

Percy Williams' Post



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REMINDER
PA DAY ON
FRIDAY DEC 7TH
No school

With just three weeks to go until the holiday break things are all a buzz with preparations for our holiday concert and a multitude of other school wide activities and events. A big “thank you” to Ms. Vortsman’s students for putting up our Christmas tree this past week, and to Ms. Romas and Ms Clark for arranging our winter planters in the front. Both projects have added some much-needed colour to what has been an incredibly grey and wet month of November. To help bring a little more holiday cheer, this Wednesday we begin our Percy 12 Days of Spirit. See the attached schedule for the spirit days. Students can participate as much as they are able to.

In December Percy Williams is also in the spirit of giving back. Today we begin our annual [Food Drive for the Agincourt Community Services](#). Please send in any non-perishable food or personal care items with your child or drop donations off at the office. We will also be accepting donations the night of our holiday concert on December 13th. Also, this year we will also be supporting the [Toronto Foundation for Student Success Red Nose Campaign](#) that supports students at need in the TDSB. We are also selling Raffle tickets on two holiday gift baskets in support of our school nutrition program. Thank you for supporting these worthwhile causes.

This week auditions are underway for the musical Oliver Twist, which is open to all our junior students (Grade 4-6). Students must have permission from their parents to join as participation involves a commitment of attending regular rehearsals. Practices will begin in the New Year and the performance will be in May. Good luck to all students auditioning on Tuesday and Wednesday. Our high school tutoring program is back for another year and will be commencing soon. Last year we had over 17 student mentors working with our Grades 4 to 6 students. Forms will be sent home with eligible students. Our Forest of Reading club is starting in time for the holidays. Students will take home selections from this year’s reading list and staff members quiz students after they’ve completed a book. Last year Percy Williams were Forest of Reading champions at the area tournament.

Beginning next week, we would like to welcome Megan Mee and Lois Concannon and her dog Phoenix from the [Kindness Program](#). The Kindness Program teaches values through humane education. Each class will participate in a 30-60 minute presentation that focuses on the general themes of kindness, respect for all living things, responsible pet ownership and safe practices around animals.

Our next newsletter will be in 2019. The last day of class is Friday, December 21st. On behalf of all the staff, it has been a pleasure working with you and your family and we look forward to seeing everyone back rested and ready to learn on Monday, January 8th. Have a wonderful holiday break!

Jason Donaldson

Stay Informed

Drop Off and Pick Up

Since our November Newsletter we are happy to report that we have observed an increase in the use of the student drop off circle in the front of our school. When parents use this service it reduces congestion on White Heather Blvd. and drivers avoid making dangerous U-turns or pulling into residents driveways to turn around. Some key tips for using the drop off circle:

- Enter and exit slowly to and yield to parents and students crossing the sidewalk
- Move your car up to the end of the circle so more cars can enter
- Do not get out of your vehicle, teachers on duty and safety patrollers will assist your child
- Enjoy the time you have saved trying to find a parking spot

Just a reminder that there is no parking in the staff parking lot at any time. Please use the East side of White Heather Blvd or Dragoon or Big Red to park your car.

Red Nose Campaign

As the days get colder, many students are in need of warm clothing, food and other necessities that many of us take for granted. Help brighten the lives of students in need by joining our annual Red Nose Campaign. We will be selling flashing red noses beginning this Wednesday in support of the Toronto Foundation for Student Success (TFSS). All proceeds go to provide food, warm clothing and other essentials to TDSB students in need. TFSS provides most of the funding for our school's Snack program. Each flashing red nose is \$3.00 and can be purchased at AM recess by our student leaders at the front office and the holiday concert.

Christmas Basket Raffle

Our School Council is raffling two beautiful holiday baskets filled with amazing prizes. We have two baskets, one filled with premium beauty products that would make an amazing gift for any family member. The other is a toy basket bursting with a multitude of amazing toys and games. Each basket is valued at close \$500. Tickets will be sold at morning recess until Thursday, December 13th. Tickets are \$2.00 or 3 tickets for \$5.

Food Drive for Agincourt

We are now accepting donations for Agincourt Community Centre Food Drive. Please drop off any non-perishable food donations to the front office anytime between now and up until the holiday concert. Donations will be picked up on Wednesday, December 20th. Help us help our local Community Centre's food drive to assist area families in need.

December Holiday Concert

Our holiday concert will be held on Thursday, December 13th from 6:30 – 7:30 PM. At the holiday concert all our primary classes (Kindergarten to Grade 3) will be performing. Also, our Junior Band will have their debut performance that night. All our junior students will have the opportunity to perform in the Arts evening in March and our school musical in May. Doors to the auditorium will open at 6:20 p.m., seating is first come first serve.

Leading up to the concert, we will be selling raffle tickets for the chance to win one of the beautiful donated baskets to help our school council raise money to help support a variety of initiatives at Percy Williams. We look forward to seeing you at the concert.

Colder Weather Advisory

As the days are starting to get colder please ensure your child is dressed properly to ensure they are comfortable when playing outside.

Children need an opportunity to get exercise and free play time outdoors; however, weather conditions sometimes warrant that indoor recesses and lunch periods.

Conditions warranting indoor recesses

- Rain, thunderstorms, lightning, hail, extreme winds and extreme cold.
- When temperature and/or windchill factor indicates – 20 to –28C, recesses may be shortened to 10 minutes and lunch recess be 20 minutes depending on local conditions.
- Cold weather: When temperature and/or windchill factor indicates -28C or lower children will remain indoors.

Percy's 12 Days of Spirit

Wednesday, December 5 th	Holiday Hat / Touque Day	
Thursday, December 6 th	Grinch Day (Dress in green)	
Monday, December 10 th	Happy Hanukkah Day (Dress in blue and white)	
Tuesday, December 11 th	Scarf Day	
Wednesday, December 12 th	Present Day / Spirit of Giving! (Re-use some holiday bows and wrapping)	
Thursday, December 13 th	Happy Kwanzaa Day (Wear black , red and green)	
Friday, December 14 th	Reindeer / Elf Day (Wear your TFSS Red Noses or dress like an Elf)	
Monday, December 17 th	Silver and GOLD Day	
Tuesday, December 18 th	Blue Planet Christmas (Wear blue and commit to reducing your Eco-Footprint)	
Wednesday, December 19 th	Hot Chocolate and Gingerbread Day Wear brown! Dress up like gingerbread figure.	
Thursday, December 20 th	Holiday Sweater Day	
Friday, December 21 st	Santa / Red & White Day	

Upcoming Dates:

- Tuesday Dec 4th & Wednesday Dec 5th – Auditions for Oliver Twist
- Thursday Dec 6th School Council Meeting 5:00 PM (Library)
- Friday, December 7th – PA Day, No School
- December 10th, 11th and 14th - Kindness Program
- Friday, December 14th – Pizza Lunch (Order using Cash on-line)
- Thursday, December 13th – Holiday concert 6:30 – 7:30 PM
- Friday, December 21st – Last Day of school before the Break
- Monday, January 7th – 1st Day back to School in 2019

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE STUDENTS AND STAFF AT PERCY WILLIAMS