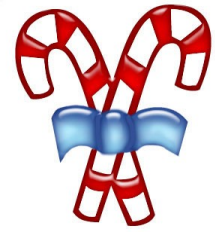




Island Lake Public School

December 2011 Newsletter



December Updates

November was a very busy month for students and staff. On November 10th we had our District Review. The Review Team was very impressed with the level of engagement of our students. In each class they visited, students were focussed on the lesson and could answer questions about what they were learning. We have now received our report and will look at implementing the suggested next steps as we move forward.

Parent-Teacher interviews were held on November 17th and 18th. If you were unable to attend during one of these days, please contact your child's teacher to arrange a convenient time to meet, prior to Christmas.

On Wednesday, November 16th, 22 students and 3 supervisors attended "We Day" in Waterloo. It was an uplifting day to see approximately 6 000 students excited about making a difference. There were many guest speakers throughout the day including Marc and Craig Kielburger, Roméo Dallaire, Mia Farrow and Magic Johnson. Shawn Desman was certainly a crowd favourite. Thank you to Mrs. Clark for arranging for our students to go on this trip. To learn more about "We Day" go to: www.weday.com

The Junior Volleyball tournament was held at MAPS on November 16th. Sixteen students from Grades 5 & 6 played 6 games throughout the evening. Although it was a non-competitive tournament, both teams did extremely well. Thanks to Mr. Long for coaching the teams.



Toys For Tots

Our second "Toys for Tots" campaign begins on Friday, December 2nd. Students are asked to give up a bit of their allowance or do an extra job to earn the money to buy a toy for children in our community who may otherwise have to go without this Christmas. Sometimes it works well if the student purchases a toy that is suitable for someone the same age as they are.

We are accepting new, unwrapped toys until **December 16th**. Officers from the Orangeville Police Department will then try to fill their cruiser with our school's donations.



Sad to Say Good-bye

Helen Collins, our Child & Youth Counselor is retiring at the end of December. Helen has worked at Island Lake for the past 4 years. We are sad to see Helen leave, but we are also excited to hear about her plans for retirement.

Jaime Clark will be our new CYC in January. Jaime currently works at Centennial Hylands in Shelburne. Welcome Jaime!

December School Council Meeting

The next School Council meeting is on Dec. 13th. Please join us at 7:00 pm on the 13th.

We will be looking at amendments to our bi-laws at this meeting. If you require babysitting, please let Mrs. Dickson know.

Bed Headed PJ Day—Friday, December 16th



Island Lake is starting back up with their fun-filled spirit days! This month, on December 16th, we are having Bed Head PJ Day. So come dressed in your best PJs and make your hair look incredibly wacky! The dress code still applies.

Instead of having Pajama Day and Wacky Hair Day separately, we have combined them into one! So get ready for a comfy day at school.

By: Karleigh and Vanessa

"No Bus Day" Reminders



When the Board cancels buses, we usually know between 6:30—6:45 am. At this time, Mrs. Dickson sends out an e-mail informing parents that buses have been cancelled. Please check your e-mail or the Board website if you are unsure as to whether or not buses have been cancelled.

If a "no bus" day falls on a *Lunch Lady* day (Friday), there will be no hot lunches that day. The lunches will be provided for students on the following Monday. If a "no bus" day falls on a "pizza" day, there will be no pizza that day and the meal will be rescheduled.

On a "no bus" day, the buses are cancelled but the school is open and generally all teachers are at school. While no new material will be taught on this day, it is a very good opportunity for students to get extra help or to catch up on incomplete work. If you drop off your child in the morning, please keep in mind that you will need to pick them up by 3:15 at the end of the day.

December is Compassion Month

Compassion involves empathy, consideration, appreciation and the understanding of the feelings, thoughts, and actions of others. We have many students who demonstrate compassion for others throughout the year.

December Assemblies

Our first assembly will be on Friday, December 16th at 9:00 am. At this assembly we will be presenting all of the toys we have collected to give to the Orangeville Police. The T/Th Kindergarten classes and Mr. Booker and Mrs. Brock's classes will be singing a song for us.

On Friday, December 23, we will be having our Character Ed assembly. At this time, students who have demonstrated the character trait of "Compassion" throughout the month of December will be presented with their certificates. There will also be a short slideshow presentation. The M/W Kindergarten classes will be singing some songs for us and then we will all sing a few Christmas carols together.

Parents are always welcome to join us at our assemblies.



Rick Hansen 25th Anniversary Relay—December 7th, 2011

On Wednesday, December 7th, the Rick Hansen Relay will be passing right through our bus loop at Island Lake PS. A young paraplegic man by the name of Tyrone Henry will be riding a hand cycle and will stop and speak to the students for a few minutes. Here is a short bio of Tyrone:

"I was injured in a car accident in September, 2010. The result is that I am paralyzed at T12-L1 and have no functionality or sensation below this point. Since release from hospital this past January, I have attended rehab regularly and have progressed well beyond my expectations. My support group has been amazing and have helped me with the new skills required and a high level of competence to deal with the everyday 'real-world' issues that I face every day. More recently, I have been seeing a personal trainer (Peter Morel) twice a week and my strength is increasing very noticeably.

My injury was a devastating blow but I also realized very early on that this opened a whole new world of opportunities. I have a great team of supporters who came to my aid quickly and they are helping to achieve things in areas I never imagined previously. I owe a lot to my friends, mentors and difference makers and am now preparing to do my part to help others in similar circumstances."

We will be going outside at 10:45 am. We expect the relay to reach the school at approximately 10:50. We would like to invite parents to join us at this time. The students at the school will be learning more about the Rick Hansen relay in the next few days.

There is a special presentation at Town Hall the evening of December 6th beginning at 6:00 pm. The Rick Hansen medal presentation will take place at 6:30 pm. There are many other performances happening that evening.

To learn more about the Rick Hansen 25th Anniversary Relay go to:
<http://www.rickhansenrelay.com>



Bullying: It's Up to Everyone to Stop It

Bullying is;

- being mean to others, on purpose, to hurt them or their feelings
- about power and control
- occurring every seven minutes on elementary school playgrounds and most often happens while others watch
- does not stop when children are left to deal with it themselves

What to Do If a Child Is Being Bullied;

- Believe what they say, listen and try to understand their feelings
- Involve children in community activities to help them make friends
- Contact the school to talk about the problem and get support

Communication is important, talk to your child about bullying.



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UG2GO

Our board has a wonderful resource for all of our students that can be accessed 24/7 from school or from home. It's called UG2GO and includes Learn360 (educational video streaming), Student Link (a site children use at school that gives them access to web sites that are kid friendly and relate directly to their current units of study), Tumblebooks (a site that has hundreds of books children can click on and have read to them), Noodletools (gives children help making bibliographies), Knowledge Ontario (a variety of approved encyclopedias, magazine articles suitable for elementary students), and much more.

When students are at home they can go to the main address:

<https://www.ugdsb.on.ca/ug2go> which will prompt them to enter the same Windows username and password that they use at school to get onto the school network. Once they enter their Windows username/password they will enter the site and they can then click on any of the resources and be taken directly to the individual resource without the need to login.

Please take a few minutes to explore the site with your child. It is an important tool that will aid them in their education, and may make your life easier when it comes to homework and projects. We are excited that students will be able to access information from anywhere and at anytime in this information age!

December Problem Solving

Primary:

Mrs. Jones has 24 desks in her classroom. Show some different ways she can arrange the desks into rows of equal length. Can you make a number sentence for each of your solutions?

Junior:

Jordan spent the weekend baking 60 sugar cookies, 80 oatmeal cookies, and 100 chocolate chip cookies. He wants to pack all the cookies in decorative tins to give away as gifts.

Show different ways that Jarvis can pack the cookies so that each tin contains an identical assortment of cookies. How many tins can he use and how many of each cookie will be in each tin?

Intermediate:

Bell's new Cell Phone plan costs \$20 per month plus \$0.30 per minute. Rogers' new Cell Phone plan costs \$15.00 per month plus \$0.35 per minute.

How many minutes per month would you need to talk to make the Bell Plan a better deal?

Stride for Life—June 9th, 2012



Mark your calendars. Our 5th Annual *Stride for Life* has been set for Saturday, June 9th, 2012. More details will be coming soon.

Classes resume on Monday, January 9th, 2012.

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Holiday
and Joyous
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25th Anniversary Relay

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Dec. 6, 2011**

Visit RickHansenRelay.com for information

**Rick Hansen 25th Anniversary Relay
Orangeville Celebration Advance Show
Rogers TV Channel 63
Oct. 31 @ 7 p.m., Nov. 2 @ 11:30 p.m.
Nov. 6 @ 1:30 p.m., Nov. 7 at 7 p.m.
Nov. 9 at 11:30 p.m., Nov. 13 at 1:30 p.m.**