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Denlow Dispatch

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Principal's Message **Mr. Friberg**

"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen."~ Winston Churchill

December is just around the corner and there will be many happy celebrations and time with family and friends ahead. At Denlow we are still hard at work covering the curriculum, having great enrichment opportunities and enjoying the balmy Fall weather.

As the cold wind and threat of snow slowly creeps upon us, please ensure that your child



is coming to school prepared with the appropriate clothing. Proper winter jacket, gloves, hat and boots are essential for our students to be safe. Students will go outside for recess unless the weather provides an unsafe risk for our

staff and students. **Please also remember to send your child with indoor shoes that they wear inside and can leave at school.** In the event of a fire drill or real emergency, students will not have time to put boots on in order to exit the building. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

On Twitter please follow us DenlowTDSB @DenlowSchool This is a new twitter account – the old one is inactive and the password could not be retrieved. I will also post newsletters on the Denlow school website at: <https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/denlow/>

This was a great month of learning & activities:

- I was thrilled to watch our **Denlow Voices** choir, directed by Ms. Lui, perform at the TDSB head office to start the Board meeting. They received a standing ovation!;

- Our Grade 1s, Junior Classes and Choir performed at our **Remembrance Day Assembly**. During the ceremony, I had the opportunity to reflect on how fortunate we are to be able to live in a community that values not only peace, but goodwill and empathy towards others;
- Thank you for contributing to our school and the joy of reading by coming out to the annual **vendor Book Fair** run by Ms. Schwartz. Thank you so much to the parent volunteers who assisted her in this endeavor;
- The school used part of its budget **\$1740** for all junior students to participate in **Chef a l'ecole**, a French cooking experience. The cinnamon rolls and singing was a true treat to participate & watch. Merci!



- **THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU** To Denlow Parents who have donated to **SAC fundraising campaigns in September and continue to do so**. I think it is important for you to know how far your donated dollars go. The staff, students, & I thank you for donating as it does provide many activities that would otherwise not be possible at Denlow – **This month alone:**
 - **Each Scientist in Schools Workshop \$205** a class – each class receives 3 workshops
 - **Yoga Workshops for all students \$700**
 - **Prologue for the Performing Arts** came to do 2 performances for all students– our gr. 3 – 5s watched Physical Illusions and our K – 2s had global music experiences - **\$1200**
 - **X-Movement** –dance company with all students doing workshops - **\$2452**
- Thanks again to SAC & your contributions for funding these opportunities of enrichment for the kids of Denlow.

Giving Back at Denlow

The ***Pass It Along Clothing Drive*** is run by our SAC parents. The Denlow community donated a great deal of clothes & SAC also wrote a cheque to help support a community TDSB school.

WE Club students ran ***Sarah & Claire Food Drive for the Daily Bread Food Bank.***

The ***Kid Like Me*** Campaign starts now. See page 4 of the *Dispatch*. We aim to have enough gifts to distribute to a school of K – grade 8 children. While our students will be aiming their gift to the K – 5 range (a Kid Like Me), if you would like to contribute a gift to a student in the grade 6 – 8 range (10 – 13 years old) that would be greatly appreciated!

Secondary Program Review & Optional Attendance

The TDSB is undertaking a review of secondary schools to ensure all students have equitable access to programs and opportunities, as close to home as possible. As part of the [Secondary Program Review](#), the TDSB is reviewing the **Optional Attendance** policy (P013), which allows students to apply to schools other than their designated school by home address.

A public consultation process for both the Secondary Review and P013 started in November 2019. Please visit the TDSB website for more information and opportunities to

provide feedback: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Secondary-Program-Review>.

Sports News

Currently our junior teams are practicing volleyball and basketball for upcoming games.

Hot Lunches – Wednesday – Kid's Kitchen

Every Wednesday parents can order a hot lunch program that is delivered by 11:25 each Wednesday.

Ordering is easy - Login to place your orders at www.kidskitchen.ca Orders are accepted until 10am the previous business day (Tuesday)



Primary Winter Concert – new time!

Our grade 1 – 3 concert on Thurs., Dec. 12th will be at 1:50 a.m. and should be over by dismissal time. Thank you from Ms. Lui.

Milk Program – Due to the very low participation rate of our students & the cost of running it, we will be discontinuing this program starting next week.

Upcoming Dates to Know

Nov. 27 th – 29 th	X-Movement all K – 5s
Tues. Dec. 3 rd	Drum Fit all K – 5s
Thurs., Dec. 5 th	Raptors Game! Gr. 2–5s
Thurs. Dec. 5 th	Drama Gr. 1s
Fri. Dec. 6 th	PA Day – no school
Thurs. Dec. 12 th	Primary Winter Concert
Please note new time 1:50 a.m.	
Thurs. Dec. 12 th p.m.	Pick up Poinsettias
Fri. Dec. 13 th	Pick up Poinsettias
Fri. Dec. 13 th	Holiday Bazaar
Wed. Dec. 18 th	Holiday Sing Along
Sat. Dec. 21 st – Sun. Jan. 5 th	Winter Break
Mon. Jan. 6 th	School resumes
Thurs. Jan. 9 th	Sight & Sound Clinic

Driving in the Area

Please be courteous of the neighbours and follow the posted signs for no parking. We've also had complaints from Bramble Drive residents where cars are turning and doing three point turns to make a turn back onto Denlow Blvd. A child could be hit due to the already parked cars on that street. Please avoid this practice.

From SAC & the School



Thank You Movie Night Volunteers!!

The evening could not have happened without the volunteers - including staff, students, and parents - who came out to help. Thank you to Bryan, Brenda, Maria, Joanna, Grigoris, Sharon, Elena, James, Tiffany, Eric, Vicky, Kimya, and Lia. We thank you all on behalf of the Denlow PS Community! Thank you for generously donating your time and energy for our kids!



Cookie Dough Fundraiser

-DEADLINE is Friday, November 29

The holidays are always a very busy time so who has time for baking. Let's check one item off your list. You can order cookie dough ready to scoop and bake for delicious homemade cookies. Simply complete the form sent home with all students and return it to the office with a cheque made out to Denlow Public School. **NOTE: the order will be placed by Monday, December 2 and it should arrive at Denlow, by December 11th.**

Poinsettias Sales:

Don't forget to place your order for Poinsettias. All orders **MUST** be placed via [School Cash Online](#). Poinsettias will be ready to pick up after school on **December 12** and during the day on the 13th.



Holiday Bazaar

Denlow's Annual Holiday Bazaar is taking place on **Friday, December 13th**. The Holiday Bazaar is a fundraiser to support the Grade 5 Graduation. Families donate new or gently used items (even "re-gifts" what you have never used!). Gift-wrap, bags, and ribbon are also welcome! Each Denlow class goes "shopping" and buys these items (most items are priced between \$0.50-\$5.00) to give to family members during the holidays.



Kids and Flu – From Toronto Public Health

The flu germs spread when people cough, sneeze or talk. The flu germs can also live on surfaces like toys, countertops, and door handles for up to eight hours. Students can pass the flu germs to each other, to school staff and to family members before they show symptoms. Children under five, seniors and people in poor health are at greater risk of complications from flu. Vaccination is the best protection against flu. Influenza vaccines are free in Ontario. They are safe. The vaccine helps a child's immune system prevent flu but cannot give them the flu. The vaccine is available at doctor's offices, health clinics, and at Toronto Public Health clinics. It takes 2 weeks for the vaccine to be fully effective. toronto.ca/health/flu

Tips on staying healthy this flu season:

1. Get your flu shot early
2. [Wash your hands](#) often
3. Avoid touching face and eyes
4. [Cover your cough](#) or sneeze
5. Do not share drinking cups and utensils
6. Disinfect common surfaces like door handles, hand railings, keyboards, cell phones and tablets.

From the Denlow Me to We Club



Dear Denlow Parents and Guardians,

As the holiday season draws near, we are reminded of just how lucky we are to live in this wonderful city and country. We have a lot to be grateful for, but not everyone in Toronto is so lucky.

Did you know...?

- Toronto continues to be the child poverty capital of Canada
- 133,000* Toronto children live in poverty
- One-third* of Toronto families are living in housing that is either unaffordable, overcrowded, or in poor state of repair
- Food bank usage has increased by almost 50%* in Toronto's inner suburbs over the past decade

(*Source: DIVIDED CITY: Life in Canada's Child Poverty Capital, November 2016)

These facts may leave you with a heavy heart, but there are things that we can do to help. In 1991, Mrs. Pat Wolfson, a Denlow teacher who has since retired, founded the campaign, "A Kid Like Me" with her class. This campaign is a toy drive which encourages Denlow students to do various extra jobs at home in order to raise money to purchase gifts for other children, who, although not as privileged, are "just like them".

Over the years, "A Kid Like Me" has become an important tradition at Denlow. It has provided Denlow students an opportunity to demonstrate empathy, responsibility and leadership. After Mrs. Wolfson retired, her daughter, Elyssa, who was also a teacher at

Denlow, took over the campaign. Mrs. Wolfson still regularly works as a supply teacher at Denlow. Last year, she attended our Me to We Club meeting and shared the story of "A Kid Like Me". 2019 marks the second year that Denlow's Me to We Club has run the "A Kid Like Me" campaign.

We would appreciate very much if your child could:

- Do various age appropriate jobs around the home to earn money
- With the money earned, buy a new gift that a 'kid like them' would enjoy (4-13 year olds)
- Place the UNWRAPPED gift into a gift bag (or plastic bag if a gift bag is unavailable)
- Bring the gift to school starting next week and up until our final collection day of December 13th. Please drop gifts off at the office or Ms. Di Cesare or Mme Connors' classroom.

Me to We Club members will visit each classroom next week to spread awareness via a short presentation.

Once again, all gifts will be donated to a school in east Toronto. In recent years, Denlow has provided close to 400 students with gifts for the holiday season. Our goal is to average one gift for every Denlow student. We sincerely hope you will join us in participating in Denlow's very own annual sharing and giving event.

Thank you in advance,

Mme. Connors, Ms. Di Cesare and
The Me to We Club

