

## UPCOMING EVENTS

## Churchill Public School

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Monday, January 11

- 2:30 p.m. – School Assembly
- 6:45 p.m. – School Council Meeting – all parents welcome

### Friday, January 15

- Pizza Lunch

### Thursday, January 21

- Winter Carnival (tentative)

### Friday, January 22

- PA Day – no school

### Friday, January 29

- Pizza Lunch

### Friday, February 5

- Pizza Lunch

### Mon. Feb. 8 to Wed. Feb. 10

- Candygram sales (info to follow)

### Wednesday, February 10

- Report Cards go home

### Thursday, February 11

- Candygrams delivered
- 100 Day!
- Parent/Teacher conferences to 8:00 p.m.

### Friday, February 12

- PA Day – no school
- Morning – Parent/Teacher conferences

### Monday, February 15

- Family Day – no school

### Tues. Feb. 16 to Fri. Feb. 19

- Kindergarten Registration

Happy New Year! We trust that everyone had a wonderful holiday and that 2016 is off to a good start. We wish to thank all families who contributed to the Women's Shelter; a representative from the shelter will be speaking with the students during our assembly on Monday afternoon. Thank you to all parents who continue to volunteer at Churchill: your support with our pizza days and decorations, along with field trips and class help is appreciated.

Congratulations to all students for two wonderful holiday assemblies, and thank you to all family members and friends who joined us on that day. We are gearing up for our School Show next!

Hair Donation: On February 29<sup>th</sup> during the morning assembly, Mrs. Floh-Hilts will be donating 8-10 inches of her hair to the Canadian Cancer Society. This organization makes wigs for women and children affected by cancer. It takes 8 to 15 ponytails to create one real-hair wig. Mrs. Floh-Hilts is looking for others who would like to donate at least 8 inches of their hair to this great cause. If you or your child would like to participate, please contact Mrs. Floh-Hilts.

Play Structure: The play structure in the school yard is closed for the season, as of Monday, January 11, 24 hours/day, 7 days/week. With the ground becoming frozen and the plastic slick, the structure is too dangerous to use during the winter.

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.

Winter Clothes: Students must always dress according to the weather conditions. All students are expected to be outside during morning and afternoon recesses (15 minutes each) and during lunch (35 minutes), except in extreme weather conditions. All students must wear snow pants during recesses, and students will be sent off the snowy field if they are not wearing them. Parents/Guardians are reminded to send an extra pair of indoor shoes to school; a complete extra set of clothing is recommended.

Attendance: Please remember to call the school if your child is absent. It is imperative that children arrive to school on time; our first bell rings at 8:55 and all students enter the building within the following few minutes, in order to be prepared for opening exercises at 9:00. Remember that the number of times a student is late or absent in a school year is indicated on their permanent report card.

Report Cards: Students in Grades 1-5 and Junior Kindergarten will receive report cards on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Parent/teacher conferences will be offered on the evening of February 11<sup>th</sup> and the morning of February 12<sup>th</sup>.

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 refer to the recent notice sent home about parking on the streets around Churchill PS. There will be a need to have cars tagged and/or towed should cars continue to be parked in handicap spots, in areas blocking other cars, along the fence line in the east parking lot, or in other inappropriate/illegal places. **At NO TIME shall a child be let out of a car while on a main street.**

#### Intramurals

In the month of December, our intramural sports continue to attract a huge number of students who participate during morning and afternoon recesses. The playoffs for both the primary indoor soccer championship and the junior European handball championship will be decided in the first several weeks of January. Keep an eye out in the next edition of Paw Prints to see which houses were crowned champions! Special thanks go to all Churchill Athletic Association members who volunteered their time to help run our intramural activities.

#### Interschool Athletics

December was a busy month for the boys' volleyball team and the girls' basketball team. The boys' volleyball team had a successful season, making it all the way to the TDESAA North Region quarterfinals. Our girls' basketball team also took to the court in December for their tournaments. The team had a great deal of success in their tournaments, making it all the way to the TDESAA North Region semi-finals. Congratulations to all members of both teams for their hard work and effort during the season. Students can look forward to girls' volleyball and boys' basketball in January. -Mr. Lee

#### Kindergarten Registration

Registration for students entering kindergarten is scheduled for the week of February 15 (Tuesday-Friday). Please drop into the school to pick up a registration package and to set up an appointment to register. You can also call the school to set up an appointment to register. Your child does not need to be with you when your register. Children who will be four years old before December 31, 2016 (born in 2012) may enter Junior Kindergarten in September 2016. If you know of a neighbour with children ready for JK in September, please pass this information on to them.

Please make sure to bring the following items with you to your registration appointment:

- proof of age: birth certificate or passport
- proof of address: two pieces of identification showing your address (e.g., phone bill, lease agreement, utility bill)
- proof of immunization: the card that shows the list of immunizations your child has received
- health card
- verification of date of arrival, if your child was not born in Canada.

#### Occasional Lunchroom Supervisors Needed

If you have experience working with children and an ability to communicate in English sensitively with students, parents, and others, please consider working as an occasional lunchroom supervisor. Your main role will be to ensure the safety and security of our students during the daily lunch period for one hour and 15 minutes (at a rate of \$11.35/hour).

Necessary skills include patience, understanding, and the ability to encourage positive relations among students. If interested in this position, which will entail filling in for supervisors when they are absent, please provide your resume to the school, attention Laura Slater, Principal, by Friday, January 22, 2016.