



## Next Steps.....

In the past few weeks, teachers have been extremely busy reviewing their assessments/evaluations and writing the Progress Reports. Two very important parts of your child's report is the Learning Skills section and what the teacher has identified as their 'Next Steps'. Teachers have indicated what your child needs to work on and I encourage you to help your child achieve their 'next steps' to success. Please help your child set some goals to improve their learning skills, as development of these skills will benefit them greatly!

Regular review of the concepts covered in class is very important, as brains need the time and opportunity for rehearsal to make strong and lasting connections. Verbalizing what they have learned reinforces their knowledge ... ask your son/daughter to explain their work to you, highlight the important points, self-evaluate their work, or discuss their favourite parts. An interesting point to remember is that students can only attend for their age in years + or - two minutes!

Erika Skala Black  
Principal

## Dates to Remember:

November 9 <sup>th</sup>	Photo Retakes
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Day Assembly 11:20 am
November 17 <sup>th</sup>	Progress Reports go home
November 18 <sup>th</sup>	Goods Swap
November 24 <sup>th</sup>	PA Day
Nov. 29 <sup>th</sup> - Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Book Fair
December 1st	Santa's Bazaar



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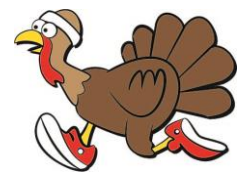
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## Progress Reports and Parent-Teacher Interviews

Progress Reports will go home on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Teachers will be contacting parents to arrange an interview on November 24<sup>th</sup> or at a mutually convenient time. Please make every effort to meet face-to-face with your child's teacher. This is an important piece of the home-school connection that shows your child that you believe their education is important. It also allows you to see and discuss their work with their teacher and share strategies that can be used both at home and school to help your child learn and be the best that they can be.

## Turkey Trot

The Turkey Trot was a huge success! We thank Bullock's Your Independent Grocer and Walmart Huntsville for donating this year's turkeys, six in total! We appreciate you!



## Halloween Candy

Please have your child enjoy their Halloween treats at home and refrain from packing them in their lunches!

## Goods Swap

Come on out to the Goods Swap on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 12 pm. This is a free event - donated items are free for the taking! If you have items to donate, please bring them to the school on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> or Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Items will be sorted after school on Friday. For more information, please contact Jennie at 705-380-2564.

**Parents...**Please speak to your son/daughter about treating everyone with respect, using kind words, and keeping their hands and feet to themselves. Thank you!



## You ought to be in Pictures...Again?

Re-takes for school pictures will be taken on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Tools of Living

If we want our children to have a positive outlook on life we need to teach them to:

1. Overcome failure
2. Deal with Disappointment
3. Cultivate a healthy self-image
4. Delay gratification
5. Contribute to others
6. Deal with struggles of life
7. Become assertive rather than aggressive
8. Examine their choices
9. Think and problem solve
10. Learn from their actions
11. Live life with gratitude
12. Have compassion for all living creatures

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## Dining Out?

Dining out at Kelsey's in Huntsville or Boston Pizza in Huntsville or Bracebridge? Simply deposit your receipt in the box at the host stand with "VK Greer" clearly printed on the back. The restaurant will then donate a percentage back to us!

## Inclement Weather

With the arrival of the winter weather, just a reminder to listen to one of the following radio stations for bus cancellation information on mornings when the weather is questionable: The Moose 105.5 Huntsville, The Moose 99.5 Bracebridge, Rock 95.7, or CBC One 94.3 Huntsville. Please note that if the buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not run in the afternoon. Unless stated on the radio or on the TLDSB website that the school is closed, the school will be open for business.

## Bhrrr ... it's getting CHILLY!

Please listen to the weather forecast in the morning and ensure that your child is dressed appropriately! Winter is fast approaching and our students spend a minimum of 50 minutes outside. Even if they don't 'feel cold' in the morning, if they have the items with them, they can put them on when they do! Thank you!



## Community Tree Lighting Making Spirits Bright

At Port Sydney Community Hall  
Sun. Nov. 26, 4-6pm (backup date Nov. 28, 5-7 pm)  
Fun for all! Soup/Bunwich Buffet, Carols, Crafts, Cookies

## Santa's Bazaar, Café & Silent Auction!

Our annual Santa's Bazaar is on Friday December 1<sup>st</sup>, 4:30-7:30 pm. There will be 'Kids-Only Shopping', with the help of personal elf if they wish and everything is \$10 and under! While the children are shopping, parents can enjoy a chili dinner at our café and participate in the silent auction & raffle.

The Santa's Bazaar committee is looking for donations of gift bags, tags, wrapping/tissue paper, as well as pots of chili, baked goods, and fresh fruit for the café. Please drop off any gift-wrapping donations at the school by November 24<sup>th</sup>. Café donations can be dropped off at the school on the day of the bazaar.

Do you own a local business? Would you like to donate an item or service to our Silent Auction? Please contact Jennifer Perlock at 705-641-0343.

**Books are great stocking stuffers!** The Book Fair will run November 29<sup>th</sup> to December 1<sup>st</sup> and will be open during Santa's Bazaar.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATES

### Meeting & Membership

Join us on Tues. Nov. 7 – 6:30pm in the Library  
New participants always welcome!

### Other School Council Events / Dates / Info

**Scrap Metal & E-Waste:** donations made to AOR this year will go towards graduation costs.

**Goods Swap:** Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> – this is your opportunity to donate and/or gather up **FREE** items for your family!

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Our **MABEL'S LABELS** on-line fundraiser  
<https://www.mabelsfundraising.com/campaigns/14338-vk-greer>