



News from the Den

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Harold Peterson Middle School
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Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more! — Dr. Seuss

School Closures

Announcements regarding school closures can be heard on local radio stations, by dialing the district public information line at 1-888-388-4455 (toll free) or 453-5454 (local calls) any time after 6:00 a.m. to listen to a recorded message, or by checking the district website at: www.asd-w.nbed.nb.ca Please note that we are Zone 7 when you hear it on the radio stations or see it posted through social media.



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Don't forget to check the school website daily for information regarding sports, after-school activities and upcoming events. You will also find links for our teachers here.

DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER



It is getting colder outside, especially in the mornings. Students need to be dressed for the colder weather. It is a good idea to have mitts, hat and coat on when they leave for school. When students go outside at lunch to get fresh air, they need to be dressed appropriately.



Dates to Remember: Mark Your Calendars

Thurs. Dec 1	Report Cards Issued
Fri. Dec 2	School Improvement Planning – NO SCHOOL for students
Wed. Dec 7	Potatoes Arrive – check your messages
Thurs. Dec 8	Chartwells Christmas Dinner to those who have pre-ordered
Thurs. Dec 8	Parent/Teacher Interviews (3:00pm – 4:00pm and 5:00pm - 7:00 pm)
Fri. Dec 9	Parent/Teacher Interviews (1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.) and PL for Teachers – NO SCHOOL for students
Wed. Dec 14	After School Holiday Dance 2:30pm-4:30pm Cost is \$5 – canteen available
Fri. Dec 23	Last day for students until Jan. 9, 2023 Half Day, dismissal at 11:15 am
Mon. Jan 9	Back to School for Staff and Students

DRIVEWAY SAFETY

We have had a number of parents and visitors express concern about drivers not being attentive to our students who are being dropped off in the morning. The drop off area is very busy – it is crucial that drivers **reduce their speed significantly** and be patient with other parents who are dropping off their children. Please be aware of car doors opening and students getting out, as well as students who are walking to the school doors in the drop off area. As you exit, please stop at the end of the building before you turn left, as there are staff and visitors coming in the driveway to the parking lots. It may take a minute or two longer for you to make your drop off, however we would rather everyone be safe!

Student Pick Up & Messages for Students

If you are picking up your child earlier than dismissal time, our Admin. Assistants in the office will sign him/her out for you. Once you are physically in our driveway please either call the school and make your request, or ring the buzzer at the front door. You will be identified, your child called down, signed out and then sent to meet you. If you need to leave a message for your child during the school day, please contact the office before 2:10 p.m. – thank you for your understanding and support with these matters.

REP Group

Our REP Group will be hosting a Movie Night on Friday, December 16th from 2:35- 4:30pm. There will be a canteen available. Christmas movie to be determined based on what movie students vote on next week!

Fundraising at HPMS
From our Santa's Little Helpers fundraiser we raised \$1,075.43. Our top sellers were Ella H. from 7E, Braxton K. from 7D and Noah B. from 8D – Congratulations!!! Thank you to all those who supported this fundraiser!

Cafeteria News



Thursday, December 8th, will be our traditional Christmas dinner in the cafeteria. If you haven't placed your order yet and would like this dinner,

please order online by Tuesday, December 6. The cost is \$8.00 and includes turkey, mashed potato, veggies, stuffing, gravy and cranberry sauce, served with a drink and dessert. Please call Rachel at 357-4296 with any cafeteria meal questions.

The link is <https://www.chartwellsk12.ca>

The last day to purchase food from the cafeteria will be Wednesday, December 21st (Please note they will not have a full stock, students should come with a lunch and snacks from home the last week before Christmas break.) Online orders will be available for the first day back in the new year – January 9, 2023.

CHANGE MAKERS NEWS

Clothing Drive

This winter Change Makers have decided to have a clothing drive! This time of year there are so many people struggling to stay warm. We are asking for your support to help someone in need. We are accepting: coats, gloves/mittens, socks, hats, snowpants, sweaters, joggers, boots as well as hand warmers. Please note that clothing must be clean, in good condition/gently used. **We will be collecting from now until December 16th.**

Santa's Stock

This initiative is being run for the month of December by Change Makers members. They believe that this is something that hits close to home for some. Homelessness is real and terrible. Not everyone has a safe and happy home to go to at the end of the day. Aren't there some days where all you

want is to go home and eat some food? Nutrition is key to having a positive and healthy mindset and we want that for everyone! We want your help! We are accepting any non-perishable food items along with something that may be considered a treat for Christmas. Each homeroom class will have a collection box as well as a list of items that the Oromocto Food Bank would love to receive. **We will be collecting from now until December 16th.**

BAKE SALE 😊

Change Makers will be having a bake sale from **December 15th - 21st** (or as long as supplies last). We will be selling cookies, cupcakes, festive cookies, Rice Krispie squares and gluten-free bark. Make sure you come with spare change!!! All proceeds will be donated to a charity of Change Makers' choosing.

Candygrams

Change Makers will be selling candygrams from **December 15th - 21st**. We are hoping to generate Christmas cheer and kindness around the school. For \$0.50 students can send a candygram to a friend (or teacher or support staff!!). All proceeds will be donated to a charity of Change Makers' choosing.

Food Drive – Oromocto Food Bank

Our School is once again supporting the **Oromocto Food Bank**. In order to prepare **Christmas** hampers for those who need a little help over the holidays, we are looking for the following items:

- Turkey, Chicken and Ham
- Stuffing and Cranberries
- Potatoes (5, 10 or 20 lbs)
- Fresh Vegetables (carrots, squash, turnip)
- Canned Vegetables - any
- Eggs
- Bacon
- Fresh Fruit (oranges, bananas, grapes)
- Juice
- Cereal
- Milk (canned and fresh)
- Sugar
- Peanut Butter
- Jams
- Pancake Mix and Syrup
- Gravy (Canned or Packaged)
- Flour/Cornstarch/Bisquick

We will be collecting food items until December 14th – thank you, in advance, for your support!

YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR SHOW

There is an exciting student showcase happening online through our school, with a one-day in-person event! Our 8E students are participating in the PowerPlay Young Entrepreneurs program. See how these up-and-coming entrepreneurs are learning about business, creating their own products and putting their imagination to work! Student products are available for purchase online right now - you will receive the catalogs via email from your child's homeroom teacher, or you can email ray.compas@nbed.nb.ca and he will send it to you (the instructions are in the catalog). You might find some great Christmas gifts. Prices generally range from \$1.00 to \$10.00. Our in-person event will take place on Wednesday, December 14th from 9 am to 12pm!

GUIDANCE CORNER

211 is a helpline available by phone and online (<https://nb.211.ca>) that helps New Brunswick residents navigate the complex network of government, health, community and social services quickly and easily, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, with interpretation in 170 languages. 211 is a free, confidential service that connects people to critical social and community support. The service helps people navigate the complex network of government and community programs and services quickly to find what they need for their unique situation.



Call 2-1-1 for:

- Non-emergency police number
- Food banks
- Walk in clinics
- Alzheimer support
- Mental health help
- Meals on Wheels
- Emergency shelters for homeless
- Services for domestic violence victims
- Public health
- Crisis services
- Provincial and local helpline phone numbers
- Settlement help for newcomers
- Housing help centers
- Youth drop-in programs
- Child, youth, and family counselling
- Emergency utility assistance
- Understanding which government service might help or assistance
- Disability support programs
- Parenting programs