



YOUR COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS

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December 2005.



SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Our next meeting will be in the library on December 6th at 7:00 p.m. The School Advisory Council has invited the following to attend:

Susan Edwards - Superintendent of Education
Don Fairweather - Executive Superintendent
Phil Dawes - Planning and Research Officer
Susan Richards - Trustee

As usual all are welcome and encouraged to attend!

OUR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Our Christmas celebration will be a little different this year. Christmas is for families to get together, share a meal and enjoy each other's company. This year Rideau Centennial invites you to a Christmas Potluck and Dinner Theatre style presentation. Dinner will start at 6 p.m. with students beginning entertainment at about 6:45. Please mark Tuesday the 13th of December on your calendar, grab the family and your favourite potluck dish and join us for a warm family style celebration (snow day - Wednesday, December 14th)

UNICEF

Thanks to all the children who collected for UNICEF. You helped raise \$238.82.

Thank you to Mrs. Julie Burns who rolled all the change.



TRANSPORTATION DURING BAD WEATHER

Notices of bus cancellations are on the transportation website (www.ucdsb.on.ca; scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on the bus) as early as 6:00 a.m. They advise which buses are cancelled in which areas. If buses are cancelled in the morning, they are cancelled at the end of the day. Schools are open; however, you will need to arrange transportation to and from school.

These radio stations carry bus cancellations notices:
CBC: Ottawa, 91.5 BOB FM: Brockville, 103.7
CFLY: Kingston, 98.3 JRFM: Brockville, 104.9
JOE: Kingston, 96.3 CKLC: Kingston, 1380

WINTER IS HERE!

It is important that students come to school dressed appropriately for the cold weather as there is a 40 minute outdoor recess and a 30 minute one. In addition it would be appreciated if students who are not feeling well stay at home. This helps to reduce the spread of viruses and also we do not have additional staff to supervise students who are not feeling well. Please remind your child/ren about the importance of following our no throwing snow rule. This is to ensure that our students have a safe place to play.

BAKE SALE

Thanks to the grade 1 / 2 class for providing the delicious goodies for the November bake sale. The next one will be on December 22 and will be hosted by grade 3/4. There is a charge of fifty cents per item.



AFTER SCHOOL MOVIE

The next movie will be on December 20th from 3:30 - 5:15 p.m. Last month we raised \$139.92. Thanks to the Elgin Bowling Lanes for donating the free raffle ticket. Congratulations to Aaron Strickland on winning the family bowling pass for 1 game.

TREE FUND-RAISING

Many thanks to those students/parents who have sold trees. Order request needs to be returned to the school by December 2nd; however, we were advised by Rideau Valley Conservation Authority to have orders placed as soon as possible in order to get what you ordered as specific trees go fast.

Orders that were handed in so far have been placed.

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to Enid Baker, Kim Larmand, Fletcher Nelson, Julie Burns, Lori Wilson and Karen Mattes who helped at our Book Fair. The winner of the Book Fair draw is Jennilee Wilson. She will select \$25 worth of books and so will her teacher, Mr. Dopking. Congratulations!



EXCELLENCE ASSEMBLY

Our next excellence assembly will be on December 1st at 2:30 p.m. in the gym. Parents are welcome.

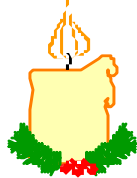
FORFAR CHEESE FUND-RAISING

The School Advisory Council appreciates your support with the Forfar Cheese fund-raising initiative. Order forms went home November 24th and are due Tuesday, December 13th. Small orders will be sent home with your child December 15th. Large cheese orders can be picked up at the school after 1 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION WEBSITE CONTEST

The Transportation Website Contest was a big success and we would like to thank everyone who participated. Congratulations to Claire French who won a Guess Who Board Game. You can view the results of the contest at <http://www.ucdsb.on.ca/transportation/contest.htm>

Community Corner



Fitness Class - Stretching, low impact aerobics, toning and flexibility are all part of this well rounded fitness class. Come out for an evening of fun and exercise with our certified fitness instructor Valerie Burns. January 9 to March 15, 2006 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Cost \$40 Call Sue Dunfield for registration at 928-2251 or 1800-928-2250

Youth Y Night in Brockville - Sat. Dec 3, 2005 ages 7-13+, price \$6 Pick up locations Crosby 5:15 pm, Elgin- 5:20 pm. Leaving Brockville at 9 p.m. To book a seat call Linda at 272-2227. *Permission slips a must*

One Stop Christmas Shopping at Rideau Vista - Sat., Dec. 3 from 10- 3pm - several independent consultants from PartyLite Candles, Pampered Chef, Epicure Selections, Fall Fashion (Weekenders), Tupperware, Creative Memories and Mary Kay Cosmetics

DEPARTMENT of COMMUNITY & LEISURE SERVICES WINTER & SPRING RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS OFFERED

Children's Programs: Art Classes in Elgin
Learn to Sing in Delta
Music and Movement in Elgin
Inter-crosse (Lacrosse) in Elgin
Basketball in Lombardy
March Break Activities in various locations

Adult Programs: Fitness Classes in Portland & Elgin
Wine Tasting in Portland
Glass on Glass Workshops in Lombardy
Dog Obedience in Lombardy
Woodworking at RDHS in Elgin
Art Classes in Elgin

How to Register: Call Sue Dunfield at the Municipal Offices for information.

COMMUNITY SPECIAL EVENTS

SKATE THE LAKE – Last weekend in January in Portland, International Speed Skating Races and activities for everyone. Canteen, refreshments and fun for all!

ELGIN WINTER CARNIVAL – February 3,4 & 5 Lots of exciting events for the whole family – broomball tournament, ice fishing derby, food, the now famous bed races, Yuck-Yuck's, and more! Admission buttons \$5.00 from volunteers or at the Hub.

NEWBORO WINTER CARNIVAL – February 10,11 & 12 International Dog Sled Races, moonlight cross country skiing, ice pool games, ice fishing derby, refreshments and more! Lots of fun outdoors for all ages.

DELTA MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL – Early spring when the sap is running enjoy parades, dinners, crafts, entertainment & more. Call John at 928-2585 for info.

FROM THE STUDENTS' DESK



Insight to High School

On November 17th the grades 6, 7, and 8 went to Rideau District High School to listen to David Major, a motivational speaker. He taught us about leadership and we had a few laughs!

Written by Jaime Welch Gr. 7 & Rebecca Copland Gr. 8

Volleyball Tournament

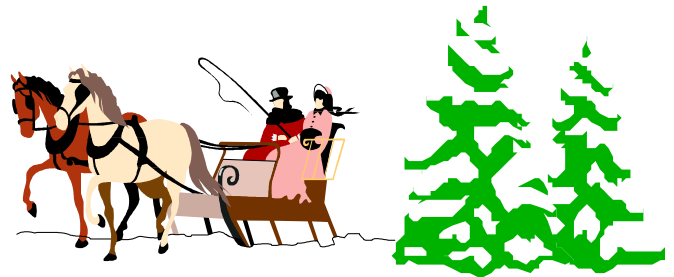
On November 22nd the girls and boys had a volleyball tournament at Rideau District High School. The girls won their first game and the boys won a set. At the end we all had fun but we will try harder next year.

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Our Veterans

On November 11th Rideau Centennial had a Remembrance Day Service. We had a guest speaker, Paul Hargrave. He represented veterans and the Royal Canadian Legion. We had poems, songs, and even a few essays read to remember all of those who fought in the war. We had a great ceremony and we learned a lot.

By Taylor Shea and Shannon Timpson Gr. 8



MAY EVERYONE HAVE A SAFE AND FUN-FILLED HOLIDAY. BEST WISHES FROM RIDEAU CENTENNIAL SCHOOL STAFF. DONATIONS TO THE LOCAL FOOD BANK IN LIEU OF A GIFT TO STAFF WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.