



EAST ORO PUBLIC SCHOOL



December Newsletter



CHARACTER TRAIT FOR

December - *Empathy* -

we strive to understand and appreciate the feelings and actions of others

<http://eor.scdsb.on.ca/parents/newsletters>

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Principal's Message

We are very quickly heading into a busy winter term. Students who receive assistance from home find it very beneficial when they have additional practice and reviewing concepts helps to reduce student anxiety. Numeracy, Literacy and Technology continue to be a focus for professional development and the purchasing of resources.

Learning really begins when kids start asking questions. Who, what, where and why are magical words of discovery that make learning more interesting and fun. Give your children the confidence to ask for help if the homework is difficult or confusing.

Please support our efforts by staying connected with your classroom teacher by using the agenda/mailbag.

Classroom newsletters prepared by our teachers will assist in giving you a clear picture of the classroom expectations.

The staff of East Oro PS would like to wish all our families a wonderful holiday season!

Important Dates

- Dec. 1 - Christmas Cheer Begins
- Dec. 4 - Fundscrip orders due
- Dec. 5 - 3:30 -6pm Poinsettia and QSP cookie dough pick up
- Dec. 6 - 12:30pm Turkey Dinner
- Dec. 7 - Turkey Dinner -snow day
- Dec. 11 - 11:30am Twin Lakes Band at East Oro
- last day for Christmas Cheer
- Dec. 13- 9:15am - Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Concert
6:00pm - Christmas Concert
- Dec. 18 - 9:00am -Christmas Carol singing
- Dec. 19 - 11:30am - Christmas Carol singing
- Dec. 20 - Primary Pajama Day and The Mitten Day
- Dec. 21 - 2:00pm - Christmas Carol singing
- Dec. 22 - 9:00am - Character Assembly and Christmas Carol singing-Red and Green Day
- last day of school before the holidays



Upcoming January Dates

- January 8 - School Resumes
- January 16 - 6:00pm - School Council Meeting
- everyone welcome!
- January 17 - 7:00 - 8:30pm - Grade 8 Parent Info Night at Twin Lakes
- January 26 - P.A. Day

OFFICE NEWS

Please do not call in the afternoon to leave messages for students about after school arrangements or early pick up unless it is an emergency. Provisions to take the bus/not take the bus/pick up early should be made with your child ahead of time and by way of a note in the agenda.

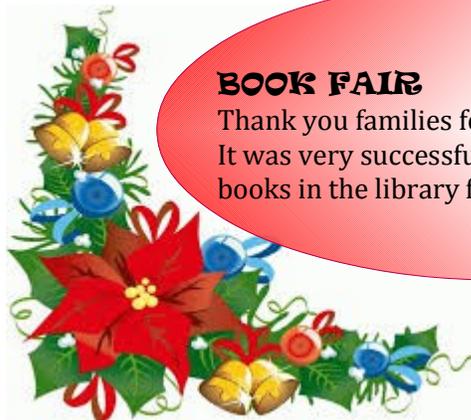
As you can appreciate, the office and classrooms are very busy places at the end of the day and we cannot guarantee that messages can be delivered to the students. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

If you are dropping off or picking up your students at school, please remember to park your car on the road and not drive through the parking lot. The buses need this space at these times.

Thank you!

BOOK FAIR

Thank you families for supporting our Book Fair. It was very successful and we have lots of new books in the library for our students to read!





Christmas Cheer Campaign

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Our campaign will run from **December 1 - 11th.**

Please bring in non-perishable food items and new unwrapped toys to donate to families in need.

Our school goal this year is to collect 1000 items for Christmas Cheer!

Kindergarten registration opens in January

Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2014? Beginning on January 22, 2018, Simcoe County's public schools will register children for Kindergarten for the 2018-19 school year.

Required registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and record of immunization. Visit www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten for more information.

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

The Intermediate Girls Basketball season is in full swing! The Eagles are currently 3/4's of the way through their weekly pool play and have been improving each and every week. The Eagles are currently sitting at 1-5 in the wins and losses categories but their record doesn't show their consistent hard work at practises every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning, nor does it indicate their wonderful attitudes and catchability. Coach Kearns and Coach Langner have had a blast coaching the team this season and are very proud of the way our girls are representing East Oro with class and sportsmanship. Cheer the Eagles on as they get ready for their big upcoming tournament this month!

School Council

As we approach the holiday season, we know life can get hectic, so we'd like to take a minute to say a special thank you to those who take time from their own busy lives to make our school a better place. Whether making fundraisers and holiday events happen, or planning for events still to come, your Council members and a group of very dedicated volunteers and staff are working behind the scenes to ensure things run smoothly. We'd like to acknowledge this group of people, recognize them for their time commitments and thank them for all their support and help they provide throughout the year. Once again, we want to reach out to all our East Oro families and let you know your East Oro Council is here and we want to hear from you. We'd like to appeal to those of you who have some time and a desire to help, to reach out to us if you'd like to volunteer. Even if you have previously signed forms indicating your interest in volunteering to the office, we need to hear directly from you and look forward to having your help. Wishing you all the best for a healthy and happy holiday season on. On behalf of the East Oro School Council,

Marny Shelswell and Tara Sutherland
Council Co-Chairs

Eye See...Eye Learn program offers free glasses for

Junior Kindergarten students

The Eye See...Eye Learn program provides comprehensive eye exams by local optometrists to Junior Kindergarten (JK) students. The eye exams are covered under the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) when parents show their child's health card. There is no out-of-pocket cost for the eye exam and if the child requires a pair of glasses, they will receive them free of charge courtesy of a participating optometrist. For more information, visit www.Eyeseeyelearn.ca.

“Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! What if Christmas, he thought? doesn't come from a store? What if Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!”

Dr. Seuss, How the Grinch Stole Christmas!



EASY CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING FOR A GOOD CAUSE!

Get a jump start on your Christmas gift giving or add Lovable Labels to YOUR list!

With everything from kids holiday packs, teacher gifts, medical and allergy alert labels, stationary and household labels, Lovable Labels has it all! 20% of every order supports our school and don't miss out on FREE standard shipping by placing your holiday order by December 6!

Go to www.eastoro.lovablelabels.ca to order yours today!



ATTEND A FRENCH IMMERSION INFORMATION NIGHT, REGISTRATION OPENS IN JANUARY

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) offers French Immersion (FI) at select schools throughout Simcoe County beginning in Grade 1. The goal of the FI program is to enable students to communicate in French with a high level of proficiency, enabling them to function with ease in both French and English. Upon graduation from the program, students will communicate in French with confidence in a wide variety of real-life situations.

Information sessions take place in January for parents of students in Senior Kindergarten. A letter will be sent home to those parents with more details. Information session dates will be posted at www.scdsb.on.ca under Programs, French as a Second Language.

The FI online application form will be available from 9 a.m. on Mon. Jan. 22, until 9 p.m. on Wed. Jan. 24, 2018 at www.scdsb.on.ca under Programs, French as a Second Language. While every effort is made to accommodate all FI applications, available space and staffing will determine how many students can be registered. Applications will be processed in the order they are received electronically. Please contact the school if you do not have Internet access at home or require assistance accessing the online application.

Please note that the host sites for FI may change during your child's time in the program, and your child may need to move schools. This may also include splitting the program between two different sites.

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHTS COMING TO A SCHOOL NEAR YOU!

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information nights happen this fall and winter. This event gives an overview of what's new, what to expect, as well as a chance to check out the school and ask questions. Attend our local high school information night to find out what's offered: Twin Lakes Secondary School on **Wednesday January 17th, 2018 from 7:00 – 8:30pm.** Check out the full schedule of info nights and more information at www.scdsb.on.ca/highschool.



LAND/TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT INTRODUCED FOR SCDSB MEETINGS, EVENTS AND SCHOOLS

Over the past few months, the SCDSB has worked with Indigenous partners, local elders and the First Nations Education Advisory Committee to develop a land/territory acknowledgement. A land/territory acknowledgement is an act of respect and reconciliation, based on the First Nations' tradition of acknowledging the land of others when they were guests in that territory. The statements will be used at SCDSB meetings and significant events, and daily in all schools to respectfully acknowledge the Indigenous people of this territory, their sharing of the territory and the benefits we have received, as settlers, from that sharing.

For school daily use:

"Simcoe County District School Board acknowledges that we are situated on the traditional land of the Anishnaabeg people. We acknowledge the enduring presence of First Nation, Métis and Inuit people on this land and are committed to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation and respect."

For more information, visit www.scdsb.on.ca – 'About Us'.

PARENTS INVITED TO INFORMATION SESSIONS ABOUT SPECIAL EDUCATION

The SCDSB is hosting a series of information sessions for parents and guardians to learn about special education in the SCDSB, and how to support students with special education needs.

Dec. 18

Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) Information for Families
Jan. 22

Assessments in Special Education: Psych Ed and Other Assessments

Feb. 19

Transition Planning Grade 8 to 9

March 19

Accessing Supports in the Community

April 16

Understanding Alternative/Non-Academic IEP Goals

All sessions take place from 6 to 7 p.m. at the SCDSB Education Centre, located at 1170 Highway 26 in Midhurst. No registration required.

