

# Calendar of Events

## CHARACTER TRAIT: Kindness & Caring

The boys' volleyball team will be practising **Monday to Wednesday , 7:45 – 8:45** on an on going basis.

### November 23

- Scientist in the School: Razi, MacAulay & Chin
- Prologue for the Performing Arts, K – 3.

### November 24 & December 2<sup>st</sup>

Teacher professional development, "Literacy"

### November 25

- Scientist in the School: Moore
- Computer workshop, Gr 5/6
- Scientist in the School; Gr 1's

### November 26

- Prologue for the Performing Arts, Gr 4-6
- Computer workshop Gr 5/6
- Scientist in the School, Gr. 1's
- Volleyball Tournament Gr 6 Boys

### December

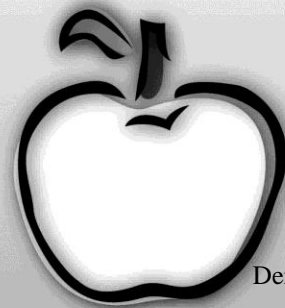
- 01** Scientist in the School, Mann & Wolfson
- 02** Scientist in the School, Freeman
- 03** Volleyball Tournament Gr 5 Boys
- 07** Scientist in the School, Nadler & Chin
- 08** Teacher professional development, "Inquiry"

### December cont.

- 09** Primary Holiday Concert @ 7 pm
- 10** Primary Holiday Concert @ 7 pm
- REPORT CARDS HOME**
- 18** Holiday Sing Along @ 9:00 AM
- Last day of school before the **Holiday Break**

### January 04

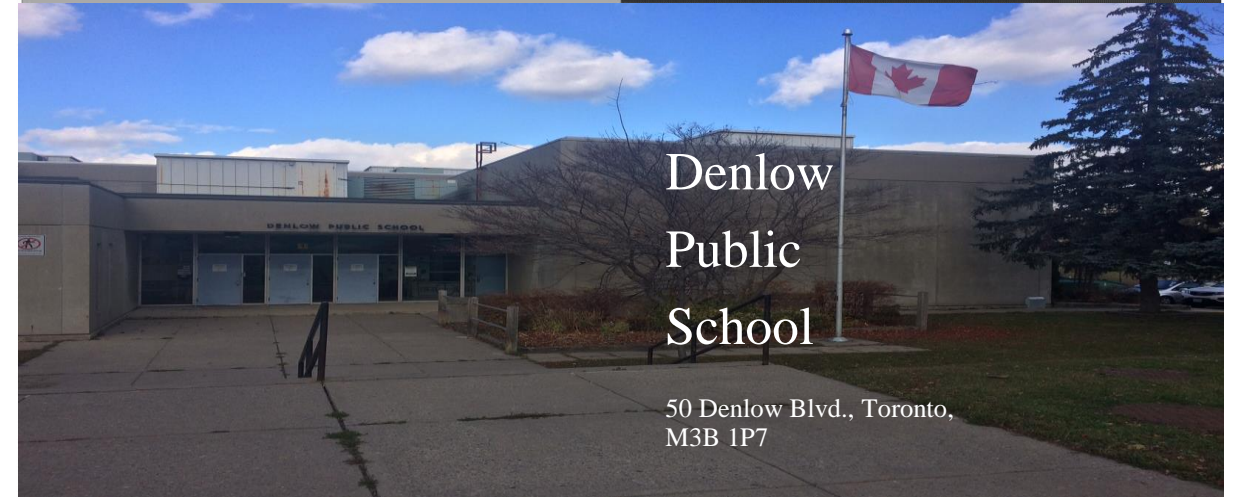
School resumes



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Dear Families;

As of November 13, 2015, Work to Rule in schools across the province of Ontario came to an end. We are excited to again begin the extra-curricular activities and professional activities that bring vibrancy and excitement to Denlow.

On December 10<sup>th</sup>, all students' grades 1-6 will receive a fall progress report. IEP's for students who require them will be included with this report card. The usual practice in the TDSB is for all parents to have a teacher interview. Owing to this year's circumstances, teachers will request interviews regarding student progress on an as needed basis. If you have questions regarding the report card after it is received, do not hesitate to call the teacher and request clarification.

Teachers are now able to communicate with parents beyond the planner and many of the Denlow staff maintain classroom websites that I encourage

you to visit. On the sites, you will see information about classroom events, curriculum and classroom programming.

Regarding office and school communication, we are looking at ways to update how we communicate with the community, register for events (i.e. pizza lunch), and collect fees, to name a few. This will be an ongoing process. Some form of weekly communication with parents, similar to Friday Facts, will be coming. The school website is under construction and our hope is to make it an integral part of the communication system. As an ECO school, we are looking at ways to reduce paper (i.e. the number of forms sent home in September) and to model better use of technology for students.

Please note the important dates in the Calendar of Events. Our students will participate in exciting, curriculum based experiences with Scientists in the School, computer workshops for the juniors and Prologue for the Performing Arts and Denlow teachers will be participating in professional development. The Primary Concerts should be wonderful events, so please plan to attend.  
Best regards,  
P. Sutherland





# Denlow's Makerspace



As our entry into S.T.E.M. (Science Technology Engineering & Math) Education, Denlow is working towards creating a Makerspace. This will be an extension of the “Creation Station” that Mrs. Swartz, our Librarian, has created in the Library. Each month she provides a challenge for students that involves creating and experimenting with a variety of materials. This month students were asked a number of questions which included: “Can you recreate a building masterpiece out of cups? i.e. the Eiffel Tour, Empire State Building?” “Can you create your own architectural masterpiece?” Students are encouraged to explore and are provided with reading materials related to the challenge. Moving forward, the Makerspace will be located in

a former office space on the first floor and teachers will bring their classes to participate in the activities. Thank you to those who have donated “found objects” to the cause. As the space develops, we will be providing a variety of materials that will encourage creation and experimentation. The Creation Station has been a huge success with students; it is motivating student curiosity and bringing out the engineer in everyone.

- If you are interested in reading more about makerspaces, try the following articles.
1. <http://makezine.com/2013/05/22/the-difference-between-hackerspaces-makerspaces-techshops-and-fablabs/>
  2. <http://renovatedlearning.com/makerspace-resources/>



For students who eat in the lunch room, if parents could please reinforce the necessity to follow the expectations of the Lunch Room Supervisors. Sit at assigned seats, use inside voices, ask for permission to leave the room and clean your area after eating. The goal is to have students enjoy their lunch and then have time for outdoor play.



Remembrance Day Art, Ms. Allan’s class, Gr. 6



Denlow’s Junior Choir

# Remembrance Day Assembly

Remembrance Day is always a solemn occasion. Students learn about the significance of this day by participating in our annual assembly and discussing the “big ideas” behind this day in their classrooms. Students from kindergarten to grade six presented poems and readings, Ms. Lui’s choirs performed and everyone at the assembly experienced a moment of silence. Denlow students demonstrated through their actions that they understand the solemnity of this day. We would like to thank our special guest, Cynthia Fleming, a Denlow parent, for performing the Last Post and the Reveille. Thank you to all the staff and students for their roles in organizing this moving assembly.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

1. For students with **anaphylaxis**, we require a second EPI pen in the office, as well as the signed Form 536A. A number of families have still not provided these. **Please do so as soon as possible.**
2. If your son/daughter will be late or absent, please remember to call the **SAFE ARRIVAL** number at 416-395-2303 before 9 am of the absence. This number is available 24 hr.
3. If you plan an **EXTENDED** absence, please contact the office to complete the appropriate paperwork.