

CHEROKEE CHRONICLE

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

- *Jan. 3: School Begins again*
- *Jan. 13th: Parent Council Meeting*
- *Jan 20, Jan 27 & Feb 3rd: Junior Skiing*
- *Jan. 21st: P.A. Day*
- *Jan. 28: Student Special Lunch*
- *Feb. 14th: Reports Go Home*
- *Feb. 14th: Dance-A-Thon*
- *Feb. 18th: P.A. Day-Parent-Teacher Interviews*
- *Feb. 23rd: JK Registration*

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MAKING THE BEST OF WINTER WEATHER AT SCHOOL!



Fresh air and exercise are important for children. It keeps them physically fit, and helps them stay alert all through the school day. Parents can help by making sure their children come to school prepared to spend time outdoors. Hats, mitts, boots and a warm jacket are important to keep students comfortable during lunch and recess. On especially cold days children should dress in layers. For example a child might wear an undershirt, a long sleeved shirt, a sweat shirt or sweater and then a warm water resistant winter jacket. Likewise they might wear a pair of jeans with sweat pants over them and then snow-pants on top. Layering mitts and socks is also important. The outside mitt/glove layers should be water resistant. (Mitts and socks often get wet when children play in the snow, even with a water resistant layer. It's always a good idea to send extra mitts and socks in your child's backpack.) Don't forget to cover ears with a hat that has ear flaps or a pair of ear muffs.

Schools pay close attention to weather. When the wind chill is **-28 c or lower** children will remain indoors due to risk of frostnip and frostbite. When temperature and/or windchill factor indicates -20 to -27C,

recesses *may be* shortened to 10 minutes and lunch recess to 20 minutes.

Canadian winters can be wonderful, but are often cold. **Make sure your children are dressed appropriately** to walk to and from school, and to play outside for recess and lunch.

ANNUAL FOOD & TOY DRIVE

Our Annual Cherokee Food and Toy Drive began in the last week of November and ran until December 14th. Thank you to all the families who donated non perishable canned or boxed food items, and or unwrapped toys.

ANNUAL BOOK FAIR CHALLENGE

Our annual Book Fair was a rousing success this year in spite of being postponed for over a month from its usual timeslot. We set a lofty goal of \$1800 in sales (60% of which comes back to the school in Scholastic Money commissions) and smashed it by selling almost \$2000 in books and merchandise. Ms. Jackson was a great sport and agreed to come to school dressed as a man if we surpassed our goal. **Mr. Jackson** made a surprise appearance at our November Character Assembly. A big thank you goes out to the Book Fair volunteers from Mrs. Lovell's class who put in a great deal of time and effort for an entire week. Congratulations to Karen M. from Mrs. Cuopolo's class who won the Family Night draw and took home \$25 in books for herself and another \$25 in books for her classroom!



REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Remembrance Day, our school had an assembly in the gym to think about the brave men and women who sacrificed their lives so that we can live free.

First we stood and sang O Canada. This was followed by several poetry readings by students in grade 2/3, 4/5 and 5/6. One of these poems was the famous poem written by a Canadian soldier 'In Flander's Fields'. We watched a short photo-video essay about war and sacrifice. At just before 11:00 a.m. each class presented and laid a wreath their class had made for the occasion. This was fol-



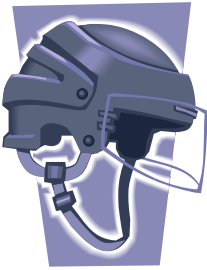
lowed by 'Tapps', a special musical piece played each year on Remembrance Day. After Tapps, we all stood silently for one minute. Later the choir sang a song 'The Caravan of Love'. We sang a few other solemn songs as well.

I felt emotional at the end because I felt sad about what happened to our soldiers, but at the same time I felt proud because they made our country free.

By: Amira (Gr. 5) and

Chantelle (Gr.6)

HOCKEY HELMETS NEEDED

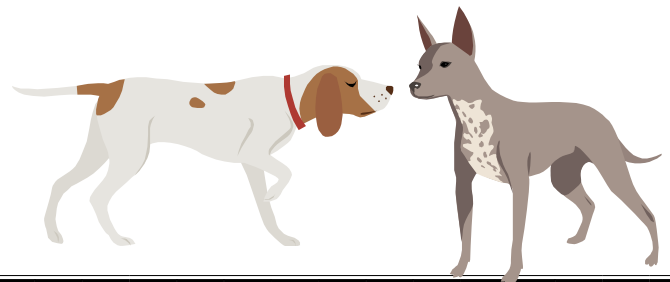


Each year the primary students of Cherokee are given the opportunity to learn and develop their skating skills. Over the period of a month, students slide, spin and skate to their hearts content at the Pleasant View Arena. This year students went skating on November 5, 12 and 26. Like every year, teachers noted how much students progressed from one session to the next. Skating is a relatively easy skill to learn, and a wonderful form of physical activity that can be enjoyed during the winter months. For this reason we will continue to support skating excursions at Cherokee. However, each year it is becoming increasingly difficult to find and borrow hockey helmets from other schools. Board procedures require that every student wear a CSA hockey helmet for safety. Cherokee would like to develop it's own collection of hockey helmets for use on skating trips. If you have a hockey helmet that your child has grown out of we would appreciate it if you would consider donating it to our school.

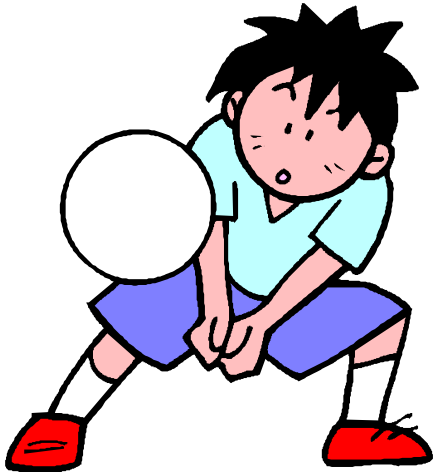
DOGS NOT ALLOWED ON SCHOOL PROPERTY



There have been a number of incidents over the last couple of months of parents bringing dogs to school when they drop off and pick-up their children. We kindly ask you to leave your dog at home. Although you may feel your dog is no danger to anyone, you can not guarantee this. In addition many of our students have been frightened.



JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL



A strong commitment to daily practices for the past month has been shown by the students of Cherokee's Volleyball Team. The students demonstrated determination and did their best. With their coaches along their side, the junior volleyball team worked hard to perfect their spikes, bumps, volleys and serves for the NE2 Tournament at Dallington which was held on December 10th. All of the hard work paid off. Although we didn't win the tournament, several of our games were close. We made the other teams sweat for every point.

By Danielle and Wendy

CHEROKEE PARENT COUNCIL

The next parent council meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 13th at 7 p.m. in Cherokee's Staff Room**. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. By becoming a member of the School/Parent Council you will have the opportunity to become involved in the life of the school and will have the satisfaction of knowing that you made a significant contribution to your child's school.



PRIMARY HOUSE LEAGUE

Our Primary House league got off to a late start this year but has been a big hit with the younger students. Many thanks to their teachers for ensuring the right players are ready and waiting for our House League Helpers from Ms. Cheung's class. Our fall season will end on December 10th and we will resume with new games and new House League Helpers in January. Remember; all games are just for fun and points are awarded for participation...make sure your year teammates come out to play.

By: Mr. McDonald

FOREST OF READING BEGINS IN JANURARY

Once again, Cherokee students and staff will be participating in the "Forest of Reading" program. Books for all ages and interests have been nominated for various awards and our students get to vote for their favourite after reading all the books in a given series. Reading of the books and subsequent voting must be completed by April 30th. The Blue Spruce program provides reading for the primary grades and the Silver Birch program has both fiction and non-fiction categories and an express option for young emerging readers. Thanks to our administration and staff for volunteering to be 'book experts' for this program.

READY...SET... READ!!

By: Mr. McDonald

