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## Message from the Admin Team



It is hard to believe that we are already into December and the Christmas break is almost here! We are looking forward to a fun and festive week at Aberdeen! Here are some special activities going on this week:

Monday- Red and Green Day

Tuesday- Elf/Snowman Day

Wednesday- Xmas Sweater Day

Thursday- Hat Day

Friday- PJ Day

We will also be having a school-wide turkey luncheon for all in-person students and staff on Wednesday morning during our first nutrition break. Students do not need to bring a lunch for this day, but they may wish to bring some snacks for the second break in the afternoon.

We'd like to welcome our new permanent secretary Mrs. McNorgan who has joined the Aberdeen office staff. Mrs. McNorgan looks forward to getting to know our Aberdeen families! We thank you for your patience while we had several changes in the office over the past few months. If you need to reach the office by phone, it is open Monday to Friday from 8:30-4:00.

Don't forget to complete your child's online daily COVID screening in the portal (or by using the QR code that was provided). **This screening must be completed through the Ontario COVID School Screening website**

**and the results must now be submitted to the board each morning before your child comes to school.** The first step is to complete the screener where you receive either a red or green message. Red means do not go to school. Green means you can come to school. Then you need to go into the declaration portion of the report and indicate the results of your child's screening. Please be sure to complete both parts as we still have a number of students showing up without results entered in the system each day. Last week was our practise week to ensure that everyone understands how to complete both the screening and the submission of the screening results. Everyone should be in the routine of completing this daily process now. If you are having difficulties completing this process, please contact us at the school. A report is produced each day to indicate who has completed and submitted the screening process. We appreciate your support in helping to keep our school community safe. We will also be sending home rapid testing kits with each student this week. There is a letter with instructions included for families to be able to test their children before returning to school in the new year.

We want to wish all of our families a safe and relaxing holiday break. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Mrs. Squire and Mrs. DeVooght

## School in January

We've received a lot of questions about whether or not we will be returning to school in January. At this point in time, we have not heard any official news and are hoping that we will be returning as planned. We are, however, encouraging all students to take personal belongings home for the holidays (e.g., glasses, winter clothing, basic school supplies). If information changes, it will be sent out as soon as possible. If we do switch over to online learning in the new year and you require a computer device, please contact the school on January 3 and we will provide more information at that time about device pick-up times.

## History Projects

Mr. Gardiner's class has been working on researching significant figures in Canadian history. The students put together research presentations and completed an art task to "dress" their role. Here are some pictures from their presentations.



## Games Club

We have started a games club for students in grades 4-8 at nutrition breaks. This has been a huge success and we have a number of students who come in during their break time to play games. Thank you to those people who donated gently used games for our club. We hope to continue to offer this opportunity in January.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE ABERDEEN STAFF!**



## Home Connections in Mathematics

### Seasonal Math

Involving your child in using numbers to solve problems is an easy and simple way to improve their number sense.

- Determine the amount of plates and cutlery needed for a family dinner.
- "We are doubling this recipe. How much of each ingredient will we need?"
- One store is selling the game you want for 20% off of \$20.00. Another store is selling the same game for \$15.00. Where should we buy the game?
- How many lights do you think are on the tree? On a string?
- How many chocolates are in the box of chocolates? How many will we each get?
- How many cookies will we have if we bake 4 dozen?
- How many days/hours until December Break?
- How long will it take to cook the turkey if it takes 20 minutes per kilogram to cook?
- It takes 10 minutes to shovel a quarter of the driveway, how long will it take to shovel it all?
- Will one cup of snow equal one cup of water when it melts?
- How many candy canes does it take to go around the table? Cover the table surface?

### Which One Doesn't Belong?

Mathematical reasoning involves classifying objects and justifying that classification. Children can be asked which item in a set does not belong. There are no right or wrong answers as long as your child is able to justify their choice.

Mathematical justification for the images below might include references to shape and size, types of angles, number vertices, faces, etc.

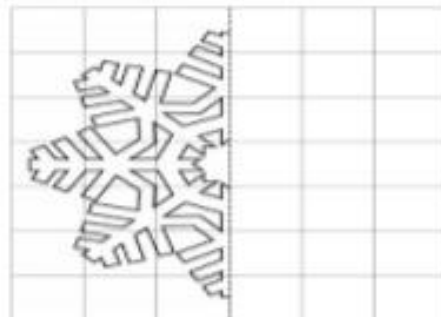


### Decoration Symmetry/Art

Making decorations, such as snowflakes, from folding and cutting paper and investigating symmetry is easy, enjoyable and promotes spatial reasoning in your child.

#### Snowflake Symmetry

Complete the snowflake



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