Charles Dickens Elementary School Newsletter

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Dear Families of the Charles Dickens Community,

Welcome to November! As we continue to celebrate the harvest and enjoy the Autumn tree colours, we want to express our ongoing thanks for all your support. Thank you for all your contributions to our recently held Terry Fox Run. Held on October 7th, this year's donations have exceeded \$2000 which is an all-time high for Dickens. Specifically, we have raised \$2156.52! Thank you one and all for your participation in this event and for your generosity. As well, thank you for your donations in general to our ongoing student-led initiatives around the school: Running Shoe Collections, Bake Sales for specific charities, and donations to the Food Bank

Congratulations to our Cross Country Running Team for your commitment and dedication to attending weekly practices and for participating in the Mini-Meets and the recently held District-Wide Meet. Well done Team Dickens!

A big THANK YOU to all our community for your respectful support with our recent change to the way we store scooters when students ride them to school. We have noted that scooters have been successfully locked up on the bike racks. This has been a positive change and we thank you!

For your enthusiastic participation in our recently held Halloween Dance—thank you! Our Halloween festivities for all students were outstanding! All the creative costumes, thoughtful participation in class celebrations, and respectful interactions among all students made for a memorable, safe, fun-filled Halloween experience for all. Thank you for enjoying this time together.

Our Community Schools Team (CST) has had a successful start to this year's after school program offerings. The programs taking place on Mondays are focusing on Cooking and Art. Both are well attended with enthusiasm!

The month of November brings our attention to the following:

- Remembrance Day Assembly: This year's Assembly will take place on: Wednesday, November 9th, 2016 at 11:00 am in the Dickens School Gym. All Welcome.
- **Term 1 Report Cards**: Please know, ongoing work is underway to support students who are working on their goals outlined in their Individual Education Plans (IEP's). Staff are continuing to correspond with parents to plan for parent meetings related to IEP's and/or Report Cards. For most classes, student-led conferences will take place on December 7th and 8th, 2016 with dismissal at 2:00 pm on those days. Please know, as these dates approach, staff will be corresponding directly with parents to plan for more specific meeting times/dates. As always, please consult with your child's teacher for more information.

Dates to Remember:

- Remembrance Day Assembly November 9th, 2016 at 11:00 am in the Gym
- Curriculum Implementation Day November 10th, 2016 No School for Students
- Remembrance Day November 11th, 2016 School Closed
- PAC General Meeting Wednesday, November 30th, 2016 at 7:00pm/Dickens Main

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Sincerely,

Anna Maria Niccoli-Mullett, Principal