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Newsletter #4

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have had another busy month filled with many wonderful learning opportunities both in and outside of the classroom for students and staff. We have been skating, had Eric Walters visit, a craft fair, book fair, sing alongs, talent show, sharing, and 'Scientist in the Classroom' visits – to name just a few! Teachers have had the opportunity to attend professional development around the arts, math and language curriculum and we had a very productive professional development session at the school with parents who were invited to provide their valuable input and insights around our school improvement plan.

I would like to wish you all the very best over the holiday season – whether you are celebrating Hanukkah, Christmas, New Years or just celebrating the fact you have a break from the school routine and making lunches.

Happy Holidays!

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BOOK FAIR

This year the Book Fair was a great success. Our goal was to have \$4000.00 in sales and we did it! The library receives 30% of the total sales in future books. I would like to thank all the parents, students, teachers and volunteers for all their support!

Thank you

Robert Rutt
Librarian

FOOD BANK

On behalf of the Westboro Food Bank, I would like to say a huge thank-you to everyone who donated food to ensure that their shelves were full during this busy season. Unfortunately, we did not have one business offer to match our contributions with financial support but will continue to attempt to engage our community throughout the year.

CHANGE IS COMING

Lynda Larkin, our beloved Office Assistant has taken a 6 month term position at the board office and will not be back with us until September 2011. We will miss her but also recognize that this is a wonderful opportunity.

Judi Khaler, our much loved grade 2/3 teacher, is heading home to warmer pastures in Australia. Her time with us has come to an end. She brought so much to students and staff at this school that she will be greatly missed.

Alena Grigerova will be returning to Churchill! She is moving back to colder pastures! Her time in Australia is coming to an end and she will now be coming back to share what she has learned and we'll anxiously be waiting to hear about all of her adventures.

Ray Kalynuk will be off on parental leave for 5 weeks. He will be greatly missed although we know that he is off to have new and exciting adventures with Arlo and Jenny. Amy Becker will be in his classroom for this time.

Meagan Beck is returning full time back to the school. She is returning as the support in the mornings and remaining in her grade 2/3 position in the afternoons. We look forward to having her back with us in the mornings too. This means that we will be sadly saying farewell to Bob Terrade although we will gladly be inviting him back as a guest teacher.

Richard Lalonde, our evening custodial staff member is also going to be sorely missed. He is leaving us for a well deserved contract opportunity at Nepean High School. This means that we are now joined by Pierre Richer in the evenings. We look forward to getting to know Pierre.

EATING FIRST

Students will now be eating before heading outside for their recess break. Students were expressing that they were hungry and that the time between eating was too long. We are hoping that students will then eat, get some energy and enjoy their time outside more.

BEING ON TIME



I would like to put out a "Churchill Challenge for 2011" for our parents and students. We continue to have an excessive amount of students late each day. This is disruptive to classes and unfair to students, whose learning is constantly being interrupted, and to staff who make lessons and create learning opportunities for your children and then some are not there to benefit or simply interrupt when they enter a classroom late. In January we will be sending out late notices if your child is in excess of 20 days late. We will also be using the services offered by our social worker to provide attendance counseling for your children and/or family for those families in excess of 30 days late.

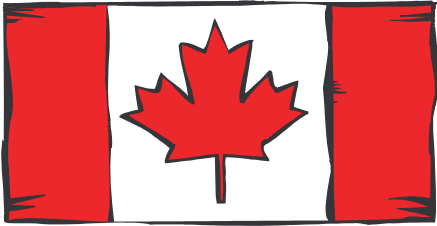
THE NOOK

We have a new room at Churchill! It is called "The Nook". We will be using this room to provide students with scheduled breaks. The purpose of the room is to be preventative. Students who need to take some time away and re-group will now have this fabulous opportunity. Heather Sommerville will be running the room for us and has done a tremendous amount of work to get it up and running.

RECIPES

We continue to request recipes from our students, staff, parents and community members for our upcoming recipe books

O CANADA



Students are now going to be singing O Canada each morning. Each student in the school will be given the opportunity to come down and sing over the PA one morning at 8:10am. We will also be giving students an opportunity to present messages about what is happening in the school as well.

WINTER CLOTHING



It is our expectation that students come appropriately dressed for winter weather. We have a particularly cold yard and this is a safety concern when temperatures are below zero. Students are expected to have a hat, winter coat, boots and mittens. If you require support to obtain these items please feel free to contact Megan at the school.

REGISTRATION 2011-2012

The following timelines will apply for the 2011 – 2012 school year:

Kindergarten Registration Period

Monday, January 31 to
Friday, February 4, 2011

Elementary Student Transfer Application Period

Monday, February 14 to
Friday, February 25, 2011

Middle French Immersion Registration Period

Tuesday, February 22 to
Monday, February 28, 2011

LOST & FOUND



Please have a look at the lost and found items in the lobby by the gym doors to see if something belongs to your child. Items that are not claimed are sent at the end of each month to a shelter for women and children. Don't forget to write your child's name inside his/her coats and sweaters as this makes it easier to return lost items to their rightful owners.