

# PHILLIPS WEEKLY

NOVEMBER 28, 2025



## Important Dates

Toonie Tuesday – bring a Toonie to school and put it in the jar in the office! – December 2  
Toy Drive – December 1-12  
Winter Concerts – Dec 8, 9, 11  
Staff Surprises Raffle – December 8-12  
Winter Dance (SCC) – Dec 17  
Last Day before winter break; Singing in the gym periods 1-2 – Dec 18  
First Day Back – January 5, 2026

DDSB Dates of Significance

**Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**  
bring your toonies and give the gift of change!

**Toonie Tuesday**



Be a #CHANGEMAKER



## House Colour Challenge

Students did an amazing job building, creating and cooperating to create towers during our STEM challenge.

Congrats to TEAM PURPLE for collecting the most points.

Follow us on Instagram for pictures of this fun event!

## SNOW

Winter is here! We will do our best to get kids outside and playing safely. We need your help:

1. Please make sure your children have waterproof winter gear as well as extra socks and mitts in their bags.
2. Please remind your child about our snow rules: You can build, roll and create. You may not throw snow or destroy anyone's structures.

Thanks for your support!

## Winter Concerts



Monday, December 8th

Kindergarten Matinee at 1:00 p.m.

Classes: Ms. Howe/Ms. Hoard & Mrs. Kelly/Mrs. Sharpe

Primary Concert at 6:30 p.m.

Classes: Ms. Nash, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Townsend, Ms. Affolter

Tuesday, December 9th

Kindergarten Matinee at 1:00 p.m.

Classes: Ms. Dionne/Mrs. Tennant & Mrs. Henderson/Miss McCulloch

Primary Concert at 6:30 p.m.

Classes: Ms. Grant, Mrs. Escott, Ms. Bourque, Mrs. Peterson

Thursday, December 11th

Junior-Intermediate Concert at 6:30 p.m.

Groups Performing: Junior Ballet, Junior Choir, Senior Band & Ensembles

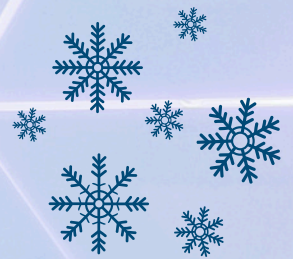


## Toy Drive

Our Student Leadership Team is working hard to promote and support our annual Toy Drive. We are asking those in our community who would like to donate a toy, book, game, etc. (new), to please send these to school between Dec 1 and 12. The toys will be sorted and distributed to children in our school and community who could use a little extra love this winter. Please send in your donations unwrapped. We will also need an assortment of gift bags, so if you have some you are willing to part with, we will use them to create gifts for our students. Last year, our Toy Drive was hugely successful with gifts going out to many, many children. One parent was overheard saying “Our goal is that there is no Phillips child who doesn’t have something to open this Christmas”. Our gifts go out in the spirit of giving even to those who don’t celebrate a winter holiday. The joy that these gifts brought last year was amazing! Thank you for your support.



## Parking Lots, Kiss n Ride and Car Seats



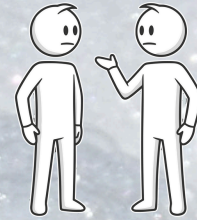
We continue to see a few parents using our parking lots for drop-off and pick-up. Please only use designated parking around the school or our kiss n ride area on Masson to drop off or pick up your children. Our parking lots are for staff use only, or if you are arriving for a scheduled meeting. We have child care staff arriving near the end of the day who have been unable to find spaces. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please also remember that U-Turns or 3-point turns are not permitted on Masson in front of our Kiss n Ride. This blocks up the flow of traffic. Please drive south down Masson for a curb-side drop-off. Please also do not park and leave your vehicle in the bus zone which is marked by signs.

Please review Ontario’s laws for the height and weight guidelines for car seats and the use of the front seat for your children. Police have been coming to do these checks for the safety of your children, even for short drives.



## Social Emotional Learning



**STOP**



**TALK**



**WALK**

We are working with students to develop strategies for solving peer conflicts. We are working on a strategy that encourages students to Stop, Talk and Walk.

**Stop** - take a deep breath

**Talk** - use “I-messages” to express how you are feeling and what you want the other person to do / not do.

**Walk** - if talking does not work- walk away or walk to an adult who can help

*Families can help with using similar language at home to help reinforce this at school*

Sunday

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Monday

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Tuesday

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Wednesday

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Thursday

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Friday

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Saturday

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[WWW.HEALTHYHUNGER.CA](http://WWW.HEALTHYHUNGER.CA)

PIZZA  
PIZZA

A&W

SUBWAY  
DEADLINE  
TO ORDER  
PIZZA  
FOR  
DECEMBER  
9

DEADLINE  
TO ORDER  
SUBWAY  
DECEMBER  
11



# SSS Co-Ed Youth Volleyball



## 2026 WINTER HOUSE LEAGUE

\$250 for 8 WEEKS  
JUNIOR (2014 - 2016)  
INTERMEDIATE (2012- 2013)  
BANTAM (2008- 2011)



SUNDAYS 9:00am - 1:30pm  
JANUARY 18 - MARCH 29 2026

AGES 8 - 17  
ALL DIVISIONS ARE CO-ED

LOCATIONS: MAXWELL HEIGHTS  
PICKERING H.S.



[www.sssyouthvolleyball.ca](http://www.sssyouthvolleyball.ca)

Contact: Chris Williamson (905) 409 2387



Try the best  
off season  
sport for hockey  
players for  
FREE

## Learn to Play LACROSSE

The goal of our free "Try Lacrosse" sessions is to provide a safe, fun and engaging way to introduce your child to the great sport of Lacrosse.

### UPCOMING SESSIONS

January 14th, 2026

6:00-6:30pm: Ages 5 and under

6:30-7:30pm: U7 and U9's

7:30-8:30pm: U11 and U13's



Sessions are:

- No experience necessary
- For ages 4 and up
- Open to Boys & Girls
- Equipment provided
- Taught by experienced West Durham coaches
- At Village Arena in Ajax

Additional sessions coming  
March 8 & 15 Scan here to  
register & for more info

**WEST DURHAM  
LACROSSE CLUB**