



Centre Peel Polar Express

“Helping Hands, Caring Hearts, Learning Together”

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Message from the Principal

A belated, “Happy New Year” goes out to all of our Centre Peel families. It is hard to believe that it is February already!

In January's newsletter that was sent home prior to the Christmas break, we shared our staffing that was current up to that time. Since our return to school in January, we have continued to experience some staffing changes. Our Centre Peel School Community is happy to welcome Ms. Maggie McFarlane to our school team as our O.3 Contract Planning Teacher. As well, Mrs. Pearson, our Kindergarten teacher, will be taking a leave that begins on February 1, 2012. Mrs. Lauren DeVries will assume Mrs. Pearson's teaching duties during her absence.

As you are aware, First Term Report Cards for our SK - Grade 8 students come home next week. Please take time to review and discuss your child's report card with her/him, paying attention to the number of days absent (20 days absent is equivalent to the loss of one month of school), along with the learning skills and subject areas. At Centre Peel, we continue to celebrate the many accomplishments of our students. Education is a partnership and your support and sharing in the learning goals for your children is important and valued. Please return the tear-off/signature page to the school at your earliest convenience.

Rhonda Gingrich
Principal

Grades 7 and 8 CPSS Student and Parent Meeting Rescheduled

This event has been rescheduled for February 8, 2012 at 9:15 a.m. in the Centre Peel Public School library. Please join us as we continue to prepare for the 2012 - 2013 school year.

MISSION STATEMENT

Recognizing and building upon the primary importance of family and community, the mission of Centre Peel Public School is to provide for every student a quality education which cultivates honesty, respect and responsibility through effective use of resources and a responsive learning environment.

Kindergarten Registration



Upper Grand District School Board's Kindergarten Registration will take place February 6 - 10, 2012. Children who will be four years of age by December 31, 2012 qualify for Junior Kindergarten and children who will be five years of age before December 31, 2012 qualify for Senior Kindergarten.

If you have a child that will be entering Junior Kindergarten or Senior Kindergarten in September, please call Mrs. Mayne in the office at 519-638-2668 to make an appointment to come into the school to register them.

You will need to bring in **Proof of Birth Date** - i.e. Birth Certificate, Canadian Citizenship Card, Baptism Certificate, **Up-to-date Immunization Records, Health Card Number** and **Proof of Address** - i.e. driver's license, bank statement, hydro bill etc.

Also, if you know of a new family that will be enrolling a student at Centre Peel P.S. for Kindergarten, please ask them to call the school to set up an appointment.

Character Counts at Centre Peel Public School!

During February our Environmental & Character Education theme is "**Prevent pollution - and show RESPECT for the earth**".

Pollution of our planet - air, water and land - is a big issue. It damages our environment, harms or kills plants and animals, and spoils our quality of life. We need to be aware of what causes pollution and its effects so that we can individually make a difference in protecting our planet. During the month of February, morning announcements will include messages that support this month's theme. **Let's go green everyone!**

Birthday Books at Centre Peel



All of our students look forward to their birthday as they are recognized and wished a "Happy Birthday" during our morning announcements by our student announcers. As well, each 'Birthday Girl or Birthday Boy' is invited down to the office to pick out a birthday book to celebrate her/his special day.

We would like to thank The Children's Book Bank in Toronto for donating books to our school which we choose to use as Birthday Books for our students and for books that make their way into our library collection. We would like to thank Mrs. McCutcheon and her aunt who is affiliated with The Children's Book Bank organization for providing such excellent book titles to our school. Our Centre Peel Public School community appreciates this community partnership.

Celebration Assemblies

As you are aware, our school gathers in the gym as a school community at the end of each month to celebrate and acknowledge the learning and participation that happens in our school. As well, we recognize individual Centre Peel students in JK - Grade 6 as **'Students of the Month'** for their accomplishments and achievements. This year, our Grade 7 and 8 Intermediate students will be recognized in a separate Intermediate Celebration that will be planned for by our Intermediate staff and students.

Thanks to the many parents who attend our monthly assemblies. Please know that our staff and students appreciate your support and participation in our school events. Parents who attend the monthly Celebration Assemblies are invited to visit their child's (children's) classroom following the assembly.

At Centre Peel, we are happy to have parents involved in our school community and welcome the opportunity to provide a home-school community connection and share in your child's learning.

Live Free Campaign - Centre Peel Food and Friends program

On Friday, March 2nd, our school is taking the challenge to Live Free for those who live without for the Food and Friends Program. Food and Friends helps our school run our Centre Peel Food and Friends Program. Our Food and Friends Program provides healthy nutritious food to our students at the beginning of each school day. A variety of food offerings, such as cheese strings, yogurt, crackers, cereal, fresh fruit and vegetables, are delivered to the classroom each morning which students enjoy before learning begins.

The **Live Free Campaign** asks that all students and teachers should think of something that they take for granted every day - and make a promise to give it up for March 2nd. How about chocolate or using the computer? Challenge yourself to Live Free! Prior to March 2nd, we will all post our Live Free Promises on the wall in our front hallway. Then on March 2nd, bring in a Toonie or loose change to donate to Food and Friends and remember - keep your Live Free Promise!

Stay tuned for more details . . .

Head Lice Is Not Nice!

Please remember to check your children's hair regularly for these pesky critters. No one is immune to lice and if we all do our part to keep on top of it, they won't have a chance to get out of hand. Please notify the school office if you do discover nits. Thanks for your continued support.



Medication: IMPORTANT

If your child has a **medical condition that requires medication** that they should have with them at school, you must let the office know.

A reminder that a **Consent for Administration of Oral Medication 509-2** must be completed by the parent for medication to be administered at school. All medication will be stored in the office in a tamper-proof container clearly labeled with the child's name and medication and must include directions for the administration of the medication.

Please let Mrs. Mayne know of any medical conditions your child has so that their student records may be up-dated.

MS-Read-a-thon



Centre Peel will be participating in the MS-Read-a-thon this year. A representative from the society will be visiting us on January 31 to tell us about the campaign. Flyers will be sent home. We would appreciate your participation in this if this works for your family. Even a little bit of help is worth it. Students will be given until February 17 to read books and collect sponsors. This will encourage students to read and also help a worthwhile cause. Please check out the information that goes home.

Thank you on behalf of the MS Society,

Mrs. A. Curry

Family Day

The Upper Grand District School Board will be observing Family Day on Monday, February 20, 2012 and our school will be closed.



We hope you enjoy the day with your family!

School Council Members - 2011-2012

Arnold Bauman
Dennis Frey (Chair)
Melvin Martin (Vice)
Paul Weber

Mark Brubacher
Cleon Martin
Oscar Martin
Peter Wiebe

Jake Hildebrandt
Larry Martin
Paul Martin

Volunteers for the Month of January

Thank you very much to the following volunteers for their assistance during January:

Deb Martin, Rosalie Martin, Erla Metzger, Mary Milanovich, and Marilyn Gingrich for assisting with Pioneer Day in Mrs. Fear's classroom in December.

Rosalie Martin, Marilyn Gingrich and Laura Bauman for assisting the Grade 3B class with skating.

Deb Martin for assisting the 1A class with skating.

Laura Bauman, Rosalie Martin, Connie Brubacher, Helena Braun, Judy Diefenbacher and Florence Sauder for assisting the 1B class with skating.

Jeanette Martin for assisting the 23A class with skating.

Mark and Kristine Brubacher for assisting the 2B class with skating.

Marilyn Bowman and Sandra Martin for assisting the 56D class with skating.

Helena Braun, Judy Weber, Orvie Martin and Sheila Wideman for assisting the 45A and 45B classes with skating.

Nettie Goertzen, Helena Dyck, Jeanette Martin Sharon Martin and Marilyn Gingrich for their assistance with the Kindergarten classes.

Rose Martin and Sherri Wiebe for their assistance with pizza orders.

NEWSLETTER DRAW

Thank you for your feedback and suggestions. Please feel free to call Mrs. Gingrich at 519-638-2668 at any time.

Comments, Concerns, Suggestions, and Compliments

Congratulations to **Victoria M.** in 56D who is our January Newsletter Draw winner! Victoria will receive a book of her choice, up to the value of \$10.00 from Scholastic Book Orders. Please complete, detach and return this form for the February Newsletter Draw.

Student's Name

Grade

Parent's Signature

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday





Thursday

Friday

Saturday

February 2012



			1 Pizza Skating	2 Intermediate Ski Trip 	3 Intermediate Assembly 1:40 p.m. Skating	4
5	6 Kindergarten Registration Week	7	8 Grade 7/8 Student/ Parent Mtg. 9:15 a.m. Reports Go Home Skating	9 Grade 8 Graduation Photos	10 Skating 	11
12	13	14 	15 Pizza Skating	16	17 Skating	18
19	20 Family Day 	21 Fluoride Varnish	22 Fluoride Varnish Skating	23	24 Fluoride Varnish Skating	25
26	27	28	29 Assembly 9:05 a.m. Pizza Skating			

SOME HELPFUL TIPS FOR STAYING WARM IN COLD WEATHER!

1. Do not wear cotton or polyester/cotton fabrics next to your skin. Cotton absorbs moisture and therefore will get cold lying against your skin. This will lead to rapid loss of heat which could cause hypothermia in very cold weather. A good investment is a fleece vest as it will keep the heart and body warm which results in warmer blood being sent out to the body's extremities. Fleece is very good as it "wicks" moisture away from your skin quickly. Down jackets are great insulators if they do not get wet. But . . . WOOL is the best by far! It traps warm, dry air next to your skin keeping air from moving across your body.
2. Always dress in layers. Several thin layers are warmer than one heavy layer. You can always remove or add on layers as you need and therefore you can better regulate your core body temperature.
3. You can lose a lot of body heat through your head so it is important to wear a hat and one that can cover your ears if needed.
4. Wearing a scarf also will warm the air before you breathe it in.
5. Wearing mittens (instead of gloves) and long thick wool or polypropylene socks will protect your hands and feet from the cold. Hands and feet are the hardest places to keep warm blood flowing to.
6. Keep hydrated and make sure you eat a healthy diet so your body temperature stays at a normal level. Dehydration affects your body's ability to regulate body heat and increases risk of frostbite. Water is just as important in the winter as it is in the summer.
7. If you get wet remove clothes immediately and warm the core body temperature with a blanket and warm fluids (soup or hot apple cider). Do not drink caffeine or alcohol as they are diuretics and increases heat loss.

Thinking of going away this March break?

Bed bugs don't make good souvenirs, so don't bring them home when traveling. Check beds for live bugs, and for blood spots on sheets, mattresses and walls. Keep personal items off the floor and away from the bed, and examine your belongings before heading home.

Have a question? Need to report a problem with bed bugs? Call Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health at 1-800-265-7293 ext. 4617 or email info@wdgpublichealth.ca



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