

# Dorval Elementary NEWSLETTER

December 2024

## Upcoming Events

### December 2

LBPSB Robotics Challenge

### December 3

Math Olympics - Lakeside 5:30 p.m.

### December 4

HR 341 Play - 4 p.m. / H&S Meeting @ 7 p.m.

### December 11

Grade 6 Play - 7 p.m.

### December 16

Ugly Sweater & Socks Day!

### December 17

Glitter and Shine Day!

### December 18

Kwanzaa Celebration - Wear black, red & green!

### December 19

Hanukkah Celebration - Let's wear light blue and white!

### December 20

Pyjama Day! / Early Dismissal @ 12:30 p.m.

### December 23 - January 3

Holiday Break / No School

Happy Holidays



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Dear DES Families,

As we reflect on the busy and productive month of November, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to our incredible Home and School team for organizing another wonderful Fall Fair. This event, made possible by the dedication of countless volunteers in our community, highlights the strength and spirit of togetherness that benefits both our school and our students. Your efforts truly make a difference!

As the holiday season approaches, we wish you all moments filled with peace, warmth, and connection. Thank you for being such an integral part of our school community!

*Ms. Denton & The DES Staff*

## Main Office News

### December 20

On December 20th school will be finishing early as of 12:30 p.m. School buses will depart at 12:40 p.m

### Office Hours

We would like to remind parents and guardians that our office is closed from 12:20 p.m. until 1:10 p.m. for lunch, daily.

If you need to pick up your child(ren), please plan accordingly.

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday and a happy new year!

Ms. Cheryl

### S.E.E.D. and Lunch Program

Everyone had a great time on our last two ped days, in school: Olympic Odd Ball Games and Cosmic Bowling at Laurentian Lanes.

#### Reminder

December statements will be sent out this week via email and are available on your Mozaik Portal.

Payments can be made online (SG Account), by check, Interac and cash at the school.

Hot Meals: Please do not forget to pack utensils, the company does not supply them.

Afterschool SEED Program: packing extra snacks is always appreciated.

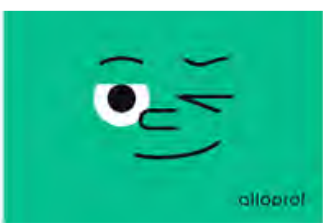
Please be advised, on December 20th, the S.E.E.D Program will close at 4:00 pm. Kindly make the necessary arrangements for your child(ren) to be picked up by closing time.

Wishing you a peaceful and joyful Christmas break, filled with relaxation, good company and wonderful memories. Enjoy every minute! 🎄

Happy Holidays

Ms. Rosa





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## Looking Ahead

January 6

First Day Back!

January 7

Volleyball Tournament - grade 6 students

January 22

Governing Board Meeting @ 6:45 pm

January 30

Thoughtful Thursday

January 31

Dress Down Day

# JANUARY

## DES News

Here are a few highlights from the last month...

### Remembrance Day

On November 8th, we honored Indigenous Veterans Day by attending a mindful assembly where Lieutenant Nikolas Dolmat spoke to us about his experience serving his country in the Navy. On November 11th, our junior classes walked to the Dorval Cenotaph to attend the city's ceremony. Our students showed great respect during both events.



### Grade 6 Ottawa Trip

On November 21st, our grade 6 students headed to Ottawa for a day of discoveries and fun! When asked, many said the visit at the Parliament was most impressive. They also mentioned enjoying the ride on the luxury bus; singing included! Many amazing memories for all.

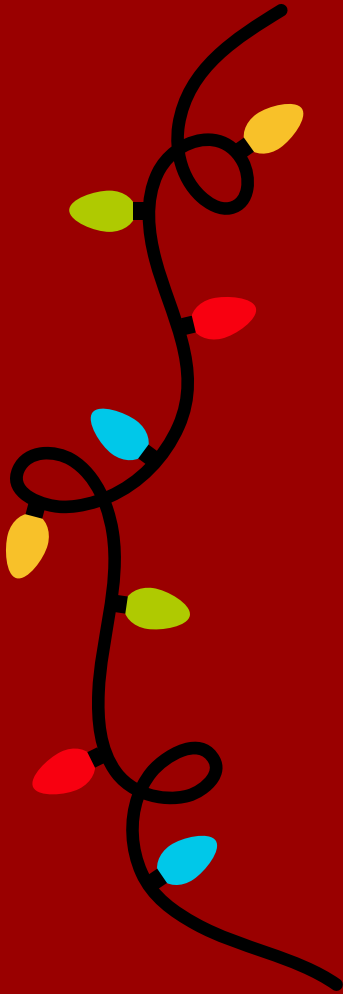
### Ms. Fenner's Retirement

November 29th was Ms. Fenner's last day as she signed off in style by having her jazz band join in on our assembly. The students got to see her play the saxophone while receiving some rudimentary knowledge about the world of jazz and its instruments. A warm thank you goes out to our H&S for helping us make this wonderful moment happen for her and the students.



## Home and School News

*A message from Home & School*



### **Fall Fair:**

Home & School would like to again thank the DES community for your help and attendance at the Fall Fair last month. Over 2700 raffle tickets were sold and approximately \$10,000 was raised for our school! The event was a success all due to the participation and helping hands of our vendors, donors, volunteers, and attendees. Thank you to the Fall Fair Committee for a well-organized and fun event! We would also like to thank all the **businesses** who donated auction and raffle prizes. Please continue to support these and other local businesses whenever possible!

### **Thoughtful Thursday and holiday baskets:**

Thank you for generous donations to this past week's Thoughtful Thursday. H&S will be donating these items to Dorval Community Aid to help make the holidays as special as it can be for our fellow neighbors and families. Collection of items will continue for a couple of weeks, at the school's main entrance as well as the daycare entrance until Friday, December 13th. To ensure we have a variety of items please refer to this **suggested list**.

This year, our Holiday Baskets will again be coordinated by DES parents Jinny Conte and Tony Regillo and the Regillo family. Through their non-profit organization **Rosetta's Angels**, Holiday Baskets will be organized and distributed to some of our DES families, bringing warmth and happiness during this holiday season.

We thank you all for your generosity and support during this season of giving and helping others!

### **Gift collection for DES staff:**

To show our school community's thanks and appreciation for the wonderful work that the entire staff at DES does, H&S is helping to organize a gift collection. Details have been sent to your class parent and please know that this is fully optional. Contact **[dorvalhomeandschool@gmail.com](mailto:dorvalhomeandschool@gmail.com)** for any inquiries.

### **Upcoming H&S meeting:**

Our next meeting takes place in-person this week, on Wednesday December 4th at 7:00pm in the school's staff room. Agenda to follow.

Thank you for your continued support and wishing you all the best during the holidays!

DES Home & School Executive Committee

