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December 2019

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM'S MESSAGE

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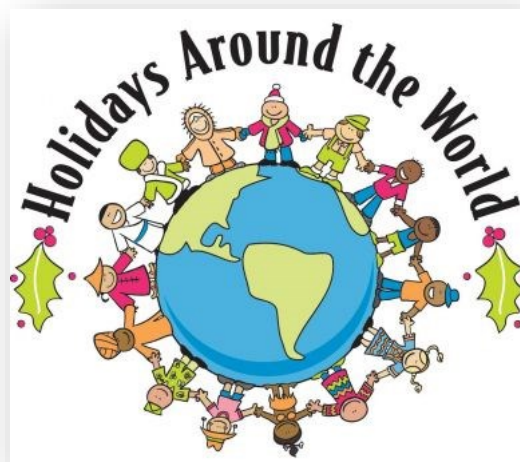


Dr. S.J. Phillips is buzzing with holiday activity.

We have started our annual Toy and Food Drive! You can bring a new, unwrapped toy or non-perishable food donation until December 16th. The outpouring of donations from the community is truly overwhelming and we thank you very much for your support. All food and toys that are collected will be given to families within our community to help make their holiday a little bit brighter.

It is difficult to imagine that the end of the calendar year is so close at hand. On behalf of the entire staff, we would like to wish each of you a very safe and restful holiday season, and all of the very best in the New Year! We look forward to an exciting year ahead for our school community! Thank you for the tremendous support you have shown our staff and our students.

The school will be closed from Monday, December 23rd, 2019 until Friday, January 3rd, 2020 for the Christmas Holidays. The first day of class for students in the New Year will be Monday, January 6th, 2020.



WHAT'S GOING ON?

Dec. 1st - World AIDS Day

Dec. 2nd - Standing Committee Meeting (Board Election Meeting) - 7:00 pm

Dec 3rd - Popcorn Day - SCC

Dec 9th - Mr. Pearson, Mr. Talman, Mrs. Desveaux classes at Nonquon

Dec 10th - Christmas Concert - Kindergarten 1:00 pm and Primary 6:30 pm

Dec 10th - Immunization 1st Notice

Dec. 10th - Franconnexion

Dec 12th - Christmas Concert Junior/Intermediate 6:30 pm

Dec. 16th - Board Meeting (Tentative) - 7:00 pm

Dec. 19th - SEAC Meeting - 6:30 pm

Dec. 20th - Last day of classes - No Early Dismissal

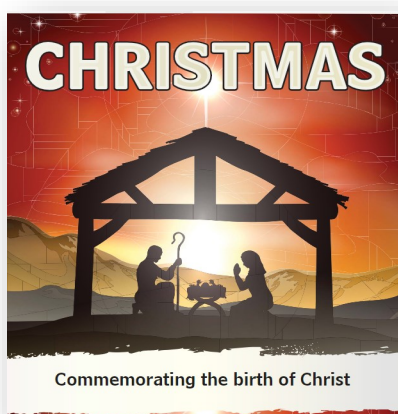
Dec. 22nd - (Dec 22-30) - Hanukkah

Dec. 23rd - Jan. 3rd - Winter Break - Schools closed December 23rd - January 3rd

Dec. 25th - Christmas

Dec. 26th - Kwanzaa (Dec. 26 - Jan 01)

Dec. 26th - Boxing Day





Identify future leaders, actively develop new leaders, and responsibly support current leaders

LEADERSHIP

Thank you to our SCC and Leadership Club for their collaboration in collecting food donations for Settlement House in Oshawa. We appreciate all you do to support our school community!

Our drop was successful and gratefully received. Mrs. Korgemani, from Settlement House expressed her sincere thanks to the families at Dr. S.J. Phillip's.

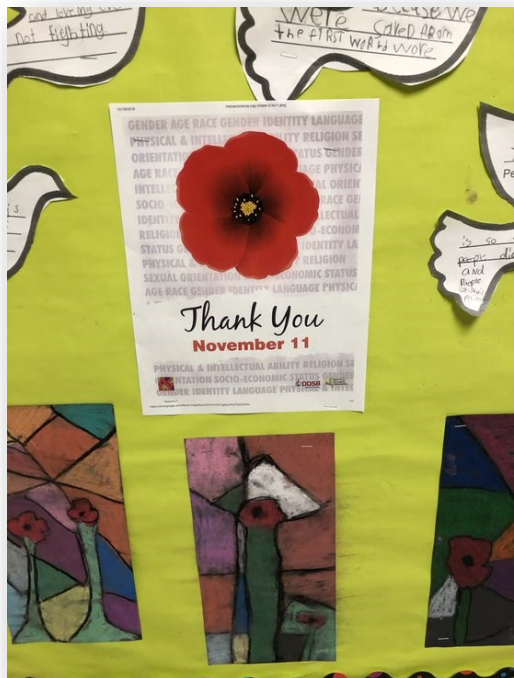
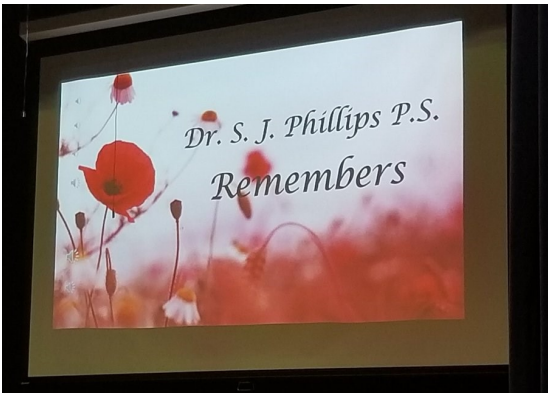


Great job by our choir singing the National Anthem at the Oshawa General's game on the evening of November 10th. Thank you Mrs. Dillon for arranging this opportunity for our Falcons.



Remembrance Day

Students and staff recognized Remembrance Day on Monday, November 11, preparing a variety of activities and events to honour the Canadian heroes who served our country in the name of freedom.





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well-being

Thank you to our SCC for their generous contribution towards the creation of our Gross Motor Pathways. Our students are learning how to use this amazing self-regulation tool.



Character Education

In **November** our students were recognized for

RESPECT

December Focus is - Perseverance


RESPECT

I treat others the way that I want to be treated.
I am **courteous** and **polite**.

I LISTEN to what people say.
I don't insult, ridicule or name call.



I PROTECT property and the environment.




DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD 

CHARACTER Education

TEAMWORK	RESPONSIBILITY	RESPECT	PERSEVERANCE	OPTIMISM
I work COOPERATIVELY , valuing my opinions and those of others. I ENCOURAGE others to participate.	I am reliable and dependable in doing my work. I LISTEN to the people I work with. I THINK BEFORE I ACT , understanding my actions and their consequences.	I listen when others are speaking and I am courteous and polite . I LISTEN to the people I work with. I PROTECT property and the environment.	I am determined and committed to my work. I am perseverant in my work. I DO NOT GIVE UP when faced with challenges.	I have a POSITIVE attitude. I look for opportunities to succeed. I HAVE HOPE for the future.
KINDNESS	INTEGRITY	HONESTY	EMPATHY	COURAGE
I am compassionate to people in need. I HELP others in need. I RESPECT the rights of others. I am CHARITABLE .	I always try to do the right thing, even when it is difficult.	I am TRUTHFUL and SINCERE .	I respect and understand the feelings of others. I am KINDNESS and COMPASSION .	I face my fears with COURAGE . I take CHALLENGES when I face them.






PERSEVERANCE

I am **DETERMINED** and work hard to finish what I start even if it is difficult.

I **complete** all tasks to the **BEST** of my ability.

I DO NOT GIVE UP when faced with challenges.



Engage students, parents and community members to improve student outcomes and build public confidence

ENGAGEMENT

Holiday Concert Dates

Tuesday, December 10th at 1:00 pm - Kindergarten Concert

- All Kindergarten classes

Tuesday, December 10th at 6:30 pm - Primary Concert

- All Primary classes + Primary Ballet and Primary Choir

Thursday, December 12th at 6:30 pm

- Junior/Intermediate - extra curricular groups only
Jazz Band, Senior Band, Intermediate Choir, Junior Ballet, and Junior Choir



Christmas Concert Front Row Raffle

Christmas Concert Front Row Raffle December 10, 2019 @ 1pm - Kindergarten

Christmas Concert Front Row Raffle December 10, 2019 @ 6:30 pm - Primary

**Christmas Concert Front Row Raffle December 12, 2019 @ 6:30 pm - Junior/Intermediate
(Junior Choir, Junior Ballet, Senior Band, Intermediate Choir and Jazz Band)**

Purchase at the concert

Prize Package includes: 4 front row seats

2 Packages will be drawn for each concert



COACH'S CORNER - PHILLIPS' ATHLETICS

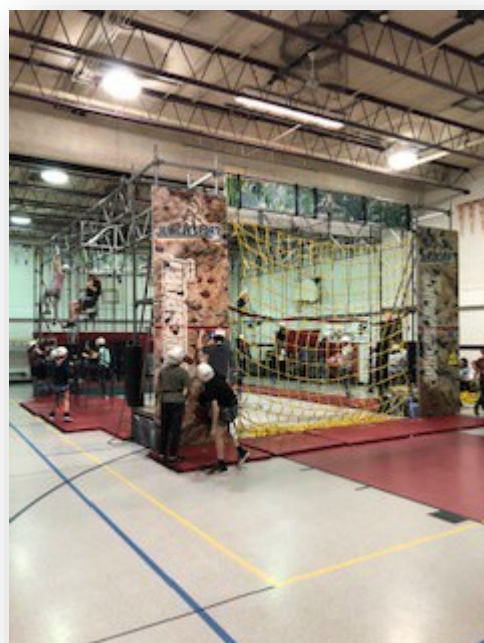
JUNGLESPORT NOV. 19TH - NOV. 22ND

- The team set up our climbing jungle gym in S.J. Phillips for a week
- Junglesport instructors led our programs all week
- The all-inclusive program offered activities for students of all needs and abilities
- Activities and challenges were modified and changed up for younger and older students



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LEARNING COMMONS NEWS



Set high expectations and provide support to ensure all students and staff reach their full potential every year.

Success

Our Learning Commons Library hosted a Scholastic Book Fair recently. Mrs. Scott wishes to thank all families who supported the fair. The library was able to purchase quite a few new books and new copies of favourites for our collection. It is encouraging to see our students enjoying a variety of reading materials. Let the "Great Reading Season" begin!

**NEW
BOOKS**

madd 
No alcohol. No drugs. No victims.

MADD had an impactful presentation on November 18th with our grade 7 and grade 8 students to inspire and empower them to make a difference and to be the generation that chooses not to drive impaired by alcohol and/or drugs.



SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL (SCC)



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Leadership

We're kicking off our annual Toy and Food Drive! You can bring a new, unwrapped toy or non-perishable food donation till December 16th. Our SCC and Student Leadership Club will be delivering to Settlement House. Thank you for your generosity and support!



Our SCC had a very success "Bake Sale" during the Parent-Teacher interviews.
Thank you families and friends for making the event a success.



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WELL-BEING

With all the great things happening it is safe to say we are 'Soaring to Success' in physical education and sports!

Junior Boys and Girls Volleyball Teams

Congratulations to both boys and girls teams who made it to the Round of 24 tournament. The Junior girls team finished 2nd in their Area bringing home a banner for the school! The boys team finished 3rd out of 12 teams in their Area. Congratulations to all players on a great season!



Promote a sense of belonging and increase equitable outcomes for all by identifying and addressing barriers to success and engagement.

equity

Dates of Significance – December 2019

December 1 - World Aids Day - United Nations

The commemoration of World AIDS Day, which will take place on 1 December 2019, is an important opportunity to recognize the essential role that communities have played and continue to play in the AIDS response at the international, national and local levels.

World AIDS Day offers an important platform to highlight the role of communities at a time when reduced funding and a shrinking space for civil society are putting the sustainability of services and advocacy efforts in jeopardy. Greater mobilization of communities is urgently required to address the barriers that stop communities delivering services, including restrictions on registration and an absence of social contracting modalities. The strong advocacy role played by communities is needed more than ever to ensure that AIDS remains on the political agenda, that human rights are respected and that decision-makers and implementers are held accountable.



Source: www.un.org

December 2 - International Day for the Abolition of Slavery – United Nations

According to the International Labour Organization, more than 40 million people worldwide are victims of modern day slavery. Modern Day Slavery is an umbrella term used to cover practices such as forced labour, debt bondage, forced marriage, and human trafficking. In addition, more than 150 million children are subject to child labour, accounting for almost one in ten children around the world. The focus of this day is on the eradication of these contemporary forms of slavery.

Source: www.un.org

December 3 – International Day of Persons with Disabilities– United Nations

The annual observance of this day was proclaimed in 1992. It aims to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society and development, and to increase awareness of the situation of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life. International Day of People with Disabilities (IDPWD) stands by its conviction that a person is not inherently 'disabled'...disability is NOT a feature of a person. We say that people have health impairments: some of us need wheelchairs to mobilise; some of us need seeing-eye dogs; some of us need assistive technology – just like some of us need glasses to read; or medication to manage pain; or an inhaler to manage asthma.

All people have different health impairments at some time in their lives. The difference is that most of the time your health impairment doesn't stop you from functioning, being included or participating in your community.

IDPWD exists to make sure that environmental and social BARRIERS are identified, and to help everyone to work together to overcome them. We will never eradicate health impairments...but by overcoming barriers, then we eradicate disablement.

Source: www.un.org; www.idpwd.org





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December 10 – Human Rights Day – United Nations

Human Rights Day is observed every year on the 10th of December. The Declaration of Human Rights establishes the equal worth of every person. Though its promise has yet to be realized all over the world, it has stood the test of time. The principles set out in the Declaration of Human Rights are as relevant today as they were in 1948. We can take action in our own daily lives and help to improve the lives of others around the world.



HANUKKAH



The Festival of Lights



KWANZAA



A celebration of family, community
and culture

School Community Council

Do you have time, skills, ideas or help to offer our SCC and school as a whole?

This is a list of names and emails for parents/guardians who want to contribute to the school community but can't or would rather not officially join the SCC. If you are one of these people please fill out this form and return to the booth or send in to school with your child.

Please circle what applies to you:

I have time during: Daytime Evenings Weekends It changes

I would like to help with: Fall Festival planning Fall festival setup (afternoon before)

Festival take down (right after the festival ends) Fall craft (after school)

Raffle baskets wrapping Christmas decor Popcorn Days

Dance-a-thon behind the scenes (making signs or flyers, shopping or calling for donations etc)

Teacher's Luncheon day of Luncheon donations of a dish to serve

Bakesale donations Other upcoming events or jobs

I have a skill/experience with: Graphic design Crafting/arts Baking/cooking

Fundraising/grant proposals New ideas etc

I have a child in highschool who needs volunteer hours: Yes No

Add your name and email or phone number and you will be added to our volunteer list. Please note that you are under no obligation to volunteer when contacted. We will send out a general email when we need many people and specific emails if it is for a certain skill needed or things of that nature. If you cannot help with that one just reply not this time or don't and just wait for our next email. You won't be excluded or passed over if you say no. Even if you can only do a very small amount it is helpful and appreciated! Thank you in advance!

Name: _____

Email/phone #: _____

Our monthly school newsletters will be "paperless" and will be posted to our school website. *If you require a hard copy of the newsletter, please let your child's teacher know.*



Positive Space

This is a **SAFE SPACE** where human rights are respected and where lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender students, teachers, friends, families, and allies are welcome and supported.

CUPE Local 218
Durham District School Board
ETFO Durham Teachers' Local
OSSTF District 13

The poster features a large, inverted triangle with a rainbow gradient (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple) at the top. Below the triangle, the text "Positive Space" is written in a large, bold, white font with a red outline. Underneath, a paragraph of text in purple font states: "This is a SAFE SPACE where human rights are respected and where lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender students, teachers, friends, families, and allies are welcome and supported." At the bottom, there is a list of organizations: CUPE Local 218, Durham District School Board, ETFO Durham Teachers' Local, and OSSTF District 13. To the left of this text are logos for DDSB (Durham District School Board) and ETFO (Education Teachers' Federation of Ontario). To the right are logos for the Durham District School Board and the Ontario Federation of Labour.