

DONVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL MINI NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2011



In 2011, there were over 80,000 visits to the Toronto food banks each month. Fifty-six percent of households that relied on food banks were those with children. Many people in our community worry about having enough to eat, running low on food and other living essentials, and parents are going hungry so their children could eat.

Therefore, Donview Middle School is once again ready to show our care for others through a food drive. We are inviting families of Donview to help donate non-perishable food

items for example canned goods, fish, spaghetti sauce, beans, canned meats, boxed goods like pasta, cereal and crackers. Shampoo, soap toothpaste and toothbrushes are also needed.

From Monday, December 5th to Thursday, December 15 we will be collecting food in all TAG classes. Each class will receive a box in which to put their donations.

Donations will be sent to the North York Harvest Food Bank. Together we can help feed the hungry in our community!

This Friday, December 9th, 2011 is a Professional Activity Day for the Toronto District School Board. Schools will be closed for students and teachers will be engaged in professional development activities during the day.



We would like to wish a fond farewell to Ms. Pasieka who will be leaving Donview at the end of this week. Ms. Pasieka will be missed by the staff and students at Donview. We thank her for teaching class 73 and Grade 8 literacy and for supporting our students in Science and French. She also ran a sign language class where she shared her special interest in working with students who are hearing impaired. We wish her the best in her career!!



We would like to welcome back Ms. Lim. Ms. Lim has been at home with Joshua who is turning one this week and we are very happy to have her back on staff at Donview. Ms. Lim will be assuming Ms. Pasieka's teaching schedule and will be in touch with her parents in the new year!



We would like to welcome Mr. Hang. Mr. Hang is on temporary assignment at Donview to help our grade 7 teachers with our large classes. He is working with Ms. Niranjan's 72 class, Ms. Pasieka 73 class and with Ms. Stillman's 75 class. Mr. Hang has also volunteered with our volleyball teams and is helping with the Floor Hockey intramurals. Welcome Mr. Hang.



Making Waves at Forest Valley

This month student council has been preparing for the Winter Holiday Dance. Traditionally, student council would sell candy cane grams to send to friends. This year Student Council is looking for alternatives to sending candy now that Donview has become a Health and Wellness School. We are exploring the idea of selling bracelets and buttons to send to classmates to spread some holiday cheer!

Student council representatives have also been helping Ms. Pang and Ms. Maloney head the Food Drive. They are keeping their classes motivated so that Donview can have the most successful food drive yet!

On November 29, 2011 our Student Council representatives went to Forest Valley to build teamwork and leadership skills. While the weather was rainy and miserable, our spirits were not! Students donned some ponchos and rain boots and we were ready to go! Students participated in a mapping activity in groups that represented all the grades. We had a cookout with hotdogs and some apples, and enjoyed an afternoon of group activities. We left Forest Valley more connected and ready to plan more exciting events at Donview! We are looking forward to sharing them with you in the future!



FESTIVE HOLIDAY CONCERT



Happy Hanukkah



Thursday, December 15, 2011

at

7:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.

In the cafeteria

Everyone welcome!!



Happy Kwanzaa



Donview Middle School

Spelling Bee

Starts...

Monday, December 12, 2011

Get more information @

www.canspell.ca

Boy's Volleyball

Our grade 6 boys' volleyball team has been preparing for the one day tournament that it'll take place on Monday, December 5, 2011 at Cummer Valley.

They had the opportunity to host 2 exhibition games:

Against Owen PS last week, our dragons won both sets against this tall, intimidating team! The second encounter was against Brian PS, and although it was not as successful, they certainly showed very good skills, great sportsmanship and a lot of talent. Go Dragons and good luck!

The grade 7/8 boys had 3 more tournaments, we are waiting for the results to know if we're going to the next level, keep your fingers crossed!

Mr. Ng and Ms. Garcia-Rojas, Coaches

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your
Calendar*

Dec 13, 2011

Dec 15, 2011

Dec 23, 2011

Dec 24, 2011 to Jan 8, 2012

Jan 09, 2012

Jan 09, 2012

Jan 10, 2012

Jan 18, 2012

Jan 26, 2012

Jan 27, 2012

Jan 31, 2012

Global Trade Presentation for Grade 6 students

Holiday Concert—7:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.

Last Day of Classes

Holiday Break

Welcome Back

Welcome George Brown Faculty Students!

Whole School Belling Bee (AM @ Cafeteria)

Trails Presentation (evening)

Family Literacy Night. 6:30-8:30 pm

PA Day (No School)

Semester Changeover: FS/DS, IT/VA