



Baltimore Public School



Learning While Caring

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Principal's Message:

December started with a reminder that we live in Canada. While it's great to see the snow it's also important that students dress for the weather. It's going to be cold for a while now and students will be outside throughout the day, barring an extreme cold warning, so it is important for them to dress warmly.

Mr. Coyle and his students have begun organizing a food drive that will take place the first two weeks of December and will help to support area families through the holidays.

We are looking forward to the upcoming Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 12. There will be two shows that day, an afternoon performance from 12:15 to 1:15 and an evening performance from 6:30 until 7:30. The students and staff have been working hard rehearsing for their performances. Please encourage family members who want to see the performance to attend the afternoon show as there are normally a number of free seats during this time. With over 200 students at the school there are a lot of parents, grandparents, siblings, etc., and the gym can fill very quickly. We want everyone to enjoy the performance and spreading out attendance can help with this.

Information has been sent home about the ski trips for the Grade 4, 5 and 6 students. Please watch for the packages or ask your child(ren) about them. There is a lot of paperwork that goes along with these trips so please ensure that you fill out everything.

I would like to wish everyone in our community a safe and happy holiday, I hope that everyone has an opportunity to enjoy time with family and friends.



All the best,
John Goheen

IMPORTANT DATES IN DECEMBER

- December 2nd – 13th – Food Drive
- December 5th – A Christmas Carol Play- Gr 1-6
- December 6th – Parents Night Out 6:00 – 9:00 pm
- December 12th – January MILK Forms go HOME
- December 12th – Musical Afternoon Performance (12:15)
- December 12th – Musical Evening Performance (6:30 pm)
- December 19th – January MILK Forms DUE
- December 20th – Ugly Christmas Sweater Spirit Day
- December 20th – Last day of Classes
- January 6th, 2020 – First Day Back, Happy New Year!

Safe Arrival Program

At Baltimore Public School, the safety of our students is first and foremost. If your child is going to be ABSENT or LATE we ask that you call our new Student Absence Reporting System; 1-844-434-8119 or use the app downloaded to your Android or IOS device. We can accept absence/lates this way each school day.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Book Fair Update

We are very pleased to announce that our recent Scholastic Book Fair raised a total of **\$3584.05** This amounts to a school profit of **\$ 2637.94** that will be used to purchase books in order to replenish our library shelves. It is always reassuring to know that **our community support is second to none!** Our students are sure to enjoy all the new books you have helped to provide.

DECEMBER HAPPENINGS...

Baltimore PS Christmas Concert



The Kindergarten to Grade 6 students will be performing in a Christmas Concert on **Thursday, December 12**, see below for show times. We are encouraging families to attend the afternoon show when possible. Our gym can fill very quickly and encouraging family members to attend the afternoon show will help to prevent the gym from becoming overcrowded. We appreciate your help ensuring that everyone enjoys the performance.

Matinee Performance: Thursday, December 12 at **12:15 pm**

Evening Performance: Thursday, December 12 at **6:30 pm.**

Christmas Food Drive December 2nd to 13th!

Mr. Coyle's Grade 3/ 4 class are organizing a school wide Christmas Food Drive. Please send in non-perishable food items. The drive will start on Monday, December 2nd and end on Friday, December 13th. Our classes will collect, count and graph each classes' food items. The food will be donated to the Northumberland Fare Share Food Bank. Last year we collected a Baltimore Public School record of 1641 items of food. Hopefully we can beat that this year. There is a friendly class competition!



School Council News

Council News

Coming **December 6th** is our First Parents Night Out Drop off your Baltimore PS student at the school from 6pm to 9pm to enjoy a movie, crafts and games while you enjoy some time for Christmas shopping, a dinner out or just some quiet time.

Space is limited, so sign up as soon as you can, look for forms to be coming home soon

Cost will be \$10.00 per student, 3 for \$20.00. With all proceeds going towards programs that will benefit the students of our school.

As a parent if you would like to donate your time to help make this event run smoothly, it would be greatly appreciated. If you have a student that is looking for some Volunteer hours, please contact Angie at baltimorepslunchprogram@gmail.com

Our Recipe in a Jar will be available soon for pick up, watch for notice to come home about pick up dates soon.

Popcorn Day was a great success, we will be holding another one in December and then again in the New Year.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped out with the lunch program in November, Trisha Lichtenberger, Jennifer Blake, Barb Spry, Danielle Dafoe, Sarah Campbell, Mandy Haertel, and Brenda Heenan. You are a big part of our lunch program so thank you so much.

We would like to recognize Yorkie's BBQ for donating all of their Hot Lunch day food again in November. We look forward to working with them again in the New Year. If you have a chance before they close for the season, please pop in and help support the business that help's our school so much.

Once you order your student's lunch please remember to print off or screenshot your lunches for the month, so there will be no confusion on Hot lunch days.

If you have any questions, concern or comments about the lunch program please feel free to email the lunch email at baltimorepslunchprogram@gmail.com.

HOT LUNCH

MISSED HOT LUNCH

If a student misses hot lunch on the scheduled day, it is refrigerated and available to them the next school day to eat at one of the nutritional breaks, or take it home. If there is a sibling at school on hot lunch day, ask them to pick up and take it home.

- **NO HOT LUNCH ON SNOW DAYS**
IT WILL **NOT** BE RESCHEDULED FOR THE NEXT DAY.

MILK PROGRAM

Milk forms go home on Dec. 12th and are due in on December 19th. Preferred method of payment is School Cash Online or can also be paid by cash or cheque.

Keep milk money separate. All Order Forms must be sent in.



SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Register Online at: kprdsb.schoolcashionline.com

Edge Imaging Photos

If you have not yet ordered your child's fall school photos from Edge Imaging, you still have time to get your order in before the holidays! Fall photo orders placed by phone at 1-888-416-3343 by Monday, December 9th or online at edgeimaging.ca by Sunday, December 8th will have guaranteed delivery to home before the holidays.



Bus Safety Reminder

Here is some important information parents might like to review soon with their children. Think safety and respect. Use a polite, inside voice.

Obey the bus driver. No rough or silly play is permitted. Sit in your assigned seat, facing forward or talking quietly with your side neighbour. Keep the aisle clear. Stay seated until the bus is completely stopped. Leave food and drinks in your backpack. Do not shout, hang or throw anything out an open window. Show care for the bus and other people's property. Did you know that the provisions of the current year, CODE OF CONDUCT, apply to bus



travel to and from school and on out-of-classroom learning?

INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS

Wondering if your child's school bus is running during bad weather?

- Visit the Student Transportation Services of Ontario website at www.stsco.ca and click on "Delay and Cancellation Information" at the top of the homepage.
- Listen to your favourite local radio station for bus cancellation
 - Classic Rock – 107.9 FM
 - MY FM – 93.3
- Voluntarily provided email address for direct email notices from STSCO by logging into the "Transportation Bus Lookup", at www.stsco.ca, with your child's OEN and Birthdate.

Please Remember...

- ❖ Schools normally stay open even when busses are cancelled
- ❖ If buses are cancelled in the morning, they won't run in the afternoon either
- ❖ If your child rides a school bus and it's cancelled, you don't need to call the school to report the absence
- ❖ If your child is a **walker** who does **not** ride a school bus, you still need to call the school if he/she is absent, even on an inclement weather day.

WATCH FOR NOTICES AND INFORMATION ON OUR EXTERIOR BULLETIN BOARD ON THE WALL BY THE KINDERGARTEN DOOR WHEN YOU'RE PICKING UP YOUR CHILDREN

Proposed 2020-21 school year calendar

KPR is seeking comments from students, parents, guardians, staff and community members regarding the proposed school year calendar for 2020-21. Three possible options are being considered, and KPR would like to know which option our stakeholders prefer. Please review the proposed calendar options and comment online at www.kprschools.ca by Friday, December 6. If you are not able to access the online survey, please contact your school office for a paper copy.

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