

GENERAL VANIER CHRISTMAS WEEK NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2011



Morning Carol Sing

We were delighted to see parents join with our students each morning this past week for our Carol Sing. While many of our students are less familiar with words to traditional carols, there was no shortage of enthusiasm for the more popular Christmas songs! Our thanks go out to Mrs. Kucman who graciously offered to accompany us each day.



Monthly Celebration Assembly

On Friday of this week we will be acknowledging the following outstanding students for the month of December: Cameron D., Weston T., Carly J., Ash C., Ruby P., Trista L., Emily L., Danielle N., Railynn D., Allyson B., Mara R., Nathyn M., Rachael D., Gavin Mc., Brooke D., Brittney P. and Graham R. for French.

Kindergarten Christmas Concert

To the delight of parents, our Kindergarten class performed a selection of Christmas songs the morning of Dec. 21st. The performance was followed by refreshments and a chance to share some holiday cheer with our youngest students, the staff and our parents.



Grade 7/8 Performance

Congratulations to our grade 7/8 class for a very entertaining Christmas performance. On the afternoon of Tues. Dec. 20th, invited parents and our students were witness to some very original dance choreography about "The Outsiders", and then to a Christmas play titled "The Little Critters & Santa". The enthusiasm and effort our students put into each of their creative works was evident to all in attendance. Well done!



FESS Grade 8 Intention Sheets & Open House

Our grade eights will officially begin their transition to high school when reps from F.E.S.S. will be here in January to speak about course selections for next year. Thursday, Jan. 19th, F.E.S.S is hosting an Open House for all students and parents, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. at FESS.

New! French Immersion for Gr. 4's & Gr. 5's

At their Dec. 13th meeting, the DSBN Trustees approved an expansion of French Immersion to include a Grade 4 entry. Starting on Jan. 9th parents of students in both Grade 3 and Grade 4 will be able to apply on-line for both Gr. 4 and Gr. 5 French Immersion intake courses that will begin in September 2012. Further information can be had at the school, or from the DSBN website.



An information session for our grade 3 and 4 students will happen on the morning of Friday, January 13th, 2012.



Kindergarten Open House

Our annual welcome to parents and students new to Kindergarten will be Thurs. February 2nd from 3:30 – 5:30 pm, here in our Kindergarten room. All those who have children who will be four years of age by December 31st, 2012 are invited to drop in and see the great program that Miss McMahon has waiting for them. If you have a child, or know of someone in our neighbourhood who does, please call the school at 871-5962 for more information.



Term One Report Cards

While it may seem that we just completed the November Progress Reports, parents can expect their children to bring home their Term One report card on Thurs. Feb. 9th 2012. The front page of the report card will address your child's Learning Skills & Work Habits, while the balance will address their progress in each of their academic subjects – including a letter or percentage grade. Following the new format, teachers will identify student strengths and provide specific next steps for improvement, all in more parent friendly language. To prepare for their arrival in early February, teachers will have a Professional Activity Day on Fri., January 20th. There will be no school for all students that day.



Salvation Army Food Drive

For the past many years, our school has collected food and toys for local charities to distribute within our community at Christmas. For the third year Vanier collected items for the local Salvation Army and Fort Erie Kinettes and hoped to match or exceed last year's total of some 110 kg of food, five boxes of toys and \$200 in cash donations. Our thanks to all who helped us help our neighbours and friends.



*From all the Staff
at General Vanier*



January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Christmas Holidays	3 Christmas Holidays	4 Christmas Holidays	5 Christmas Holidays	6 Christmas Holidays	7
8	9 Homework Club	10 K2Y Program	11 Accommodation Review meeting at Vanier – 6:00 Homework Club	12 Homework Club FESS visit with Grade 8's – 9:00 am	13 French Immersion visit at Vanier for Gr. 3 & 4 students	14
15	16 Homework Club	17 K2Y Program	18 Homework Club	19 Gr. 8's – FESS Open House @ FESS – 6:30 – 8:30 pm Knights of Columbus Free Throw @ YMCA – 6:30 pm Homework Club	20 P.A. Day – no classes for students today	21
22	23 Homework Club	24 K2Y Program	25 Accommodation Review meeting at Vanier – 6:00 Homework Club	26 Homework Club	27 Family Literacy Day	28
29	30 Homework Club	31 K2Y Program French Immersion Open House @ McKay School in Port Colborne – 6:30 – 7:30 pm	Feb. 1 Homework Club	2 Homework Club Kindergarten Open House - 3:30 – 5:30 pm	3	4

Carol Sing & Kindie, 7/8 Christmas Performances

