

# The Waterfront School

December 2018 Newsletter

From Ms. Harvey, Principal



## Important Updates

Nov. 27 School Council  
5pm-6:30pm.  
Playground Update

Dec. 7 P.A. Day no school  
for students

Dec. 11 Art Celebration  
5-6:30pm

Dec. 24 - Jan. 4 Winter break  
School is closed

Jan. 7, 2019  
Classes start

Jan. 18 P.A. Day no school  
for students

Jan. 29 School Council  
5-6:30pm

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## Holiday Greetings

It has been my pleasure to get to know so many of you and your children over the last four months. We have a wonderful school and I feel very lucky to be working at The Waterfront School.

At this time of year many of us join with family and friends in celebration, but this time of year can also be a difficult time for those who have experienced loss. I hope that you will find comfort with the special people in your lives and spend this holiday making wonderful happy memories doing the things you love.

Wishing you and your families a happy holiday and all the best in 2019! We will see your children back at school on January 7 at 8:40 am.

Enjoy!  
Ms. Harvey



## Kindness and Caring

December is Kindness and Caring month. Each day we think about how we can show this with our words and our actions. Our students are taught that there is no place at our school for inappropriate words or actions. Being respectful means using kind words and actions every day to everyone.



## Arts Celebration

It was wonderful to see so many pieces of art all in one place as our students expressed their identities through a variety of creative mediums. I learned so many new things about our students and what was important in their lives. Thank you to our School Council for partnering with us and providing food, prizes and a sale of books and toys!



Room 9's tree, stand and decorations were put together entirely from materials we found at TDSB's ArtsJunktion. Grade 5's used their knowledge about force and structures to build a stand that can support a load. Enjoy & Happy Holiday



## January ECO Club Clothing Drive

The ECO club at The Waterfront School is holding a clothing drive with the organization **bag2school**. This organization recycles clothing and the school earns a small amount by weight of clothing donated.

We encourage you to think about our drive, as you organize your closets this winter. All men's, women's and children's clothing is welcomed, including backpacks, scarves, purses, belts, hats, towels, handbags etc. Each student is challenged to donate 2 bags each, but no amount is too big or small.

The reason the Eco Club is organizing this event is to bring awareness and change. Some facts driving our cause are:

- Did you know 80% of unwanted clothing is dumped in landfills?
- Making **one pair** of jeans emits the same amount of carbon dioxide as driving a car 115 km.

**But guess what? Almost 100% of textile waste is recyclable.**

So bring your clothing to school in plastic bags and drop them off down the stairs on the first floor by the hall to the gym.

The last day is **January 29**.

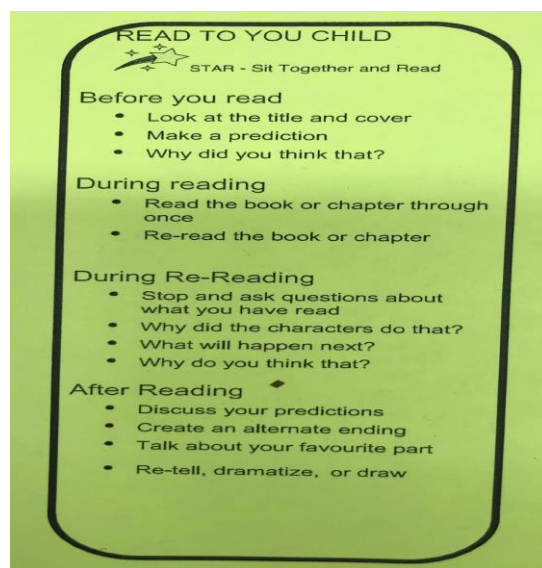


## Remember to label your child's belongings.

It is important to label your child's clothing so that it does not get mixed up with other children's' items. Students may have similar or the same things such as shoes or boots and when there is a name on the clothing or backpack it makes it easy to return it to a student. It only takes a moment to put on a name and it can make a big difference.

## Snuggle Up And Read

It was wonderful to have so many parents and children join us for our "Snuggle Up And Read" event led by our speech pathologists Kirstin Boucher. As part of our early literacy intervention program Ms. Boucher has been working with our grade 1/2 students and teachers. Focussing on the needs of the students, they are using targeted strategies to increase students' reading. During her presentation Ms. Boucher talked about how language skills develop in young children and strategies that parents can use before, during and after reading. Each child went home with a brand new book to enjoy.



## Nutrition Program Volunteers Needed

Can you spare an hour or more in the morning to help prepare the morning meal for our students? Please call the office if you are available.

## Supply Lunchroom Supervisors Needed

Are you interested in being a lunchroom supervisor? This is a paid TDSB position. Please call the office if you are interested.

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<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/thewaterfrontschool/>