



Harmony Heights Elementary December Newsletter



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Our Thursday evening Parent Teacher times have been rescheduled to this **Thursday, December 6th from 6:00-8:00 PM**. Appointment times will remain the same as previously scheduled for November 30th. If you are unable to attend, please contact your child's teacher.

Parents and guardians are reminded that morning supervision of students begins at 7:40 AM. Students who are dropped off prior to that time do not have access to the school and are unsupervised.



As you are aware, changes have been implemented to the Provincial Report Card. These changes were shared with the appointment information. As a reminder I have also included that information below:

Special Notes for Reporting at Grades Primary to Grade 3 for 2018/19

- There are no changes to Primary report cards.

- Grades 1-3 will use the developmental scale for reporting in every reporting term.
- Student achievement in Physical Education and Music will not be reported formally in Term 1, only in Terms 2 and 3.

Special Notes for Reporting at Grades 4-6 for 2018/19

- Like at grades Primary to 3, student achievement will be reported in Integrated Language Arts and Integrated Mathematics.
- The *developmental* scale will be used for reporting in Term 1
- The *letter grade* scale will be used for reporting in Terms 2 and 3
- Student achievement in Physical Education, Music and Core French will not be reported formally in Term 1, only in Terms 2 and 3.

Please keep in mind that report cards are only one way that student learning is shared. Other options include the following:

- Agenda notes
- Phone calls
- Emails
- Student work/ tests
- Websites/ google classroom
- Parent teacher meeting
- PowerSchool parent portal



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On Wednesday,

December 5th we will have our annual turkey dinner. This meal is free to all students and is sponsored by the PTG and the school. This is the only meal available in the cafeteria on Wednesday so students who do not want this meal will need to bring their lunch.

It appears that winter weather has arrived and for students to be able to enjoy our outdoor time it is important that they dress appropriately. Jackets and snow pants allow students to take full advantage of the snow. **With so many students with similar clothing it really helps if their name or initials are on the clothing.** It also helps when items end up in the Lost and Found.

Speaking of the items in lost and found, they are on display in the front entrance. Please take a look when you are in for Parent Teacher meetings. We will be donating items that are unclaimed prior to Christmas break.



Our Christmas concert is Wednesday, December 12th at CEC. The concert will begin at 6:30 PM. This year's concert is How to Train Your Reindeer (To Fly). Each class will be assigned to a room surrounding the AV room. Rooms will

be labelled with the teacher's name and you may drop off your child starting at 6:00 PM. Students will remain in their classroom until they perform and return to that class following their performance. **For organization and safety purposes we ask that no student leave prior to the end of the concert at 7:30 PM.** At the end of the concert parents may pick up their child from the assigned classroom. This is an important piece to having our concert at CEC and we appreciate your support with this.

The October Harmony Heart Award recipients were as follows:

PB- Ally Boyce
PP- Olivia Weatherbee
PS- Ben Leger
1B- Bentley Matheson
1O- Bentley Melanson
1/2M- Dani Roode
2A- Bella Burgess
2M- Stella MacEachern
2/3M- Ava Keagan
3C/G- Daycee MacDonald
3S- Lydia Crowe
4C- Liam Watson
4P- Malaya Ward
5M- Madison Maberry
5V/M- Sophie Cashin
Learning Centre- Haiden Harris
Music- Pyper Matheson
P.E.- Brody Adema
French- Preston Fitzgerald



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The November Harmony Heart Award recipients were as follows:

PB- Connor Watson
PP- Ryleah Thorne
PS- Harrison Zwicker
1B- Harlow Taylor
1O/K- Lyric Maberry
1/2M- Kayden Lindsay
2A- Kyra Paris
2M- Ally Messervey
2/3M- Connor Dahlgren
3C/K- Charleen Jennings-Jones
3S- Abby Tibbetts
4C- Madeline Hollis
4P- Josh MacDougall
5M- Dominick Paul-Smith
5V/M- Makayla Loughead
Learning Centre- Becca Rhoddy
Music- Madison Currie
P.E.- Laila Burris
French- Brennen Bezanson

Our PTG continues to meet and plan for the extra opportunities for the students. They will be selling two types of tickets at the Christmas Concert. The first is for the **"Best Seats in the House"**. This draw will take place before the concert starts at about 6:25 PM and will be for 4 first row center seats. The second draw will be a **50/50 and it will be announced just prior to the last performance**. The successful ticket holder must be in

attendance at that time to claim their prize.



The PTG is also organizing our annual **Christmas Boutique**. The Boutique will take place on December 13th and 14th. Volunteers are needed on the 12th, 13th, and 14th. You can sign up at <http://www.volunteersignup.org/FT&HE> or let the school know you are available.

Our School Advisory Council will meet this Wednesday. We will be drafting a new Letter of Agreement and bylaws and providing feedback on a new policy for extracurricular activities. If you would like more information or are interested in joining our SAC please call the school.



Fifty of our students have been enjoying "The Sneaker Project". Each Wednesday these students learn about safety or healthy choices and have a fun physical activity. This is the final week and each student will receive a new pair of sneakers to continue their healthy lifestyle.

Mr. MacKinnon has been offering family badminton on Wednesday evenings to the students in grades 4 and 5. This Wednesday is the final opportunity to take part. Families interested may drop by at 6:30 PM.



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Community News

Tuesday, December 4th at 7 P.M. CCRCE – 60 Lorne St. (Truro)

The evening will include table discussions focused on how we can improve the academic and overall well-being of our learners of African ancestry in the Colchester area.

The purpose of the meeting is to dive deeper into concerns that have been previously expressed and to begin working together to address them.

To achieve this, we will encourage you to share your thoughts and ideas at the meeting on the following four questions:

- *How can we strengthen the relationship between our schools and our communities?*
- *How can we work together to increase teachers of African ancestry?*
- *What are the needs of the children in your community that we should be paying the most attention to?*
- *What topics/information would you like to hear more about from CCRCE?*

For additional information, please contact Nevin Jackson at (902)897-8981 or jacksonn@ccrce.ca

The Cougar Dome is holding an Open House on December 8th from 2:00-5:00 PM.

Colchester United Volleyball Club Announces Inaugural Season

The Colchester United Volleyball Club is pleased to announce our entry in the 2019 [Volleyball Nova Scotia](#) (VNS) season.

Our inaugural team will be for boys in grades 5 and 6 (from any school) who want to have fun and work hard to learn a great sport. We will compete in the VNS 14U Boys category.

Tryouts will be held at Central Colchester Junior High School (Onslow) on Monday, December 10 and Wednesday, December 12—both 6pm–7:30pm. Regular team practices will start in January and will also be Monday and Wednesday evenings. We plan to take 12 athletes on the team.

There is no cost to tryout—but there will be registration fees for those players who are successful in tryouts. These fees will cover all player costs for the season (except travel/accommodation costs).

Dates to Remember

Dec. 5- Turkey Dinner

Dec. 5- SAC at 6:30 PM

**Dec. 12-Christmas Concert at CEC
6:30-7:30 PM**

Dec. 13&14- Christmas Boutique

Dec. 21- Last day of classes

Jan. 3- Return to class

Jan. 23-Primary Registration