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Dear Dufferin Families:

We will be bringing some fun and cheer to December in anticipation of the holidays with an evening presentation by our choirs and ukulele orchestra, as well as an afternoon open house for families.

December brings us to the end of another year. On behalf of the staff at École Dufferin, 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 time together.

Yours in cooperation,

Mme A. Smith
Principal

- Dec. 1-Gr. 3 Swim to survive, Poinsettia Pick Up 3-6 p.m.
- Dec. 2-Dental Screening for JK, SK, Gr. 2
- Dec. 5-Learn, Lead, Inspire Assembly
- Dec. 6-Gr. 1 to Safety Village, Gr. 8 Trade Skills program, Intermediate volleyball tournaments (AM-Girls, PM-Boys)
- Dec. 7-Pizza Day, Gr. 8 Trade Skills program
- Dec. 8-Gr. 3 Swim to Survive, Jr. volleyball tournament, Open House 2:15 p.m., chess club presentation
- Dec. 12-Purdy's chocolate pick up this week
- Dec. 13-Frozen musical at BCI (Norden, Guy)
- Dec. 14-Pita Pit, DPC 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 15-Kindergarten Tinker Trucks Workshop, Choir and Ukulele presentation 6 p.m. (school gym)
- Dec. 21-Pizza Day
- Dec. 22-School Dance
- Dec. 23- Last day of school in 2022, see everyone January 9, 2023!



Holiday Happenings

Thursday, Dec. 8: Classroom Open House.

Families are invited to visit their children's classroom from 2:15-3:00. Students will be able to share some of their work, and families will participate in a classroom activity. We hope you can join us!

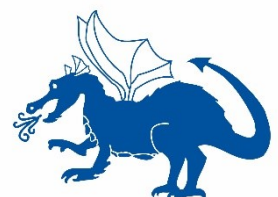


Thursday, Dec. 15-Choir and Ukulele Concert.

Tickets are available for \$3.25 each for our seasonal concert. Dufferin Parent Council will provide some refreshments for audience members. Tickets are available through School Cash online. Doors open at 5:30. Concert begins at 6pm.

Classroom Festivities

Some classrooms may engage in holiday festivities prior to the break. Individual teachers will communicate with families regarding plans for their class. If students are invited to bring in food items to share with the class, remember that any food items must be nut free. In addition, food items must be prepared in a health unit inspected kitchen or commercially prepared (BCHU policy). In some classes, there may be additional restrictions to accommodate food allergies within the classroom. All students will be invited to a school dance in the gym prior to the holidays. Grade groupings will be hosted at various times throughout the day.



Peanut/Nut Aware School

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.



Building Healthy Relationships

The best gift you can give your children is your time. Show that you enjoy devoting time to them. Show your children that their time and energy can make a difference too, and recognize the value they offer. Encourage them to take part in community projects such as helping seniors or tending a community garden.

Create opportunities for your child to be successful:

- Help them find out what they are good at doing;
- Help build their confidence in their skills and abilities;
- Be active together. Choose something you both like and can do;
- Be sure to comment on a job well done or an act of kindness; and
- Acknowledge when they meet a difficult challenge with perseverance.

The better children feel about themselves, the better they will relate to others.

([Healthy Relationships](#), C.O.D.E- The Council of Ontario Directors of Education)

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.

Dufferin bus routes are in Zone 4.

If transportation is cancelled for schools in Zone 4, École Dufferin will be closed.

Inclement Weather Information:

- Information on Student Transportation Services can be found here: <http://www.stsbhn.ca/>
- If there are school or board facility closures, Grand Erie will post a notification by 6:30 a.m. on the Board's website here: www.granderie.ca
- Information will be posted on Grand Erie's Twitter (@GEDSB)
- Closure information will also be shared with local media (i.e. radio, television)
- Find the Board's Inclement Weather Policy here: <https://bit.ly/2HoC1YX>



Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser

Our Purdy's chocolate fundraiser has ended. All orders will be delivered to the school by the week of Dec. 12. Details of a pick up date and time will be shared with families closer to the date. Because the items sold are not nut free, orders will not be sent home on the bus with students.

Help is Here

Our staff is always here to help work through any concerns. If you have a classroom concern, your first point of contact for support is the classroom teacher. The following link outlines the Concern Resolution process in Grand Erie:

<https://www.granderie.ca/board/familysupports/parent-concern>

Dufferin Parent Council

Our next virtual school council meeting will be on December 14 at 6:30. Contact Mme Smith if you would like the link to join the meeting. Meeting minutes are posted on the school website and on the bulletin board inside the front foyer at the school. Thanks to all who supported the poinsettia fundraiser.

We're looking for *Food Service Associates* to join our team!

- Rewarding part time and full time career opportunities in your local school cafeteria with Chartwells School Dining.
- Work while your children are in school.
- Weekends, summers, holidays and March break off.
- Convenient work hours for bus drivers, parents or retired people who want to supplement their income.
- Great benefit packages and reward programs available.

Please email your location and resume to:



★ Amanda.Fisher@compass-canada.com
Please include location in the subject line



Célébration d'hiver



\$ 3.25
per ticket

Thurs. Dec.15th 2022

Hot chocolate café in library 5:30pm

Concert in Dufferin school gym 6pm

Tickets now available through
School Cash Online