Primary Education Center

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9	10	Day 3 11	Day 4 12 Report Cards Go Home PTSA Meeting @ 5:30 pm CRC Board Room 9:00a-4:00p	Day 1 13 Kindergarten Visit To See Santa at HS PEC Book Fair 9:00a4:00p	Day 2 14 Parent Teacher Conference (K-12) No student attendance 9:00a-3:00p	15
16	Day 3 17 Kindergarten Holiday performance @ IEC 2:00pm	Day 4 18 Board of Education Meeting @ 6:00 pm CRC- Board PTSA Merr	Day 1 19 First grade Holiday performance @ 2:00pm in IEC Auditorium y Moose Store Day 2	Day 2 20 Day 3	Day 3 21 First Day of Winter PEC Jingle Bell run Day 4	22
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December Greetings from Mrs. Larson, Principal

We are looking forward to our upcoming ParentTeacher conferences as the conclusion of our first trimester is an important time to check in on your child's progress. These intentional dialogues are opportunities for families and schools to take on the shared responsibility for a child's learning and academic success. Your child's teacher is available to conference with you throughout the school year to meet the individual needs of your family.

Conferences give parents and teachers a private setting to review your child's strengths and opportunities for growth. As a parent, you are your child's first and most important teacher. Schools and parents embrace a common goal: both want your child to be successful academically, socially and emotionally. When parents and teachers communicate with each other, each person can share unique information about the child's assets and needs. You will also have the opportunity to learn something new about the way your child learns and interacts with the school environment. These shared understandings are mutually helpful in shaping the instructional program for the individual needs of your child.

I encourage parents to make individual appointments with special area teachers in the areas of *Physical Education*, *Art*, *Music*, *Chinese*, *Library Media and Enrichment*. These programs strengthen your child's overall achievement in school. Do not miss out on an opportunity to know your child's whole program that will ultimately influence their educational journey, leading to a career path.

I recommend that you visit www.hfrp.org for more resources on family involvement and a parent tip sheet derived from the *Harvard Family Research Project (October 2010)*, as you prepare for the upcoming conferences. We look forward to meeting every one of you. Thank you for your support.

Parent/Teacher Conference Dates

Friday, December 14th - Conferences by Appointment

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS ON 12/14/18

PEC Students Honor Veterans



The first grade classes celebrated and honored our very own veterans. They created a wall of honor, sangs songs and thanked them for their service to our country. It was a beautiful ceremony.



Celebrating the holidays is a joyful time of year for all students. The First grade classes will be making holiday ornaments together. These ornaments will then be sold during lunch times by the students. All proceeds will benefit Azizakpe School in Ghana, West Africa and result in cleaner water for the children in Ghana. The ornaments will be sold on December 18 and December 20 for \$1 each. We will also sell them at our holiday performance on December 19 at the IEC auditorium.

Happy Holidays!

Tips for Parents from the School Health Office

Many parents ask, "When is my child sick enough to stay home from school?"

This is not always an easy question to answer! We hope that these tips can help!

A child who is sick will not be able to perform well in school and is likely to spread the illness to other children and staff. We suggest making a plan for childcare ahead of time so you will not be caught without a comforting place for your child to stay if he/she is ill.



Please do not send your child to school if he/she has:

- * Fever (100.0 or higher) in the past 24 hours (Must be fever free without medication)
- * Vomiting in the past 24 hours
- * Diarrhea in the past 24 hours
- * Chills
- * Sore throat
- * Strep Throat (must have been taking an antibiotic for at least 24 hours before returning to school)
- * Pink Eye redness, itching & drainage of the eye(s)
- * Bad cold, with a <u>very runny nose</u> or <u>bad cough</u>, especially if it has kept the child awake at night
- * Head lice until your child has been treated according to the nurse's or doctor's instructions

If your child becomes ill at school and the teacher or school nurse feel the child is too sick to benefit from school or is contagious to other children, you will be called to come and take him/her home from school. It is essential that your child's teacher have a phone number where you can be contacted during the day and an emergency number in the event you cannot be reached. Please be sure that arrangements can be made to transport your child home from school and that childcare is available in case of illness. If your daytime or emergency phone number changes during the year, please notify your child's teacher immediately.

Please call the school's Health Office if you have any questions or concerns.

Each month Officer Bob from the SPCA introduces a furry friend to the students and staff of the Primary Education Center.

Meet Estelle. Estelle is 2.5 years old. She is friendly and great with children. Estelle is looking for a forever home.



Several of Officer Bob's furry friends have been adopted by members of the PEC school community. If you are thinking of getting a dog or cat, please remember to visit the Niagara S.P.C.A. and to check the PEC Newsletter!







Thanksgiving Celebrations







We caught you being a LEADER



I nominate Maya because she's helpful and fills people's buckets every day and makes people laugh. She listens to the teacher and even her friends. She also helps me. Nominated by Kylie

I wanted to nominate my friend Michael. He has been very helpful to many friends and he has helped me a lot. He is very helpful. Nominated by Layla





Max is a bright, enthusiastic, and kind young boy. He always greets his friends and teachers in the mornings, right when he gets off the bus, with a big smile and a wave. The other day, Max very positively impacted one of his friends. When he saw that a friend was having a tough time, he approached her with a gentle hand on her back, and asked if she was okay and wanted to talk about it. Max is always sharing his positive and caring attitude with others. Nominated by Mrs. Cahill

I want to nominate Caroline because she always helps students when they need help. Whenever we do a math problem she pops her hand right up. When anybody is standing alone she comes over and asks if they want to play with her. She is very good at math, reading, writing, and being helpful. She is very nice!

Nominated by Stella



Students are empowered to be life-long learners, compassionate citizens and global thinkers through innovative teaching models that connect home, school and community poships.

My friend Keira is always being proactive. In the first week of school, my water bottle spilled and nobody helped me, but Keira started running to help me. She is very successful in being proactive.

Nominated by Anisha

Julie helped me when a student in class wasn't letting me play with a puzzle at recess. Julie talked to that person and gave her an "I" statement. Then I was able to play with the puzzle. Julie stood up for me. She was being proactive by stopping someone from being mean to me.

Nominated by Andrew





I am nominating Bella because she helps me with my math. She plays with me when I do not have anyone to play with. She helps me with spelling. She is a good friend.

Nominated by Olivia



We would like to recognize Ashlynn for her dedication and participation in our Veteran's Day celebration. She sings, dances, smiles and shows her <u>love</u> for our veterans! We look forward to having our veterans here on Tuesday!

Nominated by the First Grade Team