

# David Hornell Junior School Newsletter

December 2021

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Twitter: @dhornelltweets **December Character Trait – Kindness & Caring**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This month the TDSB's character trait is kindness and caring. At school we model and talk about kindness and caring every single day.

We recognize students who exhibit any of the TDSB character traits with our "Character Tickets" which are also known as "Purple Tickets". This month we will be looking to highlight acts of kindness shown by our students. Students who are given a character ticket have their name announced on the P.A. each morning along with the character trait they have demonstrated.

We love to celebrate and highlight acts of kindness as well as other traits like responsibility, teamwork, and cooperation.

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School Hours:

8:50 Entry Bell

10:15 – 10:30 Recess

11:20 – 12:30 Lunch (1-5)

11:40– 12:40 JK/SK Lunch

1:55- 2:10 Recess

3:10 JK/SK Dismissal

3:20 Grades 1-5 Dismissal

## December School Council Meeting

Our December Parent Council Zoom meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. All parents are always welcome! If you would like to join, please send an email to [dhparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:dhparentcouncil@gmail.com) and the link will be sent to you. **\*\*Please note the change in our usual day of the week\*\***

## Warm Winter Clothing

As we approach the official start of Winter later this month, we will also encounter colder weather along with more snow and ice. Please make sure that children are dressed warmly with boots, hats, mittens and snowpants if possible. Layering clothes is the best way to stay comfortable as we will also have windows open inside the classrooms during certain times of the day as per advice from Toronto Public Health.



## **ARE YOU TRAVELLING OVER THE HOLIDAYS?**

**If you are planning travel out of the country over the holidays, please be aware that as of right now, unvaccinated children who return to Canada are required to stay home from school for 14 days after their return.**

**Requirements are changing every day due to the introduction of new variants and it is important to stay informed of any changes or new requirements between now and your return to Canada.**



### **Upcoming Events:**

Dec. 1 – Dec. 16 – Food Drive for Wesley United Church Food Bank

Tues. Dec. 7 – Parent Council Zoom Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Fri. Dec 17 – Spirit Day – Pyjama Day!

Fri. Dec 17– Last day for students

Monday December 20 – Friday December 31 – Winter Break – No School

Monday, January 3, 2022 – School Resumes

We would like to wish all families who celebrate, a Merry Christmas!



## Traffic Safety Tips: Help Make this a Safe Winter Season

As winter approaches, we know that severe weather will be part of our daily lives for the next several months. While traffic safety is an important matter all year long, this is a particularly good time to review what we can do to keep students safe.

The need to be aware and alert at all times, on any road, and even in the most routine circumstances is key to traffic safety. This applies to students and drivers alike. Road conditions can be challenging in the winter months. So to those of us who drive, please take extra care on the roads and in parking lots, especially in areas where children might be present.

School staff periodically review street and traffic safety with students. Parents can help reinforce these safety messages with children at home. Below are some tips that might be helpful to review.

- Stop, look, and listen for traffic.
- Only cross at corners and crosswalks.
- Make eye contact with drivers.
- Walk on the right side of the crosswalk.
- Wear appropriate footwear to reduce the chances of slipping.
- Never run into the street.
- Obey crossing signals.
- Cross only if clear.
- Walk on sidewalks.
- Where there are no sidewalks, walk as far away from traffic as possible, facing traffic.

The safety of our students is always a top priority. Let's work together to make the winter season safe so we can enjoy all it has to offer



## Mimico United Church Food Bank

Our school has been asked to collect non-perishable food items for the Mimico United Church Food Bank. This collection will support families in Mimico over the holidays. Thank you to those of you that have already sent in items. We will continue to accept items until Thursday, December 16.



### OPTIONAL ATTENDANCE DEADLINE

Students who reside within the City of Toronto have the right to attend a school which is designated to serve their residential address.

Students also have the opportunity to access schools outside of the school that is designated to serve their residential address by applying on optional attendance. Acceptance at these schools is subject to space availability and program suitability.

Each year in December, schools are classified as **limited** or **closed** to optional attendance based on the space they have available for the upcoming school year.

A school classified as **limited** can accept students on optional attendance. A limited school is not obliged to accept all students who apply on optional attendance. Acceptance is conditional upon space being available in the appropriate grade and program.

A school classified as **closed** cannot accept any students on optional attendance. Only students residing within the school's attendance area will be accepted.

If a school is classified as limited, and you are interested in applying to that school, please contact the school's principal.

**To apply for optional attendance, you must pick up an optional attendance form from the home school and complete it and return it to the applied school NO LATER THAN FRIDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2022.**

## **Parent and Community Involvement Policy Parent/Caregiver Policy Statement Co-Drafting Party**

The TDSB is currently in the process of renewing the P023-Parent and Community Involvement Policy. P023 outlines the ways in which parents/caregivers participate in the Board. Parents/caregivers are invited to join us on Thursday, December 9, 2021 6:00 P.M - 8:00 P.M in co-drafting the policy statements that will be reviewed and possibly revised by other parents/caregivers and staff during the consultation process. For further information and to register, please visit [TDSBengage](#).

### **Rapid Antigen Test Kits for Student Use over Winter Break**

As per the Ministry of Education's announcement last week, each student will be provided with rapid antigen tests to take home for use over the winter break. This will support families to be safe over the holidays and limit exposure if any covid symptoms appear. We are still awaiting further directive from the ministry, but we anticipate that this will arrive in the next week or two. Please be sure to read over all the information and instructions carefully when they are sent home.

### **Saliva Test Kits**

If your child develops ANY symptoms of COVID-19, it is highly recommended that they complete a saliva test. We have test kits at the school that you can pick up. It is a simple, pain free test to ensure that everyone in your family and our community remain safe. Sick Kids picks up the completed tests each morning around 9:15 a.m. and results are available online within 48 hours.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to the school if you require a kit. A student or family member with 1 symptom needs to be tested to ensure the safety of everyone. Thank you for your cooperation.