



December 2017

Chiganois Monthly Newsletter

Principal Message:

It is hard to believe that we are entering the last month of 2017!

As a school community we have accomplished many things this past year and are looking forward to a new year and the many opportunities to build positive learning experiences as well as home and school connections. As we journey into December, our attention and focus is more on the act of giving and the feeling of joy. As we approach the holiday season we become more aware of the needs of others within our school and communities and the world at large. During the past few months the students showed kindness, thoughtfulness and their concern for others through their words and actions. They truly have embraced the spirit of giving, as was evident in the Terry Fox Campaign and the collection of non-perishable items for the local food bank. Thank you to all students and parents for their participation in these events. Our virtue for this month is Joyfulness. As we enter into a new year, we will continue to build upon the strong positive and happy school community that is evident at Chiganois Elementary School (CES). We will continue to work together for our students so they are successful, content and enjoy learning.

The staff and students at CES would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday and Best Wishes in the New Year.

Enjoy a well-deserved break!
Mr. K. Harnish

Lost & Found

The lost and found bin at school is reaching the top. All items will be on display during Parent Teacher times. Anything unclaimed by the end of the day Friday will be donated.

Thank You!

Thank You to everyone who donated items for our "Loose Parts" play initiative. Students are enjoying them daily.

Also, a HUGE Thank You to Glenholme Ready Mix for donating new sand for our sand box.

Virtue of the Month

Joyfulness

Joyfulness is bringing a smile to someone's face. It is a positive and pleasant emotion. Joyfulness is finding satisfaction, delight, joy and contentment in everyday activities. It is a decision and a choice for each of us to make to be and feel joyful.

Student Leadership Team Food Drive

The Student Leadership Team will be having a food drive here at the school November 23rd – December 14th! To kick off and end this important cause we will be holding two "School Spirit Days".

November 23rd – Crazy Hair Day (Food Drive Kick
December 14th – PJ Day

Students are encouraged to bring in non-perishable food items by no later than December 14th!

The Leadership Team will be collecting the food items from each classroom, counting them, and creating a total for each class each day so the students can see who is in the lead! The winning class is going to get a free gym class!

Christmas Concert

Please join us on Wednesday, December 6th at 6:30 pm for our Annual Christmas Concert which will be held in the auditorium at CEC. Auditorium doors will not open before 6:00 pm. and students are asked to arrive no later than 6:15 pm to prepare for the evening. Students will be sitting with their class for the concert and after the final song parents are asked to pick up their child from their classroom teacher.

A big thank you to Mrs. Saunders for organizing and preparing the concert for our school.

Virtue Celebration

All of our students and staff will be travelling by bus on December 21st to the Faith Baptist Church in Great Village to share in a Virtue Celebration focusing on Joyfulness from 10:00 to 11:00am. If you do not want your child to participate in this activity please let your child's teacher know in advance, thanks.

Swim To Survive

The Lifesaving Society funded through the Thrive program through the Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness provided Swim to Survive classes to grade three students throughout Nova Scotia. The program consisted of three in-water sessions, each lasted approximately one hour. The program's goal is to teach the participants how to survive an unexpected fall into water. The grade three students at Chiganois Elementary School participated during the month of November. Thank you to the parent volunteers who helped with supervision. Without your help it would be difficult to provide these types of opportunities for our students.



Winter Clothing Reminder

Please remember to have your child/children dress appropriately for the weather when coming to school. The temperature is dropping and students will be expected to be outside for play time unless the weather is too inclement. The play field is open and is not very sheltered from the wind. Students should have a hat and gloves/mittens as well as a warm jacket and appropriate foot wear for outside play. When the snow begins to fall, snow pants or splash pants keep students warm and dry after play-time for afternoon instruction. It may be a good idea to slip an extra pair of gloves/mittens in your child/children's backpacks, especially the little ones.

Primary Registration

Primary Registration for students beginning school in September 2018 will take place on **Thursday, February 15th**. If you have a child that will be 5 years old by December 31, 2018, please contact the school at 662-4420 to make an appointment. If you know of any other families that have school aged children, please pass on this important information. Thank you.



Show off your wonderful Nova Scotia community!
Host families needed for Junior & Senior High School students for local schools.

- Students require their own bedroom.
- You provide regular meals.
- You have a willingness to share your culture and your community.
- Families do not need to have children at the school.
- Students have their own spending money and health insurance.
- Tax free monthly stipend (\$575) provided to the family.
- Families have support of school board staff.

5 month students
(September - January / February - June)

10 month students
(September - June)

Various short term placements (1-3 months)



<https://nsisp.ca/become-host-family>
or call 902-956-3648

Upcoming Dates

December 1st

Parent Teacher AM: 9:00 – 11:30 /
In-Service PM – No School for students.

December 4th

Virtue Assembly – Joyfulness 2:15

December 6th

Christmas Concert at CEC 6:30 (Doors open at 6:00)

December 8th

Grade 4 Field Trip

December 13th

Free Turkey Dinner!

December 14th

Spirit Day – PJ Day (Food Bank Donations Welcomed)

Pancakes with the Principal for December Birthdays

December 19th

Christmas Store

December 21st

10:00-11:00 Virtue Celebration at Great Village

Faith Baptist Church

Last Day of School

January 3rd

Back to School

Virtue Assembly – Respect 2:15

Housekeeping Things:

- ✓ School Leadership Food Drive & Spirit Days – November 24th – December 14th!
- ✓ December 18th – 22nd there will be no library services.
- ✓ Please call in when your child is going to be absent. Messages are checked each morning. We ask that you include your child's name, the date and reason for the absence.
- ✓ We would ask parents to try their best to wait until 3:15 to pick up their child as this is disruptive to the class and instruction is happening until 3:15 daily.
- ✓ Please try and make all after school arrangements with your child before sending them to school. It is very hectic at the end of the day so plans should be arranged the night before. Thanks!



*From All of Us at Chiganois Elementary,
We Wish You & Your Family a Very Safe & Happy Holiday!*

PTG at the Christmas Concert

PTG will be in attendance during the upcoming Christmas Concert.

As in other years, 50/50 tickets will be sold as well as tickets on a Turkey.

The draw will take place during intermission. Ticket are \$2.00 each or 3/\$5.00.



We look forward to seeing you there!

Upcoming Christmas Store

Our most popular event, the Christmas store will be held on December 19th this year. We are currently recruiting volunteers to help out but really need donations for all types of family members. A flyer will be sent out soon with more detailed information!!

At this time, The Parent Teacher Group would like you to start putting aside those items that can be donated for this much anticipated event. Items for the store are donated by parents, teachers, etc. Please send in any donated items to the school by Friday December 15th. Examples are books, CDs, movies, ornaments, mugs, toys, etc. We are usually in need of items for Dads/teens. New or gently used and clean items only please. If you have wrapping paper, tape, and gifts bags that can be donated it would be greatly appreciated.

Students will purchase gifts for family whom will be with them Christmas morning. If there are any items/time remaining, students will have a second chance to shop for themselves. Items will range from \$0.25 to \$1. Students are asked to bring in their shopping list and money (\$5 is suggested – in a sealed baggie) on the 19th. All students are invited to shop. If someone forgets their money at home they will be given an IOU to bring in their money later.



Fundraiser Updates

The ADL Cheese Fundraiser was a huge success. A total of \$1938.00 was raised! Thank you to all who helped make this event so successful.

Once again, Ghost and Goblins came out to support the Halloween dance. We're happy to announce \$1234.57 was raised in profit! Thank you to everyone who came and helped out, it was a fun night for all!

Special thank you to our spooky room volunteers, the Connolly family for taking that project on again this year! It is always a favourite!!