

# W.J. BEREZOWSKY PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## December 2022

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
<b>CHRISTMAS HAT DAY</b> 	<b>CHRISTMAS CHARACTER DAY</b> 	<b>CHRISTMAS</b>  Red/Green Day	<b>UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER DAY</b> 	<b>PJ DAY</b> 
19	20	21	22	23
	Student Christmas Dinner Polar Express Activities (BEEPS) Last Day of School			
26	27	28	29	30
<b>Christmas Break</b> Dec. 21 <sup>st</sup> – Jan. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Back to school Jan. 4 <sup>th</sup> 				

## PRINCIPAL & VICE-PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

November has been a very busy month and the school has been buzzing. Parent Teacher Interviews on November 9<sup>th</sup> was a great success this term again. Thank you to all the parents that participated; W.J. Berezowsky truly appreciates your support.

On Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, our school will be hosting a "Family Fun Night". This evening will begin at 5:30pm and will run till 7:30 pm. There will be many activities for families to do together (crafts, challenges, games, Bingo...) - TONS OF FUN!!! Plus, there will be many FREE GIVEAWAYS!!!

On Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, W.J. Berezowsky will be having its annual Students' Christmas Dinner. This dinner is prepared by many staff members which we are all grateful for. A special thank you goes to Lake Country Co-op for donating all the hams for our Christmas Dinner. On the afternoon of December 20<sup>th</sup>, the students will be participating in the "Polar Express". This afternoon will be organized and ran by the WJB Beeps group along with Ms. Deschambeault and Mrs. Wintringham.

We want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas holiday with their families.... May you have a safe and blessed holiday season.

**Mr. D. Tournier, Principal**

**Mrs. D. Court Vice - Principal**

## PRE-K

Happy December! We are counting down the days until Christmas in Pre-K and the excitement is building. We have been practicing Christmas songs to sing for our families on Family Fun Night and we can hardly wait so please mark your calendars and plan to attend. We also will be enjoying a special Christmas meal in our classroom for the Pre-K students on Mon. Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>. Students can still bring their own lunch if they choose to do so. The weather outside may not be ideal but we are busy in the classroom getting ready for the Christmas season.

**Mrs. Keller**

## KINDERGARTEN

Christmas is here! The Kinders have been working hard with their two songs for their Christmas Recital. On December 8<sup>th</sup>, you are invited to come and watch your child sing on the stage and then join your child in the fun family activities planned throughout the school. Your child can meet us at the front door at 5:15, and we will take them back to the classroom to get organized as you wait in the gym for the recital to begin. I am looking for to the busy month of December!

**Mrs. Jefferson**



## GRADE 1

This year is really flying by. November's mild weather brought us through more word blending practice and reading independently. We have been learning about germs in Health as well as feelings and healthy ways to express ourselves. It was a pleasure to chat with families during parent/teacher interviews. I love the support coming from home with our reading bags. Thank you for supporting your child through their reading goals. Have a great December. I hope to see you on Family Fun Night on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Have a great holiday season! 😊

**Ms. Wintringham**



## GRADE 2

Ho Ho Ho and Happy December Grade 2 families! We are excited for a fun filled month to finish up 2022!

We are eagerly waiting for our classroom elf, Sparkles, to make his return to our class, and working hard to make him feel welcome, writing letters and cards and other fun activities! As we settle into winter and the temps get colder we want to remind everyone to dress for the weather. We have been learning about winter safety and the importance of dressing warmly. Please make sure your child is coming to school with mittens, a toque and proper jacket and ski pants. If your child is missing winter clothing remind them to check with us to make sure they have what they need.

Have a very merry holiday season, I am looking forward to working with all of you in the new year!

**Mrs. Dansereau**



## GRADE 3

Wow, December has arrived quickly! Our class has finished writing our letters to Santa, and now eagerly await to see if he writes us back. In Social Studies we are briefly look at Christmas holiday traditions around the world and creating a few decorations based on these traditions.

December will be a fun filled month! Merry Christmas and happy holidays to you and your family from myself, and the grade three classroom.

**Mrs. Winsor**



## GRADE 4P

Buon Giorno Santa Claus,

December is here and we know how busy you must be this time of year. We hope Mrs. Claus, the reindeer, and the elves are all finding themselves well. Being at the North Pole this time of year must be the most exciting place on earth! We wanted to take a minute or two of your time to let you know everything that is happening in the grade 4P classroom, so you are able to make an educated decision on whether or not we've been naughty or nice.

For the past ten weeks this year, we have been participating in a word study program. We call the words we study every week our "Spelling" words for the week. There are 10 words we study every week. Five of the words follow the same phoneme spelling pattern and the other five words are high-frequency words. They are called high-frequency words because they are words we use frequently when we talk, write, and read.

On Day One of this program, Miss Paterson first tells us what spelling pattern we will be studying for the week, and then introduces the words to us orally. This means we do not actually see the word in writing, but instead we hear it and say it many times so we are able to hear the sounds (phonemes) in each word. Miss Paterson introduces the words to us by using pictures, antonyms or synonyms, or in sentences. It is very important we understand the meaning of the words.

On Day Two of our weekly word study, we pull out our Elkonin boxes so we are able to 'tap' the sounds we hear in each word and then 'map' the sounds. By 'mapping' the sounds, we mean we are representing the sounds we hear in each word using letters. On Day Two we go through the first five words. This has allowed us to really study the different spelling patterns of sounds while learning the meaning behind many words.

Day Three of the program looks very similar to Day Two, with the only difference being we orthographically map the second five words of our list. Oh yes, Santa, the fancy name for what we are doing when we map the sounds in each word is called, orthographic mapping. It is all quite technical.

Day Four has us mapping all of the words again, but this time Miss Paterson does not put them in any particular order. After we have mapped all of the words repeatedly to become familiar with the spelling patterns, we participate in a variety of literacy activities. We alphabetize our lists, as well as dissect each word according to vowels and consonants.

The final day, Day Five has us participating in a dictation of our words. This is where we are able to see how much we learned all week. 😊



## GRADE 4P (con't.)

Another really great literacy activity we participate in every day in our classroom is our morning meeting. A morning meeting has four parts; the greeting, activity, sharing, and message. Miss Paterson has some really lively morning meetings because we are always doing something different. One day she'll have us greeting each other like lumberjacks and the next day she'll have us find our greeting partner according a winter rhyming word. Lately, for the sharing portion of the meeting, we have been sharing our opinions about the best and worst part of our days. Today we are going to start sharing what we feel is the happiest colour and why. When we're sharing, Miss Paterson is really listening to make sure we are speaking in complete sentences.

Another great activity we will be starting next week is called, *Christmas Dice Roll 'Em*. How this works is Miss Paterson has six questions associated with Christmas posted in the classroom. Each question corresponds to the number on a dice. Every day for an entire week, a certain number of students will roll the dice and have to answer the question associated to that number. She posts the questions about a week in advance, so we are able to put some thought into what each of our answers would be if we rolled that number. If you roll a six next week you have to tell the class if you would rather wash your hair with mashed potatoes or cranberry sauce. And, of course we always have to give a reason for our answer, and we can't just shrug our shoulders or say, "Because it would be fun."

This past week, Miss Paterson has been writing our morning message in the format of a friendly letter. This has helped us become more familiar with the parts of a friendly letter. We like to read the messages because Miss Paterson includes events that might be happening in the school that day, or lessons we might be learning in the classroom, or she includes mistakes we have to find and correct. Reading the message together every morning has improved our fluency and comprehension skills. We LOVE SCHOOL!!!

Thank you for taking the time to read our letter, Santa. We wanted you to know how busy we are in our classroom so you know we're too busy to get into any kind of trouble. Also, the events we are looking forward to at our school this month are: Thursday, December 8 will be a Family Fun Night at the school from 5:30 - 7:30; our Christmas Dinner for students will be held on Tuesday, December 20; and yes, the last day of school before the Christmas break is also Tuesday, December 20. We are back to school on Wednesday, January 4.

It is time to bid you adieu Santa. Please take some time after December 25 to rest and relax and spend time with Mrs. Claus and Rudolph. And, most important of all, please think of us as you are racing through the skies on December 24. 😊

Ciao,

The Grateful Grade 4P Class of W.J. Berezowsky Public School

**Ms. Paterson**



## GRADE 4W

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Grade Four is going to be busy learning how to tell time in Math, and learning Christmas Traditions from around the World! We will be wrapping up our unit on the Fur Trade in Social and our unit on Light in Science! I am excited to see everyone at the Family Fun Night! Have a fantastic holiday season and best wishes for the New Year!

**Mrs. Willie**

## GRADE 5

December is already upon us! We have started our multiplication and division unit in math. Please be practicing the basic math facts and the strategies, after we have learned them. Practice makes permanent. We also have some exciting activities happening in December as well. One of them being Family Fun Night! I look forward to seeing families for some fun activities! 😊

**Ms. Cournoyer**

## GRADE 6

The holiday season is upon us and I want to wish everyone a wonderful and restful holiday season.

Our school day begins with our class morning meetings; it is a great way to build relationships and connect with one another. Our small group support will continue in the new year so teachers can focus on our school wide division reading assessment. In LA, we continue to study our weekly morpheme magic lessons with dictation being held on Friday. We have been reading a novel from our Peace and Conflict unit called "Underground to Canada". It is a very interesting read! We have been learning how to write chapter summaries; please ask your child to give you a verbal summary of the book. Students have been busy learning the writing process and applying it to their various writing pieces. Students are enjoying participating in a class Christmas play, a fun and effective way to practice reading skills. We have spent some time with our care partners reading children's literature and creating art pieces. The grade 6's have been very engaged and helpful with their reading buddies; they are excellent role models!

Just a few reminders, we will be having our "Secret Santa" gift exchange on December 19th. Please have your child's gift at school no later than December 16th.

I hope to see many of you out for our upcoming family fun night. It is going to be a lot of fun! Please dress for the weather, I think the warmer weather has left us and the cooler weather has arrived.

Please make sure to sign into our class dojo. I have sent the code home with your child. This is a great communication tool between home and school. I also have posted many classroom assignments/grades on Edsby, so please take a look at your child's academic performance. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the school or message me on class dojo.

Merry Christmas and all the best in 2023! 🎄

**Mrs. Donaldson**

## GRADE 7

Christmas is already around the corner! The grade 7's have been making Christmas Cards for the elderly group home in our community. December is always a fun month in my class! The grade 7's will be participating in the 12 Days of Christmas in our classroom with fun opinion and persuasive writing activities.

I hope to see parents and students at the Family Fun Night!

**Ms. Deschambeault**

## GRADE 8

The last month before the break is here! As it is December, that also means that is going to get colder and the students need to make sure to bundle up for when they have to go outside; even in Grade 8! We have started new units in both science, optics and light, and social, interactions and interdependence. We are continuing to work on picture editing in PAA and have taken on the task of trying to create a fear of birds through an art project. This month we are going to be making Christmas cards for the residents at Good Shepard Villa and bringing them over to try and spread some holiday cheer.

**Ms. Strom**

## BEEPS

The BEEP's are super excited to announce THE POLAR EXPRESS DAY! It is happening the afternoon of December 20<sup>th</sup>. All students will be participating in numerous activities that the BEEP's students have planned. Ask your child about this day, because I am sure they will be talking about it for a while!!!



The BEEPs have also planned to have a fun Christmas spirit week starting Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> until Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>!

Monday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup>- Christmas Hat Day

Tuesday, Dec 13<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Character Day

Wednesday Dec 14<sup>th</sup> - Green and Red Day

Thursday Dec 15<sup>th</sup> Ugly Christmas Sweater Day

Friday Dec 16<sup>th</sup> - PJ Day

BEEP's Students grades 6-8

Ms. Deschambeault

Ms. Wintringham



# GRADE 7/8 VOLLEYBALL TEAM



Congratulations to the Grade 7/8 volleyball team for winning a silver medal in the co-ed league. Great Job Bears!  
Coach Court & Coach Mack

Basketball 🏀 season is now underway at WJB. Students in grades 4-8 are practicing in preparation for league games in the new year.  
Coach Cournoyer, Coach Huddlestone, Coach Mack



# MERRY CHRISTMAS &

# A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

