

Charles Dickens Elementary School Newsletter

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Dear Families of the Charles Dickens Community,

Happy New Year to Everyone! We trust all families enjoyed a restful Winter Break with lots of snowy walks and time with family and friends. As we begin 2017, please join me in welcoming David Murphy our Vice Principal who is new to Dickens and joined us on January 3, 2017. Welcome David!

As we continue to enjoy the sunny, cold days, we have some safety reminders to share. First, please be reminded to review the parking signs along the perimeter of the school grounds. Particularly in this cold weather, it is important that cars not be left parked on Windsor or 17th Avenue. We are also aware that neighbours are calling the City Parking Enforcement Team to review and assess parking in our neighbourhood. As you know, from time to time, the City patrols the area and issues tickets.

Second, please know, there will be no tobogganing or sledding permitted at school at this time. Please have students keep their sleds at home. The conditions are too icy to support a safe experience. Thank you for understanding

The Grade 4 & 5 classes and the Dickens' Green Team will be having a bottle drive fundraiser the week of January 23rd. Students will collect pop cans, beer cans, liquor bottles, plastic pop and water bottles, juice boxes, tetra packs and juice jugs. Please rinse the containers before you bring them to school. They will meet you in the driveway to the school parking lot from 8:15 – 8:55 am each day. Thank you for helping to make a difference to the Earth.

A big thank you to our students, staff, and parents for participating in our Term 1 Reporting Process.—Report cards and Conferences were celebrated and well-attended and we thank everyone for all your continued hard work!

Thank you to all families who were able to join us for our Holiday Sing-a-long held just before the break! The students performed beautifully and we appreciated everyone's participation in the group singing opportunities.

An additional thank you to our PAC for the exceptional work in leading our Traditional Holiday Hamper experience! All of your enthusiasm, contributions, and team efforts have been dearly appreciated! Thank you!

Dates to Remember:

- Monday, January 9th, 2017 – PAC Executive Meeting/Main School/7:00pm
- Monday, January 23, 2017 – bottle drive fundraiser all week.
- Wednesday, January 25, 2017 – PAC General Meeting/All Welcome/Main School/7:00pm
- Monday, January 30, 2017—Professional Development Day – No School for Students

Thank you for your ongoing support. Be safe as you travel around the city in this cold, sunny weather!

Sincerely,

Anna Maria Niccoli-Mullett, Principal