wood	Orienteering
Dog Sledding	Surfing
Shoreline/Community Clean Up	
Billiards	Boxing
Potato Sack Racing	Skateboarding
Kayaking	Boccia
Floorball	Broomball
Sledge Hockey	Judo
Doubleball	Trampolining
Snowboarding	Lawn Mowing
Hacky Sack	Fencing
Tai Chi	Monkey Bars
Bird Watching	Snowmobiling
Highland Games	Ladder Toss
Netball	Disc Golf
Croquet	White Water Rafting
Kickball	Marco Polo
Snow Shoveling	Taikwondo
Slacklining	Shuffleboard
Hunting	Roller Derby
Baton Twirling	Snowsnake
Raking Leaves	Bocce/Pétanque
Hiking	

Email us your photos:  
confederation150@gmail.com

## School Council

School council meetings are open for all to attend. Meetings are usually on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the library. Start time is 6:00 and child minding is provided. We continue to organize fundraising for the school. At monthly meetings, we discuss items that can be financially supported at the school to enhance the educational experience for our students. A list of ideas is included in our meeting minutes that are posted on the school website. If you have any ideas that you would like to share, please join us at a meeting and become part of the discussion. We would love to hear your ideas!

We are currently running our "Fundscrip" fundraiser. A flyer was sent home last week. Families can purchase gift cards online and a percentage of the sales comes back to the school. Gift cards are delivered directly to the purchaser's home. We will be holding our annual Glenhyrst Family Night on December 6th from 6:00-8:00 pm. We hope to see you out for some family time and a cup of hot chocolate!

## Festival Du livre/French Book Fair

Thank you for supporting our Festival du livre. Total sales for this event exceeded \$5200! A percentage of the profits from this will be used to purchase additional books and materials for our Library Learning Commons.

## School Safety Procedures

We completed our mandatory lockdown drill during the month of November. We will have two additional fire drills and another lockdown practice in the Spring.

## Changes to Transportation

If you are not using transportation services for an extended period of time (i.e. more than a month), caregivers are requested to contact the school, Sharp Bus Lines and GEDSB transportation office and have your child taken off the bus list.

GEDSB transportation: 519-751-7532

Sharp Bus Lines: 519-751-3434

Parents are advised to contact Sharp Bus Lines and/or GEDSB Transportation Department for all after hours issues and any concerns with buses and transportation schedules and routes.



## Inclement Weather and Transportation

Winter is just around the corner. In the event of inclement weather, there is the potential for transportation delays or cancellations and school closures.

### BUS # AND ZONE #

503 = Paris - ZONE 3 and 4  
504 = St George - ZONE 3 and 4  
505 = Ancaster, Hwy 2/53 - ZONE 3 and 4  
507 = BRANTFORD ONLY - Zone 4  
509 = BRANTFORD ONLY - Zone 4  
510 = Lynden Rd - ZONE 3 and 4  
519 = BRANTFORD ONLY – ZONE 4  
528 = BRANTFORD ONLY – ZONE 4  
543 = BRANTFORD ONLY – ZONE 4



If transportation is cancelled for schools in Zone 4, École Confédération will be CLOSED. WE ARE ZONE 4 (CITY OF BRANTFORD) AND ZONE 3 (FOR BRANT COUNTY STUDENTS).  
IF ZONE 3 IS CANCELLED THERE WILL BE NO PICK UP FOR STUDENTS IN BRANTFORD ON BUSES. BUS 507, 509, 519, 528 AND 543, as these buses have pick up and drop off locations in zone 3.

Please listen to Radio Station CKPC (1380 AM and 92.1) or CHCH TV.

To see if buses are cancelled due to bad weather, or fog delay, you can go directly to the transportation website ([www.stsbhn.ca](http://www.stsbhn.ca)) or link to the site from the school website (transportation tab) or the GEDSB website (transportation button on the home page). You will need to know your child's bus route number to see if their route has been cancelled.

You can also sign up for emails from the transportation department by logging in to their website and updating your account settings. Updates can also be received by following @STSBHN on Twitter.

In the event of a mid-day closure, the school telephone lines will be needed to work through our Emergency Phone Fan-Out to contact parents. Parents should note that it is very rare that the school will be closed half way through an instructional day.

On days of inclement weather, the staff of STSBHN and the bus companies, who provide service to our area, are actively reviewing current road conditions and future weather patterns in order to make a determination on delayed or cancelled transportation services. Information is collected from a number of sources and a decision is made and posted no later than 6:30 a.m.

As the decision to run, delay or cancel transportation is made in advance of services actually being provided, there may be some instances where variability exists in what was forecast versus what actually occurs. STSBHN and its member school boards want to provide options for the parents and students of our area and so, when it appears safe to do so, transportation services will be permitted to continue as usual.

If, on an inclement weather day you feel that your child(ren) would be better off not taking the bus and either being transported into school by yourself or staying home altogether as a result of the road conditions at or near your home, STSBHN and the boards do understand and respect that this decision ultimately rests with you.





# FundScrip

The Parent Council At Ecole Confederation would like to introduce you to  
a new fundraiser called Fundscrip.

How it works, is that you purchase gift cards from the Fundscrip website [www.fundscrip.com](http://www.fundscrip.com)  
from popular retailers and the school receives 2-10% cashback

Holiday gift card giving time is here!

Purchase your gift cards with Fundscrip and help raise money for your child's school

Our Exclusive School Code

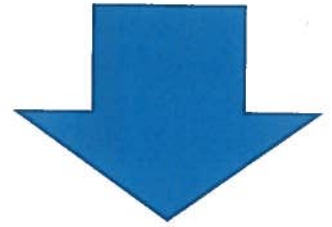
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Sample Of Participating Retailers. Visit [www.fundscrip.com](http://www.fundscrip.com) for a complete listing



Turn Over For Sign Up Instructions





## How To Register For An Account

- 1) Go To [www.fundscrip.com](http://www.fundscrip.com)
- 2) Click On Support a Group (Top Right)



Sign Up Before  
December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017  
And You Will Be  
Entered Into A Draw  
For A \$100 Gift Card  
To WalMart



- 3) Fill In Your Personal Information
- 4) Check Your Email & Confirm Your Account
- 5) Confirm Your Preferences
- 6) Start Shopping

## Payment Options

1. Electronic Funds Transfer (Direct Withdrawal) **Preferred Method of Payment**
  - Fill Out EFT Application Form & Attach Void Cheque
  - Send To Fundscrip via Email, Fax, Or Mail Using Info On Bottom Of Application
2. Online Banking - **Preferred Method of Payment**
  - To Use This Payment Method You Must Add "Fundstream/Fundscrip" As A Payee In Your Online Banking Portal. To Do So You Will Need An Online Bill Payment Number Which You Will Receive After Placing An Order
3. Credit Card – **Least Preferred Method of Payment**
  - Visa or Mastercard Payment Only
  - Credit Card Processing Fees Are 1.99%, Therefore an offer of return of 5% will be reduced to 3.01% return