



CMES NEWS

JANUARY 2012

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Welcome Back! We hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful holiday break and we look forward to a fantastic 2012!

As usual, December was a very busy month with a variety of special events going on. We had a wonderful family evening at our first annual Christmas in the Meadows event.... Thank you to our hard working School Council for sponsoring this! We also had a few concerts hosted by our Kindergarten, grade 3, and Choir staff and students. Thank you to Mrs. Bonikowsky, Ms. Davis, Mrs. MacPherson, Mrs. Holleran-Thompson, Ms. Belo, Ms. Hall, Mrs. Thomson, and Mrs. Vickery for their work on these concerts.

Credit Meadows Reads also came to a conclusion in December. Our winning book this year was "Zero" - an excellent story about finding a sense of belonging and purpose. This story is written by the same author as the story of "One" that ties directly into our "Power of One" theme and presentation this past fall—all great resources for character development and bully prevention. Many students were lucky enough to win their very own copies of one of the five Credit Meadows Reads books. Thank you to our School Council for funding the purchase of these books. Thank you also to Mrs. Gammage and our Credit Meadows Reads committee for organizing this event and putting on another great performance!

This month we look forward to the continuation of Volleyball, Hockey and our Forest of Reading clubs. Many students also have access to other clubs during recess times... such as our beading club, knitting club, chess club (for Juniors and Intermediates), and soon our computer club (for Juniors and Intermediates). Students are encouraged to speak with their teachers and/or listen to announcements regarding clubs that they may be interested in. Thank you to all staff who volunteer their time to organize and offer these clubs and activities to our students.

We look forward to January being a positive beginning to a great year!

Sincerely,
Vicky Crandall
Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



- January 11 Assembly regarding service dog
Popcorn Day
- January 12 Gr. 8 Parent Night @ ODSS
- January 13 Hockey 4pm
- January 16 School Council mtg. @ 3:15pm
- January 17 Swimming—Mrs. Teo's class
- January 18 Pizza Day
- January 20 Cookie Day
Hockey 4pm
- January 23 PD Day
- January 25 Hot Dog Day
Hockey 4pm
- January 27 Pizza Day
- January 30 School Council info evening @ 6:30pm
- January 31 Swimming— Mrs. Teo's class

REMEMBER:



MONDAY JANUARY 23RD IS A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY.
Teachers will be focusing on Assessment and Evaluation practices.

THERE WILL BE NO CLASSES FOR STUDENTS.

News from our Student Council:

We had many spirit days during the last week of school before Christmas—and there was no shortage of CMES spirit! Thank you to all who participated!

Our grade 6,7, 8 dance was also a hit with some profit from food sales that will go toward the costs of Student Council sponsored year-end awards.

Our Student Council will be meeting again soon to plan more spirit days and special event days in the near future.

GRADE 8 PARENTS' NIGHT
at
**Orangeville District Secondary
School:**

Thursday, January 12th at 7:00 p.m.
in the ODSS Cafeteria.
Administration and staff will present informa-
tion on the Grade 9 program.
They look forward to
seeing you then.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION
February 6th to 10th

If you, or someone you know, has a child who is age appropriate for Junior Kindergarten in September, please drop into the school office during the week of February 6th to 10th for registration.

Eligible students for the Junior Kindergarten program must be four years of age on or before December 31, 2012 and students must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2012 to register for Senior Kindergarten. Senior Kindergarten registration is only needed for students not currently enrolled in our JK program.

Please note that Princess Elizabeth Public School will be hosting an information evening on the French Immersion program from 7pm to 8pm on January 24th. This session is for any parents who are interested in sending their JK/SK child to the French Immersion program. Babysitting will be provided.

Health

What a good feeling!

January 2012

The Driven to Quit Challenge is here

Quit smoking or using tobacco this New Year and you could qualify to win incredible prizes like a hybrid car!

- Set a good example for your children
- Be healthier in 2012
- Get free support at Smokers' Helpline 1-877-513-5333 or www.smokershelpline.ca

Gear up to quit this New Year. Visit www.driventoquit.ca for more details.



Public Health

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health
1-800-265-7293 www.wdgpUBLICHEALTH.ca

SCHOOL COUNCIL:



The next meeting will be on Monday, January 16th at 3:15 pm. Please join us in the library. Babysitting will be available.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

LIIBRARY NEWS:

The "Forest of Reading" book clubs have begun at Credit Meadows. These book clubs which are organized by the Ontario Library Association, promote both reading for enjoyment and reading for information.

Named after trees, the "Blue Spruce", "Silver Birch" and "Red Maple" book clubs are open to all interested students in Grades JK to 8. Students have until mid-April to read 5 nominated books, in order to vote for their favourite. Any books not available through the school can be found at the Public Library.

