



**Gracedale Public
School**

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Principal's Message

Happy new year to everyone. Once again we have said goodbye to a year gone and welcome to a new one. It is a pleasure to see you all of the smiling faces of our students as they prepare themselves for second term.

As we know there has been a drastic change in the weather. The white snow has finally arrived and with it came freezing temperatures. Please remember that the children need to be appropriately dressed with hats, gloves and a good Winter weather jacket at all times. The only time that children are kept indoors is when the temperature is well below zero or if it is raining.

Children love snow and what could be more fun than playing with it? It is advisable that your child keeps an extra pair of mittens, socks and pants at school or in their backpack.

Also due to health and safety regulations, we are asking that all children keep an extra pair of shoes to wear at school when they remove their boots. Thank you for supporting us with this request.

Kindergarten registration will begin this February 2010 for the new school year starting in September 2010. We will be sending more information regarding the days and times for registration.

Just a reminder that our school day begins at 8:40 in the morning. We have had a number of children coming to school late in the last couple of weeks. We realize that the weather has something to do with this. However, when you know

that it is going to take you a few extra minutes to get out of your driveway, try leaving the house earlier. It is important that everyday begins on time. Students are expected to be on time by the time the second bell goes ready to enter the school to get to the classroom.

Parents, if you are in the schoolyard when the bell goes, be sure to say goodbye to your children right away so the educational day can begin.

The staff at Gracedale Public School is looking forward to a very productive, fun filled second term. Thank you for always supporting us with new initiatives.

Character Education and Tribes

At Gracedale, we believe that every student should achieve academic and social excellence. The Toronto Board has a monthly Character Education focus.

September – Respect

October – Responsibility

November – Empathy

December- Kindness and Caring

In January, our children will be learning about TEAMWORK. Please reinforce these lessons at home.

We practice the FOUR Tribes Agreements at Gracedale:

Attentive Listening/Appreciation/No put downs, Participation, Right to Pass. We recognize students who have demonstrated excellence in these areas at monthly assemblies by presenting them with a TRIBES certificate.

Skating Trips to Gord and Irene Risk Arena

Our students continue to learn and enjoy skating trips to Gord and Irene rink. **Free** Public skating times at this indoor skating arena are as follows;

Public Skate - Every Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and every Saturday from 8:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.

Family Skate -Every Saturday from 7:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

Grade 5 Trip to Queens Park

Our grade 5 students went on a trip to Queens Park. They learned about our legislative history, different political parties and their role in our provincial political system. Students were engaged in a scavenger hunt and in meaningful discussions.



Reminders to Students

- Be on time every day and get proper rest
- Read with a family member each day
- Follow our 4 Tribes Agreements
- Dress for the weather



Other Reminders

World Dance Classes Term 1 & 2

12 students Thursdays 3:05-4:05 Oct. 1-Feb.18

Drama Theatre Peace Term 1 & 2

15 students-Mondays 11:43-12:33 Oct.5-Feb.15

Pizza lunches

Please return the form and money the Friday before pizza lunch -Next pizza lunch: **Jan. 26, 27**

Vacation Notification

Please come to the office to fill out a form and speak to Mrs. Rebelo if your child will be on an extended vacation.

Bus Pick up and Drop off

All bus students will be picked up by the front doors but drop off location will remain same.

Upcoming Events

Getting to know you parent meeting

When: Friday, January 14, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

Where: Staff Room

School Council Meeting

When: Feb. 02, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Staff Room

Family Literacy Night

Thursday, January 21, 2010 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Income Tax Workshop for Parents

February 18, 2010 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Kindergarten Registration

February 2010