

# Charles Dickens Elementary School Newsletter

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Dear Families of the Charles Dickens Community,

Welcome to December! By now, we are hoping that all families are aware of the staffing change that will be taking place at the Main School effective January 1, 2017. Nik Chiu, our Vice Principal, will be moving to be the Vice Principal at Selkirk Annex. At the same time, Dickens Main will be welcoming David Murphy in the role of Vice Principal. Lots to celebrate over the next days—warm “Congratulations” to both Nik and David as they transition to their new school sites and as they celebrate with and say farewell to all of the wonderful students, staff, and parents they have touched in their professional journeys to date! We will miss you Nik! Welcome David!

Thank you to all families who were able to attend our Remembrance Day Assembly—thank you, as well, to students and staff for leading an outstanding ceremony again this year. We really appreciate everyone’s efforts.

At the present time, Dickens Main is engaging in the Report Card process for Term 1. As you know, over the last while and in the coming days, some students have engaged in student-led conferences with parents and some will be engaging in them on December 7<sup>th</sup> and on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016. As always, families are asked to speak directly with their child’s teacher for any further inquiries related to report cards. Students have been delighted to be sharing their work with their families! Congratulations on all your hard work and positive leadership to date students!

**‘Giving Tree’** – As you may have noticed, now located in our Main Hall Entry is a ‘Giving Tree’ with lights and gift tags. Initiated and led by our PAC, this opportunity is for families to select a tag, bring a gift item to school, and contribute to our **‘Holiday Hamper’** tradition here at the school. Thank you one and all for your contributions and for making this such a special tradition!

**Sock Drive** – Led by our Student’s Council and with winter upon us, students are now collecting new and gently used socks, mitts, and toques for donation. Please bring your donations to the decorated boxes located around the school. Thank you all for your contributions!

**Book Fair**- Taking place in the Library – please note the signs around the school:

December 7<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am to 9:00 am and  
2:15 pm to 7:00 pm

December 8<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am to 9:00 am and  
2:15 pm to 4:30 pm

Please plan to have a look and continue to enjoy the love of reading!

## Dates to Remember:

- **Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016** – Professional Development Day – No School for Students
- **Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016** - PAC Executive Meeting/7:00pm/Annex
- **Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016** – Student-Led Conferences: 2:00 pm Dismissal
- **Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016** – Student-Led Conferences: 2:00 pm Dismissal
- **Friday, December 16, 2016** – School Closes for Winter Break
- **School Reopens** – Tuesday, January 3, 2017 – Happy New Year!

*Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy Holidays everyone! Enjoy a safe and relaxing time with family and friends!*

Sincerely,

Anna Maria Niccoli-Mullett,  
Principal