



# THE JOHN BLACK BADGER

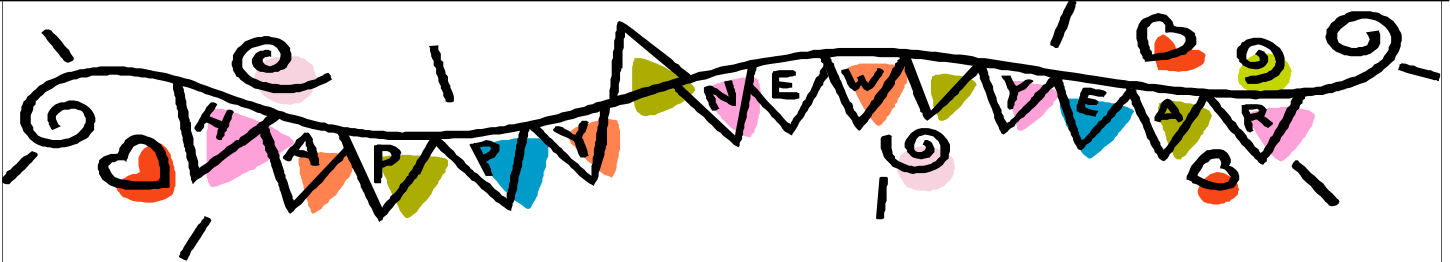


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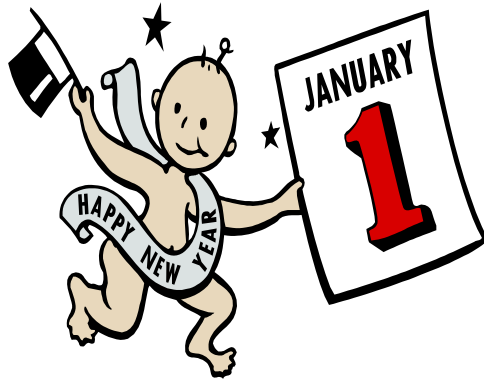
Bruce Davies, Principal

January 2012

Belinda Norris, Office Coordinator



Happy New Year!



As a new calendar year begins, on behalf of everyone at John Black Public School, I want to wish you all a happy and healthy New Year.

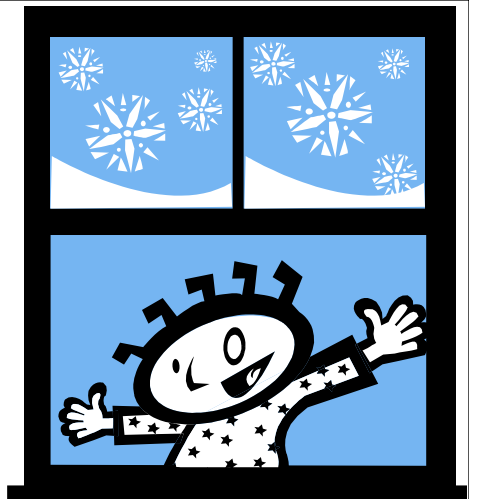
I hope everyone had a safe, and enjoyable holiday with family and friends. It was great to see so many families at John Black in December attending our Christmas Concert and December Awards Assembly. We look forward to your continued support and participation as we continue to work together to meet the needs of our students.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER AND BUSES

So far this year we have been lucky and haven't had any 'No Bus Days'. This is just a reminder that with the changes made from the 2009 Boundary Review, the number of bus students vs. walkers has dropped below 85% and John Black Public School is open to students on these days!

Board Policy states that it is a parent's responsibility to determine whether or not it is safe for their students to leave for school during inclement or severe weather. Parents need to be aware of the following:

- ⇒ When a bus does not travel a route in the morning due to fog, ice or snow conditions, it will not travel that route in the afternoon.
- ⇒ If a parent elects to drive their child to school, they are responsible for their child's pick-up at dismissal time.
- ⇒ While we have an excellent transportation system, buses may be delayed in the morning due to traffic, poor road conditions, mechanical breakdowns, etc. To ensure your child is not stranded at his/her pick-up point, please make sure they know what to do and where to go if their bus is more than 15 minutes late.



**If your child is a bus student, there is no need to call the school when busses are cancelled to let us know they will be away.**

**If your child is NOT a bus student and you choose to keep them home when busses are cancelled, it is very important you call the school at 519-843-2665 before 8:50 a.m. to let us know they will be away.**

*The Mission of John Black Public School, as a family centred community school, is to develop each student's ability to acquire skills, knowledge, responsibility and respect for self and others, by providing diverse learning opportunities within a safe and nurturing environment.*



## **JBC AWARD WINNERS!**

Kdng	Curtis A., Kyson S. Samuel L., Kate D.
Grade 1	Gage S., Kate Y.
Grade 2	David B., Evan C.
Grade 3	Shaun D., Ashleigh K.
Grade 4	Amanda W., Conley E. Abby Z.
Grade 5	Terran W., Mhari S. Adam R.
Grade 6	Dawson D., Joel S,
Grade 7	Emma M., Monika D., Madison M., Josh C., Kelly R.
Grade 8	Jacob E., Tyler D. Alyssa B., Bryce F. Andre M., Lindsay S.

## **JBC PRIZE WINNERS!**

1. Aiden T.
2. Scott S.
3. Kyle D.
4. Michael D.

## **Kindergarten Registration 2012**

Registration for Junior and Senior Kindergarten in the Upper Grand District School Board will be held February 6 - 10, 2012. Children who will be four years old (Junior Kindergarten) or five years old (Senior Kindergarten) on or before December 31, 2012 may attend.

For school attendance areas and contact information, go to [www.findmyschool.ca](http://www.findmyschool.ca).

Parents must register in person at their local school and provide the following at time of registration:

- Proof of child's age (birth certificate, birth registration form, baptismal certificate, citizenship certificate, passport)
- the child's up to date immunization record
- any custody order documents
- Proof of, and full address (driver's license, bank statement, utility bill or similar documentation).

To save time and be better prepared, you can download, print and complete these forms to bring with you from the

## **Buster's Beat**

Jan. 12	Parent info night for Gr.6 Wanakita
Jan. 16	Mad Science Presentation in the Gym
Jan. 17	6:00 p.m. School Council
Jan. 18	Parent info night for Gr.7 Midland Trip
Jan. 18	6:30 CollegeHeights Parent Info Night
Jan 19	6:30 CWDHS Parent Info Night
Jan. 20	Gr. 8's visit CWDHS
Jan. 23	P.A. Day
Jan. 24	Jr. Volleyball Tournament
Jan. 27	JBC Assembly 9:10 am
Jan. 27	Intermediate Basketball Tournament
Feb. 1-3	Grade 6 trip to Camp Wanakita
Feb. 6-10	Kindergarten Registration
Feb. 8-9	Mrs. Alessio's gr. 7 trip to Midland
Feb. 9-10	Mr. Hirst's gr. 7 trip to Midland

### **Last Month's Newsletter Draw Winner**

**KAITLYN W.**

Please cut this ballot out and return it to the school indicating that you have received this Newsletter. One returned ballot will be drawn each month and the student indicated below will win a prize.

Parent's Signature

Child(ren)'s Name(s)