

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues. Feb. 16 to Fri. Feb. 19

- Kindergarten Registration

Wednesday, Feb. 17

- Boys' Basketball, Owen PS, a.m.
- Prologue: The Three Musketeers, 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 18

- Girls' Volleyball, Baycrest PS, a.m.

Friday, Feb. 19

- Pizza Lunch

Monday, Feb. 22

- School Council Meeting, 6:45 p.m. – all welcome

Wednesday, Feb. 24

- Pink Shirt Day (bullying awareness)
- Marlies' Game, grades 3-5 (wear your pink T-shirts)

Friday, Feb. 26

- House League T-Shirt Day
- Hair Cutting Donations, p.m. (tentative)

Monday, Feb. 29

- Assembly, 10:45 a.m.

Friday, March 4

- Pizza Lunch

Wednesday, March 9

- Science Fair, grades 3-5, p.m.

Thursday, March 10

- Munsch Madness, 1:00

Friday, March 11

- Pizza Lunch

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Churchill has been in full swing, busy with a variety of activities and events. Report cards have been distributed and parent/teacher conferences have been booked. If you missed meeting with your child's teacher, and you would like to discuss their progress, please be sure to contact them to arrange a date and time.

We have continued our pizza lunches in support of our fundraising efforts. Thank you once again to the dedicated team of parent volunteers who organize the lunches and distribute the pizza.

Now that winter has finally arrived, please make sure your children are prepared for outdoor play. All students are expected to be outside during morning and afternoon recesses (15 minutes each) and during lunch (35-40 minutes), except in extreme weather conditions.

Hair Donation: This month, Mrs. Floh-Hilts will be donating 8-10 inches of her hair to the Canadian Cancer Society. Several students in the school will also be cutting their hair for donations. This organization makes wigs for women and children affected by cancer. It takes 8 to 15 ponytails to create one real-hair wig.

Supervision Before and After School: Teacher supervisors are in the school yard from 8:40 a.m. and until 3:45 p.m. However, kindergarten students must ALWAYS be supervised by caregivers. It is also expected that caregivers *directly* supervise their children beginning at 3:30 every day in all areas including the play structure, field, tarmac, and parking lot.

Additional P.A. Day: An additional P.A. Day has been added to the calendars of all schools in the TDSB. All TDSB schools will have a newly designated P.A. Day on Friday, April 15, 2016. This additional P.A. Day has been mandated by the Ministry of Education as a result of provincial labour negotiations. All TDSB schools will be closed to students on Friday, April 15. On this day, teachers will be taking part in professional development on provincial education priorities identified by the Minister of Education. Churchill Chums Child Care will be operating a full day of care for children currently registered in their program.

Parking: All cars parked in areas other than parking spots are not to be left without a driver. **Emergency vehicles** must always have access to the lots and other cars must always be able to leave their spots. Please remember that parking is available on the streets around Churchill PS. **At NO TIME shall a child be let out of a car while on a main street.**

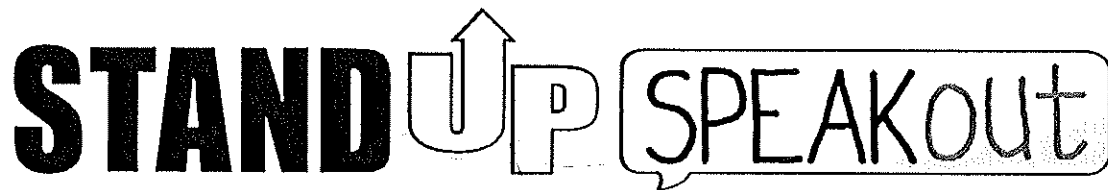
Intramurals

January saw champions crowned in both our primary indoor soccer competition and our junior European handball competition. Congratulations to the Blue House who won the primary indoor soccer championship and to the Red House who took home the European handball championship! Our winter season has already begun with our primary students playing scooterboard basketball and our junior students playing indoor soccer. Keep an eye on upcoming editions of Paw Prints to stay up to date with the competitions.

Interscholar Athletics

January and February have been busy months for the boys' basketball team and the girls' volleyball team. Both teams have been practicing twice a week in preparation for their tournaments this month. Best of luck to both teams! -Mr. Lee

Pink Shirt Day @ Churchill P.S. 2016



On Wednesday, February 24, 2016, Churchill will be celebrating Pink Shirt Day. This Canada-wide event, which is followed by an International Day of Pink in April, brings attention to anti-bullying.

Pink Shirt Day started with two Nova Scotia high school students, who decided to take a stand against bullying in their own school. We encourage everyone to wear something pink to show that we are all working together to prevent bullying in our schools, in our communities and online.

As a school, we will be participating in various activities:

- **School-wide Display**

Pink T-Shirts – Students will receive a T-shirt template to design with pictures and words in support of anti-bullying.

- **Wearing Pink**

Staff and students are encouraged to wear pink (clothing and/or accessories) in honour of the day.

- **PA Announcements**

Junior grade students will be saying announcements throughout the week with empowering quotes, statistics, and facts around Pink Shirt Day and bullying.

Churchill Public School
Food Bank Drive
Monday February 22nd through to Friday February 26th



13,000 men, women and their children access a food bank each month In Canada

Dear parents/caregivers,

We will be hosting a food drive for Lansing United church's food bank the week of Monday February 22nd to Friday February 26th.

There is an ever increasing need in our community for the services of food banks. If you are able, we are asking that you please send in non-perishable food items during this week in February. Each classroom will have a food bank box in their room to receive your donations.

We thank you in advance for your kindness and your generosity.

Suggestions for donation may include

- Diapers
- Pasta, pasta sauce
 - Crackers
- Canned beans and vegetables
 - Juice boxes
 - Soup
- Hygiene items

Thank you in advance,
Staff and students of Churchill Public School

