

NMPPS Weekly Message
Friday December 13, 2024

Winter Break Countdown

Each day next week has a different theme. Dress up and join in the winter break countdown. If you can't read the picture below click on the link for a PDF.

[Winter Break Countdown PDF](#)

 **Winter Break Countdown!** 

Monday December 16
Holidays and Celebrations!
This month, we have more than 11 holidays to celebrate!
So, put on your traditional or festive attire, and let's celebrate.



Tuesday December 17
Happy New Year!
Dress to impress, put on your favorite outfit,
and let's count down to an amazing year ahead!

Wednesday Dec. 18
Let the game begin! Paper, Scissors competition!
Don't forget to rock your black and yellow or
Mandela swag!



Thursday December 19
Grinch Day
Let's spread some holiday cheer with messages of
kindness and a little mischief!
And of course, don't forget to wear green!



Friday December 20
Pajama Day!
Let's kick off the break a little early with some
comfy, cozy clothes. Throw on your favorite
pajamas or sweats and let's snuggle up for the last
school day of 2024!



Save the Date – Nelson Mandela Family Ice Skating Night

On Thursday December 19th from 5 to 7 PM, school council has organize a repeat of last years Family Ice Skating Night! Free skates and helmet rentals available for kids and adults.



Sock Hop Drive

The students in the room G29, have taken the lead with the school's Sock Hop Drive. The experience has been rewarding for each of them, as they get the chance to show the unique ways in which they communicate, whether through spoken word, or a communication app like Proloquo2Go, on an iPad. [Two students from our classroom are chosen each morning to make an announcement to the entire school, one being verbal and the other on the iPad.](#) This is a big accomplishment for each of them, as they are making their presence known within the school community and feeling a part of it.

The Sock Hop Drive will run each day until next Wednesday, December 18th. There is a large, red box currently located in the office, where donations of brand-new socks can be made. These socks will help to keep the feet warm of those in need throughout the Regent Park community, during the cold winter months. Next Monday and Wednesday, the staff, and students in Room G29 will visit each classroom to collect sock donations.

We look forward to seeing you all next week!

Kindly,

Ms. Natalie and the staff and students of Room G29

Winter Wonderland Art Project

Students in room G32 and the Grade 7/8's from Ms. Baker's class came together to create a beautiful "Winter Wonderland" art project. Through this collaborative work, students not only explored their creativity but also developed important skills such as teamwork, fine motor skills, and problem-solving. The project provided an inclusive space for students of all abilities to work side by side, fostering mutual

respect and understanding. This hands-on experience integrated the geometry of snowflakes, and the science of the changing seasons...all while having a lot of fun!



Nelson Mandela Park Chess Club

The Chess Institute of Canada, an external organization, will be offering an after-school Chess Club starting in January. Please note, this program is not run by the school. It is fee-based, and registration is available online. Subsidies are available for families who may need financial assistance. [For more information, please refer to the attached flyer](#) . The are two links, one for registration and a second for applying for the discount.

Nelson Mandela Park Chess Club

Chess Institute of Canada
Bringing Chess to Life™

At CIC Extracurricular Clubs
Your child will receive

- Chess Education, to expand knowledge
- Play Time, to feel the joy of chess
- Life Skills Education, to strengthen confidence, cooperation, resilience, decision making, problem solving, participation, critical thinking, empathy, communication, self-regulation, pattern recognition, initiative, creativity, negotiation, respect.

Chess Club Details:
Grades 1-8

- Price:** 25\$ per class*
- Time:** 3:30-4:30pm
- Start:** Thursday, January 16
- Location:** Commons Room

To Register

Follow this link: chessinstitute.ca/extracurricular/

Scan this code to our website.

*pay what you can available
chessin.ca/discount

Winter Well-Being Guide 2024-2025

The [Winter Well-Being Guide 2024-2025](#) is now available. The Guide is prepared by the Mental Health and Well-Being Committee, In collaboration with the Mental Health Leads and the System Leader for Mental Health and PSS. [The Winter Well-Being Guide 2024-2025](#) offers updated, culturally relevant, and responsive resources to support students and parents/caregivers/guardians in fostering mental and physical wellness during the winter months. It also includes specific supports tailored for students with disabilities and complex needs.

To ensure accessibility for our diverse community, the guide has been translated into the top spoken languages within the TDSB. You can access it here: [The Winter Well-Being Guide 2024-2025](#)

Regent Park C.C. Pancake Breakfast

Saturday December 21st from 9 AM to 1 PM in the Regent Park Gymnasium and Banquet Hall. Join us for a morning of pancakes, crafts, games, and more.

Meet Santa, make new friends, and celebrate the holidays with the Regent Park Community!

[Pancake Breakfast Flyer](#)