

Debert Elementary School Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

First term is in the books! Despite the challenges faced by students and families during this unusual school year, I was impressed with how well everyone adapted to the many changes you faced. Way to go everyone!

On behalf of the staff, thank you for arranging to connect with your students' teachers during our virtual Parent-Teacher meetings to discuss first term progress and report cards. These opportunities to talk about your students' growth are vital for ongoing success at school.

Please ensure students are coming to school each day with a mask and full water bottle. On the rare occasion that an individual forgets, we have disposable masks and cups in the office, and the bus driver has extra masks. However, we have noticed a significant increase in requests for masks and cups this month.

A huge thank you goes out to the following companies for their generous support!

- **Enter the Bunker** – donation of six Chromebooks and a charging case.
- **Sobeys Warehouse** – donation of fresh fruit to our breakfast program.
- **Masstown Movement Fitness** – donation of the proceeds from a draw for a stationary bike.
- **Northern Pulp** – donation of the tree saplings

We will continue the tradition of having a talent show on the last day before holiday break. Rather than gathering in the gym to watch the performances live, students will watch recorded performances in their classroom. Check out the separate letter on the talent show to get more details on how you can participate.

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec 9	Christmas Dinner
Dec 22	Talent Show and Pajama Day
Dec 22	Last day of classes before Christmas Break
Jan 4	First day of classes after Christmas Break
Jan 14	PTG/SAC Zoom Meeting @6:00-7:00 pm
Feb 15	Heritage Day – No School
Feb 19	Professional Day – No School for Students
Mar 15-19	Spring Break



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

A big shout out to the Grade Six Leadership team and Mrs. MacPherson for writing, directing, and producing our second virtual assembly.

Congratulations to our November Students of the Month for your positive attitude, kindness, and hard work:

Audrey Johnson, Hartley Williams, Leah Adshade, Brayden Thompson, Alex Corkum, Jase MacBurnie, Tyler Manual, Lewis Lynds, Serena Taylor, Egan MacPherson, Suzie MacLeod, Jack Meyer, Sophia McCulloch, and Scarlet Gratto.

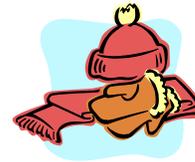
DES WEBSITE/FACEBOOK PAGE

A reminder that you can access school newsletters, monthly menus, school notices, and calendar on our school website at www.des.ccrce.ca . Our Facebook page will also help to keep you informed about things happening at school.

NEW LUNCH MONITOR

The school needs to hire an additional Lunch Monitor. The position is for one hour a day. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the office by phone or email.

WINTER WEATHER CLOTHING



Your students are outside for at least 25 minutes each day plus most gym classes, so please ensure that they arrive at school dressed for outdoor play. With the winter upon us that should include warm coat, boots, mitts, hats, and ski pants.

PTG/SAC MEETING

We now have two active groups supporting our school. **The Parent Teacher Group (PTG)** is focused on raising funds and organizing events that will improve the school environment for students. The main purpose of the **School Advisory Council (SAC)** is to work in collaboration with the Principal and participate in efforts to improve student achievement and student and community well-being. Our next meetings are scheduled for January 14th at 6:00 pm. Parents are encouraged to attend! The first 30 minutes is a PTG meeting followed by a SAC meeting.

TREE PLANTING

The students and staff recently pulled on our new *DES Strong* t-shirts and planted a beautiful new hemlock tree in the playground. The tree was generously donated by **Bruce MacLeod**. Students will add original hand painted rocks around the base of the tree and there will be a plaque that reads: *Planted with Love 2020 DES Strong*. Each student was also given a sapling to plant at home. Our community has been through a lot this year and the tree is our way of showing our love and support 😊

