

Hawthorn Elementary School Newsletter

December 2019

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IMPORTANT DATES

Dec 3 SAC Meeting 6:30	Dec 1-18 Winter Warmth Food Drive
Dec 3 Home and School Meeting 7:00	Dec 13 Just Us Coffee orders for pick up
Dec 12 HSA Concert Decorating 5:00-8:00	Dec 16 A Winter Celebration Concert 1:30-2:30
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Dec 13 HSA Cards for Seniors 9:30-2:00	Dec 20 Last Day of School

THANK YOU

We want to send out a HUGE THANK to everyone who assisted with our Stone Soup production which was a wonderful success! SHOUT OUT to our chef, Ms. Renee Lavalee and to Ms. Ali Shaver for her initiative! Thank you to Mr. Peter Conlon for providing noise reduction equipment for classrooms.

PRE-PRIMARY

In an effort to keep track of who is entering the school when students are present, a friendly reminder to pre-primary parents to ring one of the two door bells to the far left of the main doors for entry when picking up your child during the school day. Thank you for your cooperation.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

We are looking for volunteers to be able to have our breakfast program run daily. If you have time from 8:20-9:00 any morning, we would appreciate your help. Thank you to Mr. Joel Miller, Mrs. Erin Miller, Mrs. Judy Wood, Mrs. Rebekah Conlon, Ms. Jane Roycroft and Ms. Lara Silvagni for helping with the breakfast program.

SAC

The Hawthorne School Advisory Council (SAC) needs members!

This committee advises on education policy decisions as they apply to our school, region and province. The regional and school student success plans cover three areas; math, literacy and wellbeing.

Our meetings are generally 30 minutes and we have three (3) more meetings this school year (if needed we will add more to accomplish the goals set for the SAC as directed by Education and Early Childhood Development and the Regional Centre for Education).

We currently need two (2) community members and two (2) parent members to complete this committee.

Our next meeting is Tuesday December 3, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the library. Our meetings are open to everyone if you would like to come see what this is all about please join us!

NOURISH YOUR ROOTS

Thank-you for supporting Hawthorn's Breakfast Program as well as other food programs and cooking initiatives by purchasing a Nourish Your Roots Farm box. We received a profit of \$1092.75 from this campaign.

TERRY FOX

Thank you to everyone who supported our Terry Fox walk either by your presence or donation, we raised \$314.95 for the Terry Fox Foundation.

HOLIDAY CONCERTS

Holiday concerts are being held Monday December 16 and Wednesday December 18 from 1:30-2:30pm. On Monday December 16 the band will be perform and on Wednesday December 18, the strings section will perform. All classes will perform on both days. With the capacity of the gym, determined by the Fire Marshall at just over 400 people, we will need to divide attendance at the concerts over both nights.

Requests forms for tickets were previously sent and we will do our best to accommodate your request. If there is a need for more than the 2 tickets per household please contact Mrs. Urquhart at aurquhart@hrce.ca or by phone (902) 464-2048 starting on December 2 to be placed on a waiting list.

MEDICAL FORMS

Parents of students with allergies and or medical conditions e.g. asthma are requested to complete annual forms. These forms are available at the school office, and through the school website. As the school year proceeds, if your child has been diagnosed with a communicable disease, illness or infection that could put others at risk, please inform your child's teacher and the office immediately. Please encourage proper hand-washing techniques with your child(ren).

SAFE ARRIVAL

If your child will not be attending school or will be late, we request that you call the school at **902 464-2048 and leave a message**. If you have not called your child in, you will receive a phone call home. Please ensure we have the up-to-date telephone numbers on record.

If your child is late, please remind them to go to the office to see the secretary **before** going to class.

MORNING AND AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION



A reminder to parents and caregivers: for safety reasons, please do not send students to school until 8:40 in the morning. Supervision is not available until 10 minutes before the bell. We appreciate your support.

Also, we are unable to provide supervision on the playground after dismissal at 3:00. Children are asked to go directly home or to their caregivers. We do not have staff to let students into the school after hours for washroom or water fountain usage.

If parents and/or caregivers allow students to play after dismissal on school property, we ask you to please supervise your children at all times. And make sure they are within sight.

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The Hawthorn Home and School has five Parent led activities happening this December! All of these events are run and made possible by parents like you. If you can volunteer please go to our volunteer sign up page at signupgenius.com and search by our hawthornschoollhsa@gmail.com email address to see all the opportunities to see how you can help. Or contact Bryony at hawthornschoollhsa@gmail.com

Our Events in December at a Glance:

Winter Warmth Food Drive for Dartmouth Shelters! - Running December 2-18 - Ending at the Holiday concert

Just Us Coffee Fundraiser - December 12th & 13th pick up! Thanks to all those that ordered!

Cards for Seniors - December 13th - Running from 9:30am-2pm in the gym

Holiday Concert Decoration Fun - Family Event in the Library on Thursday Dec12th 5-8 and Friday 9:30am-2pm in the gym

Holiday Raffle Basket Fundraiser - All donations welcome until December 13th. Baskets will be drawn for on December 18th at the end of the holiday concert.

More information on all of these events can be found in the Holiday handout, on the sign up genius page or on our Facebook page.

Other Upcoming things....

- **Hot Pizza Lunch** Ordering for January thru March will be available next week on Healthy Hunger

- We are hoping to form some **Art Workshops** starting in the new-year. If you are an artist and would like to share a skill with a group of children, please contact Rachel at rachelblairjohns@yahoo.com. We are looking for workshops to run approximately 3-4 sessions, anything from sketching to sculpting if you have an idea, we'd love to hear it!! More details in the New Year.

- The next **Hawthorn Movie Night** will happen on January 17th.

Happy Holidays to the Hawthorn Community!

HAWTHORN GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Hawthorn Geological Society will meet from 3:00-4:00 on Tuesday December 17 and will subsequently meet on the third Tuesday of each month (fourth Tuesday of March due to March Break) through May. This club is free of charge and is intended to stimulate an interest in practical science in young learners (Grade 1 to Grade 3). Due to the hands-on nature of the activities planned, and the fact that this is a volunteer driven initiative, membership will be capped at 15 for the 2019-20 term. If your child is interested in joining the society, please contact Miles MacInnes by text (902.880.2327) or email (milesmacinnnes@hotmail.com) to enquire about availability.

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers are an important part of developing a positive school climate. In accordance with the Student Protection Policy, all volunteers must complete a Criminal Record Check and Child Abuse Registry Search. These documents are valid for a period of three years. If you are submitting new ones, they must have been done within the last 3 months. Please contact the office at 902-464 2048 if you have already completed a Criminal Record Check and Child Abuse Registry Search and need clarification regarding expiry dates. All new volunteers are requested to complete the criminal record check and child abuse registry. **The vulnerable sector check is not a substitute for the child abuse registry check; we need both the criminal record check and the child abuse registry.**

CHANGE OF CLOTHES

Reminder that a complete change of clothes in your child's back pack just in case of mud or spills may save you a trip in the middle of your day.



**Happy
Holidays!**