



Fenelon Township Chronicle

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December 2016

Principal's Message

The holidays are right around the corner, and we have so much to be thankful for and look forward to. On behalf of the FTSP staff we would like to wish you a very Happy Holiday, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

We are looking forward to seeing you on the evening of December 21st at our Winter Wonderland Evening. We will be playing games and making crafts from 6:30-7:30. Special carollers from our choir will be entertaining.

We would like to thank all those families who supported both the Little Caesar Pizza Fundraiser and the Poinsettia Fundraiser. A special thank you to the FTSP school council for organizing these fundraisers and being such a great support to our school.

The grade six and seven class will be travelling to Yearley on December 1st and 2nd. Please feel free to contact your teacher if you want further clarification. We will be dressing for the holiday season during the last week before the holidays. There will be a carol sing Thursday morning from 9:15-9:30, Parents are welcome to join us.

Here is an outline of our final week before the holidays:

Wednesday, December 14:	Trinkets and Treasures and Poinsettia Pickup
Thursday, December 15:	Trinkets and Treasures
Friday, December 16:	Trinkets and Treasures (last chance)
Monday, December 19:	Christmas Hat Day
Tuesday, December 20:	Christmas Sweater Day
Wednesday, December 21:	Movie/PJ Day and Winter Wonderland Evening (6:30 – 7:30)
Thursday, December 22:	Christmas Colour Day and Carol Sing in the Gym, at 9:15-9:30

Christmas Movie Day:

On Wednesday, December 21st Fenelon Township's Student Council is hosting a Christmas Movie Day. Your child will be able to choose one out of a few child friendly movies. On this day, your child is allowed to wear pajamas (doesn't have to be Christmas related). Also, on Movie Day there will be the option for your child to buy treats from the Tuck Shop. Items range from \$1 to \$2.

Chinese Delegation

On November 25th, FTPS hosted 20 Chinese Educators who were interested in visiting a rural school. It was a great day of learning for both the Chinese Educators and for our students. The staff and students were very much appreciated. Here is the thank you that we received.

Dear Principal Heather and Staff of Fenelon Falls Township Public School:

On behalf of the Ontario Principals' Council, I would like to express our gratitude to you and your school community for receiving the Chinese delegation so warmly to your school last Friday.

The time, efforts and preparations which you, the staff and the students have put into welcoming the principals were evident on the artworks and student projects posted on the walls around the school. We really enjoyed the welcome song sung by the students in Mandarin!

The visiting principals appreciated the presentations and the classroom tours where they were given ample opportunities to observe and interact with students and staff members.

Your school looked beautiful and the food was delicious! We were very touched by your thoughtfulness and kindness! A special thank you also goes to those staff members and support staff who made themselves available to be present and answer our many questions with infinite patience.

Thank you for your hospitality and we were grateful for the opportunity of visiting your school. Your assistance and support to help the visiting principals to learn about education in Ontario and in rural schools were greatly appreciated!



Boston Pizza:

On Monday December 5th the grade 7/8 class will be going to Boston Pizza in Lindsay to be your 'Celebrity Servers' (from 5-8 pm). Please come join us and help to fundraise for our school. We encourage everyone to invite family and friends to join us in this wonderful and joy filled evening.

Christmas Open House

On December 21st at 6:30 until 7:30 pm, the staff and students of Fenelon Township would like to invite all of you to come to our Winter Wonderland Evening. There will be crafts, carol singing and fun for the whole family.

Christmas Sale: Trinkets and Treasures

Our Christmas Trinkets and Treasures Sale will be held on December 14 and 15 (if items are left over we may sell on the 16th) and we are gratefully accepting donations. Donations from home help our kids recycle gently used stuff into great inexpensive gifts for their family. Everything is under \$2.00.

Roots of Empathy

We are excited to share the news that the Roots of Empathy Program is being repeated at FTFS! This is an evidence-based classroom program that has shown significant effect in reducing levels of aggression among school children, while raising social and emotional competence and increasing empathy. This unique program uses an infant to teach the language of emotions through a series of class visits and lessons. For further information please visit: www.rootsofempathy.org. We want to thank Baby Rachel for agreeing to be the "tiny teacher."

Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Bouras for sharing Rachel with FTFS and to Ms. Ingram for her dedication to this program.

Poinsettia Pickup is December 14th from 2:00-6:00.

Please make arrangements to pick up your order during this time.

School Council

The next meeting will take place on **December 14, 2016 at 6:30** in the library. Everyone is welcome!! We will be discussing our fundraising success.

Volunteers Needed!

Do you have a special talent that you would like to share with some students? Painting? Knitting? Dance? FTFS is organizing an in-school elective day on March 6th. Please contact the school if you have something to share with our students. Volunteers are required to have an updated criminal background check.

Criminal Background Checks

Board policy requires that anyone who will have contact in any way with the staff and/or students must get a criminal check. This includes all in-school activities, classroom volunteers, field trips and drivers for school sports events. If you require a police check, please come to the office for a letter and **bring it to the OPP detachment along with two pieces of identification** (examples include: driver's licence, age of majority, passport, PAL card, birth certificate, hunting licence, outdoors card, Canadian blood donor card). If you had a police check completed during the last school year and you have not had a break in your volunteer "service" you are only required to complete an Offence Declaration which are available at the school office.

Me to We

The grade 5-8 classes participated in "We are Silent" on November 25, 2016 to raise awareness about families and hunger. Our students brought in donations for our local food bank. We will be embarking on our next campaign which is "We Give Hope". The Me to We team will be collecting non-perishable food items, new unwrapped toys and personal items (i.e. toothpaste, shampoo) for donations to our local food bank and Women's Resources. Items may be brought in from December 12th to 22nd and placed under our school Christmas tree. Donations are also welcome on the evening of our school Open House.

LCBO Project

This year the City of Kawartha Lakes OPP and the Kawartha Lakes Public Schools have teamed up with the LCBO and Trillium Lakelands District School Board to once again promote safety this holiday season. Students in grades 4-8 will decorate LCBO bags related to this year's theme "Keep our community safe – don't drink and drive". The students will use pictures and slogans to deliver the safety message and the bags will be given out with purchases made at the LCBO stores throughout the City of Kawartha Lakes. Each time a person makes a purchase, the bag's message will remind the purchaser that road safety is in his or her hands!

Dairy Educator Visit

It's Dairy Education time! Maria Davis, Kawartha Lakes Dairy Educator will be here on Tuesday, December 13th to bring engaging learning opportunities to the Kindergarten through to Grade 5 classes.

The following curriculum connections will be made:

Kindergarten:	Dairy goodness – Making the Most of Milk
Grade 1/2:	Dairy goodness – Making the Most of Milk
Grade 2/3:	Processing – From Moo to You
Grade 4/5:	Updating the Farm Image

We look forward to deepening our understanding of the farming industry.

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