



December Newsletter 2022

Notes From the Office

Things have picked up quite a bit over the past month! Students practiced respectful language, work and play over the month of November and the grade 5 leaders were role models with morning announcements and lunch monitoring. Ocean Contracting did an amazing job on the paving project and were respectful of student safety; stopping work whenever the students were outside. The project will eventually extend to the back of the building to make snow plowing easier. We are also having repairs to the brick work in the back of the building. Welcome to Lindsey Morgan, our new Child and Youth Practitioner. Lindsey is at the school everyday offering support to students and classes as needed. We also welcome Maya Sibani, our Community Outreach Worker. Both come to us from School's Plus and are a welcomed support!

Our Grade 5 leaders helped host our first assembly on November 10th. The Remembrance Day assembly was open to families and the students sat with their assembly buddies. Assembly buddies is when older students sit with younger students to assist and model positive listening behaviors during the presentation. It was a huge success and the students look forward to sitting with their buddies at the next assembly.

A Message From SchoolsPlus



SchoolsPlus staff are here to support Caudle Park families!

Did you know SchoolsPlus can: Help you navigate getting Christmas support, such as toys and food, for your family? We understand the rising costs of everything has had a big impact for many families, which may lead to Christmas being a financial difficulty. Please

feel free to reach out to us if you require **Christmas support** through local agencies. We can help you find the forms to apply for food/gift support, fill in the forms with you, and

even pick up your Christmas hamper if needed. NOTE: Registration for the main Christmas support programs are already open and there are deadlines as early as December 7th so please reach out ASAP. REMEMBER: SchoolsPlus services are confidential. Just give us a call! Your Hillside Park SchoolsPlus Team is Jen Fougere (Assistant Leader), Michelle Boudreau (Community Outreach Worker), and Megan Shafi (Child and Youth Care Practitioner) Contact us at 902-483-8367 (call or text) or jfougere@hrce.ca Parent Café at Hill

Caring Schools

Our Caring School's theme for December is **Co-Operation**. Cooperation exists when people work together toward a common goal. One who cooperates creates good wishes and pure feelings for others and the task. Cooperation is governed by the principle of mutual respect. The values of courage, consideration, caring and sharing provide a foundation for cooperation.



PTA/SAC

Our PTA has planned an amazing event for students. On Dec. 15-16th, the **Caudle Park Co-op Store** will open in our gym. It's a co-op because the items that the students will purchase are community donations of lightly used toys, household items, trinkets, gift wrap and tape. Our grade 5 leaders and volunteers will keep the gym stocked and provide gift wrapping for the purchases. In the spirit of giving, students are encouraged to come to school with some special people in mind to buy a gift for. We have already started collecting donations at the school and please contact the Caudle Park PTA caudleparkpta@gmail.com, if you would like to volunteer.

Our SAC has been busy over the past months sharing feedback with HRCE on programs and policies around the School Student Success Plan and Inclement Weather Policies. Lacey Legere (chair) and Emilie attended an evening session Nov 29th with other SAC's in the area.

Our next meetings are on Dec 6th PTA (5pm) and SAC (6pm) in the school library.

Learning about Learning

Concepts about print are basic understandings about how writing and reading are connected. There are clear links between the development of concepts about print in reading and development of early understandings about writing. For instance:

- As children learn that written words in books convey a message, they also learn that writing is a tool to convey ideas, stories, and needs.
- As children build alphabet knowledge of letter names and letter sounds, they also learn how to write letter symbols.
- As children build concepts of word and sentence knowledge, they also learn that writers leave spaces between words, and that writing words in a meaningful sequence creates sentences that communicate ideas.
- Writing is an extension of thinking, reading and sharing. In the classroom, teachers integrate the content area subjects with reading and writing to help them make these connections.
- Here is a short video on the connection between reading and writing:

<https://youtu.be/QzguQTqoMNo>

Did you know....

- The holiday break begins Wednesday December 21
- We are always looking for lunch monitors!
- Two community seniors support our breakfast program: Iris Castel bakes our delicious muffins and Ellen Gardin bags the cereal. We are grateful!
- Kwanzaa is an African cultural celebration between Dec 26 - Jan 1



Keeping in Touch

There are always wonderful things happening in our classrooms, and we want to make sure that parents are in loop at all times. There are a number of ways to find out information, and we are always looking for ideas on how to expand our reach. You can check out our website at <https://cap.hrce.ca/> or follow us on Twitter @Caudle Park

We usually email information and the monthly newsletters to families using school messenger. If you haven't received a school email, please contact the office.

Family Arts / Cultural Open House

We are excited to introduce a new event at the school this year. It will take place on **Family Literacy Day January 27th** and all families are welcome to join us from 1-3pm at the school to celebrate literacy, the arts, and culture. Classes will showcase art displays and will be sharing performances. Stay tuned for more information closer to the date.

Important Dates

Thursday Dec 1	NO SCHOOL PD and PT Interviews Book Fair shopping during PT interviews Parent teacher interviews 1:30-2:30 pm and 6-8pm. Teachers will be in contact about scheduled appointments
Friday Dec 2	NO SCHOOL PD day
Tuesday Dec 6	Mad Science assembly PTA 5pm and SAC 6pm in school library
Friday Dec 9	Grade 5 Entrepreneur shopping in library
Thursday Dec 15 - Friday 16	Caudle Co-op store
Wednesday Dec 21	Last day of school before the break
Tuesday Jan 3	First day back to school



Students will be given an opportunity to participate in Mad Science Lunch hour workshops in the new year. More information will be sent home after the assembly.



**Thank you for
your Support!!**

