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Newsletter #9

Friday, December 22, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the end of 2017 draws to a close, it is a good time to reflect upon how fortunate we are at Trafalgar School to have so many parents who work on a daily basis to make our school a better place for children. Although it is impossible to acknowledge everyone within this space, please know that we thank you all! Couldn't do it without you!



Thank you to everyone who attended the Band and Choir concert on Thursday, December 14. We are so fortunate at Trafalgar to be able to offer our students these musical opportunities, which are such enriching experiences. I am so proud of our band program, which has been so successful, thanks to the efforts of the parents and our community.

During this past week, we have been singing Carols every morning in the front hall. What a cheery way to start the day and get into the holiday spirit. Many thanks to Shaleena Jeraj for organizing this traditional event, to Michelle Anderson for sharing her talents and a special thank you to Mme Tremblay for returning to Trafalgar to accompany us on the drums. Your talents made the event more festive.

Trafalgar is also fortunate to have such a dedicated and committed staff who, not only work hard to provide many student-centered activities, but who are also active on numerous committees and initiatives at the school, each of which benefit our students. Thank you to staff!

I have been very impressed by the myriad of special activities and projects going on in classrooms this month. We have seen wonderful science displays, first nations power point projects, art work, buddy reading and buddy work, field trips, and even some cooking.

Thank you to parents for attending conferences, open houses and science exhibits this past week. For some divisions, students shared their learnings with their parents with confidence and pride. We are so proud of them for all their hard work! Bravo! A most sincere thank you to staff and parents for making the season so special for students.

On behalf of all Trafalgar staff members, we wish our community a happy, safe, and relaxing winter vacation, along with prosperity and good fortune in 2018!

Sincerely,
Mme Lavoie
Principal



Creating Connections

This past month, our community continued to show a tremendous amount of generosity towards those in need. Division 5, Mme Pascale's Grade 5/6 class, decided to make greeting cards for those who needed a little holiday cheer. Over the course of three lunch hours, Division 5 opened up their classroom and invited all students to come and make cards for seniors in our neighboring care homes. The challenge was to make 200 cards, and they made 211 cards! It was wonderful seeing students of all ages, even the Kindergarten students, working with the older students to make the beautiful cards. Division 5 then hand delivered the cards themselves. We know the recipients so appreciated your visit. Bravo!



Santa's Workshop

Thank you to everyone who supported our Santa's Workshop with your donations and time. The students very much enjoyed shopping for family members at the workshop. A big thank-you to Jennie Farahani for championing this event again this year. Thank you also to Jill Jordan, Tracey Macleod and Shirley Lachelt for all of their help as well. Thank you to the parents who volunteered on the day of and a big THANK-YOU to Divisions 2 and 3 who did an amazing job helping as well. The students of Divisions 2 and 3 will decide who to donate the profits to. We will inform you of the total and the recipients in the new year.



Winter Carnival with Division 4

Congratulations to Division 4 who organized and hosted a very fun Winter Carnival on Tuesday, December 19. The students did a wonderful job running games in the gym for all divisions to enjoy. Some students even took on the job of having whip cream thrown in their face. Thanks for taking one for the team guys! The students raised \$838. All proceeds from this Carnival will go to Water.org, an organization dedicated to providing infrastructure for safe drinking water to communities in need. We are very proud of Division 4 for taking on this initiative!



VPD and Volleyball



The grade 7 boys and girls battled the VPD in volleyball last week. They played two competitive sets- the VPD got the win but were feeling the pressure. Some officers stayed and talked to all 6s and 7s about internet safety. Thank you to the VPD for coming out...perhaps a rematch next year!

Basketball

January and February are basketball season. Trafalgar is asking any Grade 5, 6 or 7 girl or boy that is interested in basketball to bring in a permission slip to the box out front the office. The season starts in the first week back.

Staff News

Unfortunately, we are needing to say goodbye to Ms. McFarlane, as she will not be returning to Trafalgar in January. She will be moving to the island and we wish her much success in her new adventures. We wish to thank her for her work and care with our students during her time with us. All the best! At this time, we are unsure who will be replacing Ms. McFarlane in the new year.

Important Dates

Monday, January 8: First day back

***Happy Holidays and
All the Best in 2018!***

