

# Mutchmor Public School

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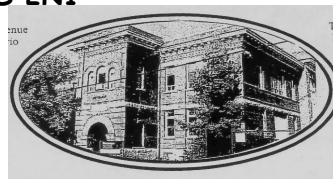
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## Principal's Message

We are fast approaching the break for the holidays. Students and teachers have already begun to work toward the expectations for second term and through discussions at Parent-Teacher interviews and Student-Led Conferences, we know that plans are in place to ensure continued student success. I would like to thank the teachers for the work that goes into preparing the report cards and ensuring that ongoing communication between home and school occurs.

Over the past two days, the students and parents have enjoyed a traditional Holiday Concert. Seasonal songs sung or performed by the Choir, individual classes, as well as three French presentations entertained the audience. We thank the performers and the teachers for their wonderful work in preparation of the concert and Mr. Knight for emceeing the event. Please join us for more holiday cheer next Thursday (Dec 17) for the Holiday Sing-a-long from 1:10 to 2:10 p.m.

The Holiday Food Drive is now completed and the Centretown Emergency Food Bank was the recipient of a very generous donation of non-perishable food items. I would like to mention that all classes made an impressive effort to collect and display the items. Mrs. Ward's class brought in the most items and was awarded a cheque for \$100.00 to donate to a charity of their choice. Thanks goes out to Mrs. Hodges's grade 5 class for their excellent organizational efforts and leadership for raising the challenge to all classes. Mutchmor students and the parent community can be very proud of this fundraising effort.

I would like to thank the School Council and the many parent volunteers for the wonderful Community Holiday Breakfast held on Thursday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>. The organization, the spirit of cooperation and the sense of community all contributed to this amazing event. A special thank you is extended to Laurel King Gillis and her amazing team of volunteers; their efforts were very much appreciated.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs. Kathryn MacLean to our Mutchmor staff. Mrs. MacLean is assuming the teaching responsibilities for Mme Zylberstein's grade 6 Gifted class, while she is away on leave. We look forward to working with Mrs. MacLean until Mme Zylberstein's return following the March Break. We wish both of them great luck in their new adventures.

This year, students will be in school until Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, which will be a regular school day with the usual dismissal time. Classes will resume on Monday, January 4, 2010. On behalf of the staff of Mutchmor, I would like to extend to all of the families, our kindest regards of the season. We hope that the entire Mutchmor community enjoys a safe and joyful holiday. We look forward to working together in the new year.

Best Wishes,  
Sherri Bonneville

## Dates to

### Remember

December 11 – Holiday Concert for Parents – 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. – Large Gym

December 17 – Holiday Sing Along (parents are welcome) – 1:10 - 2:10 p.m. – Large Gym

December 18- Last day of classes

December Dec 21-Jan 1 – Christmas break

Jan 4, 2010 – classes resume

Jan 25 – School Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m. in the Library

Jan 28 – Kindergarten Information Session

Feb 1-Feb 5, 2010- Kindergarten Registration Period – 7 – 8p.m. in Rm 15

Feb 16-26, 2010- Elementary Student Transfer Application Period

Feb 22-Feb 26 – MIF and LFI Registration Period

### **Emergency Evacuation**

In the event of a prolonged evacuation of the school building, Mutchmor's evacuation site is Corpus Christi Catholic School across the street on Fourth Avenue.

We would hope that sufficient time would be provided for the school to notify the parents, via the school's Emergency Phone tree, prior to an evacuation. However, that may not be possible. In any event, parents will be notified following an evacuation about where and when to pick up their child(ren). Once again, accurate and up-to-date contact information is crucial in such an event.

### **Attendance**

If your child is going to be absent please call the attendance line at 613-239-0535.

Students arriving after the 9:15 AM announcements must report to the office for a late slip before making their way to class.

### **Safety Precaution**

It is important for students to remember to cross streets at a designated crosswalk and preferably one where a crossing guard is present.

Please remember the crossing guard is there to ensure your safety and you should listen to and follow their directions.

Please review these safety precautions with your children.

### **Dressing for the Weather**

A reminder to parents to send your children to school appropriately dressed for the weather - coat, hat, mittens or gloves and boots if the weather is wet and/or cold. Students will be sent outside for recess on a daily basis unless there is

severe weather. Please ensure their time outside is pleasant and enjoyable by providing them with warm clothing.

### **Lego Robotics Starting Again in the New Year**

This year, the Mutchmor Robotics Club and Mr. Ian Dudley are organizing their very own Lego Robotics and Engineering Challenge on Sunday, Feb. 7 at the Glebe Community Centre. We will be hosting many schools who will be participating in some very exciting design and engineering challenges. If any students in grade 5 or 6 are interested, they should look for a note to come home early next week about joining our Robotics team. We will also need some parent volunteers to help with the actual event on Feb. 7. If you have any questions or are interested in helping, please contact Kim Hodges at [kimberly.hodges@ocdsb.ca](mailto:kimberly.hodges@ocdsb.ca).

### **Thank You Parent Council for our New Instruments**

A huge thank you to the Parent Council who donated \$1700 from the money raised at last year's Art Gala. We have recently received a very large shipment of African drums and rhythm instruments from the Ottawa Folklore Centre. We have enough instruments for every student in the school and we are now sharing room 14 with Mrs. Pattee so that classes have a nice location to use these instruments. Some of the students have already started playing these instruments to prepare for our Holiday Concert. Thank you Parents!!!

### **Get Your Mutchmor Cookbook Before the Holidays!**

Order forms have recently gone home for our big school fundraiser. The first Mutchmor Cookbook full of student

recipes is being printed as we speak. If you would like to secure one for the holidays (perhaps you would like a few for Christmas gifts), please send your order forms into the school as soon as possible.

### **News from Core French**

The combined classes of Mme Joanne, Mme Chloe and Mme Lori will be celebrating a "réveillon" (a French Canadian celebration on Christmas Eve) on December 17th. Students are encouraged to wear their pyjamas, there will be singing, a card exchange and students will be able to taste a traditional "bûche de Noël".

### **Junior Girls' and Boys' Volleyball Tryouts**

The girls' and boys' volleyball teams have been selected and are practicing hard for their upcoming tournaments.

The girls participated in an invitational tournament on December 9th and will participate in another on January 11th.

The board tournament is February 24th.

The boys have an invitational tournament on January 19th and the board tournament on February 25th.