

# The Cougar Chronicle



## Martha Cullimore Public School

3155 St. Andrew St.  
Niagara Falls, ON L2J 2R7

Principal:  
T. Chilcott

### Important Dates:

#### December

- 02 Week of Code
- 05 Gr 4 – 6 to  
Makerspace Day
- 06 Hour of Code Day
- 11 Hot Chocolate  
Social & Bake  
Sale 6:30 to 8:00pm
- 16 Christmas Cheer
- 17 Snowflake Day
- 18 Crazy Holiday Hair
- 19 Christmas Character  
Day
- 20 Pajama Day
- 20 Carol Sing 9am
- Dec 23 to Jan 6**  
**Happy Holidays!**

#### January

- 06 Welcome Back!
- 06 Intro to Tae Kwon  
Do in P.E. classes
- 08 Intro to Tae Kwon  
Do in P.E. classes
- 13 Entertrain Bus  
Safety Presentation
- 17 PA Day
- 22 Graduation Photo  
Day
- 30 Kindergarten Open  
House

## Message from the Principal

Whether you are celebrating Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanzaa, or another special event this holiday season, the staff at Martha Cullimore wishes you a safe and joyous time with your family. We are very grateful that you have entrusted your children to our care. At Martha Cullimore, we believe that every child can achieve to a high standard. We believe that good character and good citizenship are integral components of academic achievement and success in life. We believe that parents and teachers, working together, can achieve great things for children. We are very proud of the positive climate in our school and are committed to working together for even greater student success.



## Project Share Food Drive

As we prepare for the winter season, there is an opportunity for us to reach out to the community by way of a Seasonal Food Drive with Project Share. You are welcome to drop off non-perishable food items to the collection bin at the school between Monday December 2nd and Monday December 16th. Thank you for reaching out with us to bless others in the community.

Project share is in high need of the following:

- baby food and formula
- canned fruits, vegetables and pasta sauce
- canned salmon, chicken, tuna and beans
- peanut butter

## “Out of the Cold” Challenge

This year, our Student Parliament wants to spread warmth and good will throughout our community through our “Out of the Cold” Challenge. Please consider donating new cold weather outdoor clothing items as you are able, such as hats, mittens, coats, boots, snowpants and scarves. Three empty snowman barrels sit in our hallway – one each for K/Primary, Junior and Intermediate. If your family is interested, we are asking that students donate items that are “just their size” and place them in their barrel. This way, we will be helping support children of all ages and sizes. These items will be donated to those in need this season.

## A Change in Teaching Staff for a Time

For the next few weeks, Mme Michaud will be away from school on leave and we welcome Miss. Gibson to the school to teach French while she is away.

Mrs. T. Chilcott

**Congratulations to students who made some amazing accomplishments and reached personal bests this month!**



TEACHER	I MATTER STUDENT OF THE MONTH	COURAGE CHARACTER AWARD
K – Hollemans Empey	Andre W, Georgia A, Kaya L	Isaac S
K – Brennan, Gibson & Camillo	Simon D, Thatcher M	James R
1 – Lopez	Brooklyn N	Corbin W
2 – Edwardson	Liandra C, Xenia R	Seth O
2/3 – Meger	James H, Tucker P	Guney G
3 – McGowan	Mayla R, Will W	Matilda S
4 – Dinga	Evangeline L, Lena E	Charisa S
5 – Lane	Kameron M, Paige E	Christopher W
5/6 – Goode	Grace C, Lia C, Noah M	Lilly J
7 – Jane	Ethan A, Danielle V, Olivia V	Lindsay P
7 – Ibey	Cadyn R, Joon L, Jordan C	Ashton G
8 – Fortuna	Brian J, Kalley Q, Katelyn S	Ryan W



**The character trait for December is Responsibility.**

We extend a warm welcome to families with children who will be 4 or 5 years old by December 31, 2020 to our Kindergarten Open House on January 30th. Doors open at 10:00am until 6:00pm. Looking forward to seeing you!

## December Spirit Days at Martha Cullimore

There are many ways that students can show their cougar pride throughout the year. We look forward to having lots of fun together during the last week of school before the holidays.

### Week Of Spirit!

Mon Dec 16 - Dress in Christmas Cheer  
 Tues Dec 17 - Snowflake Day  
 Wed Dec 18 - Crazy Holiday Hair  
 Thur Dec 19 - Christmas Character Day  
 Fri Dec 20 - Pajama Day

## Tae Kwon Do is Coming to Martha Cullimore

In January, our students will have a unique opportunity to try the martial art of Tae Kwon Do. The word "taekwondo" consists of three parts: "tae," meaning foot, "kwon," meaning hand, and "do," meaning way of life. Tae Kwon Do is a sport that also focuses on character development. Five classes will be offered to students from kindergarten to grade 8. Participation will be voluntary and at a very reasonable fee. Funds raised through this initiative will go toward athletics and team uniforms.

During the first week of January, students will be introduced to the martial art of Tae Kwon Do during their regularly scheduled Physical Education classes. Students interested will participate in four additional classes held once each week during fitness breaks at the school from January 12<sup>th</sup> to February 7<sup>th</sup>. The cost for all these sessions in total is only \$20.00! More information will follow.

## New Technology at Martha Cullimore

Soon students will be using new technology in their classrooms. While technology has become an essential component of our daily life and educational setting, it certainly does not take place of the valued instruction provided by our teachers. Technology is useful to students in a variety of ways. Students can:

- hear text read aloud to them as they follow along using Google Read & Write. This Listening to and reading text at the same time can support comprehension,
- use the word processor, word prediction and a variety of other tools to communicate in print,
- document their own learning with ipad apps, photos and videos,
- access Google Classroom, work on assignments given by the teacher, hand in assignments and receive feedback
- use virtual math tools
- use a variety of applications to communicate and present

Fundraising monies from last year's Trivia Night and this year's Fall Fundrasiers were applied to the purchase of these new technologies: 20 chrome books, 5 ipads, a tech cart, a laptop. We are grateful for the continued generosity of our community in supporting student learning so enthusiastically. We will be communicating future fundraising priorities soon.

## Winter and Snow Safety

Students at Martha Cullimore School are not allowed to throw or kick snow while on school property. Cold, frozen snow presents a threat to student safety especially when thrown. Parents/Guardians are asked to please review this policy at home and we will continue to remind students here at school. Consequences for throwing snow are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> time: Letter home with a detention
- 2<sup>nd</sup> time: Letter home and Loss of Privileges/Detention
- 3<sup>rd</sup> time: Formal at-home suspension





There are often large snow banks around the school and beside student pathways due to snow removal. STUDENTS ARE TO STAY OFF AND AWAY FROM ALL SNOWBANKS AT ALL TIMES. They are often icy and students risk falling off into the way of traffic.

## French Immersion Program

Now, for parents of **SENIOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS** it's easier than ever to say

**“Oui!”**

**to French Immersion at the DSBN**

Please **join us** at our information night to learn more about French Immersion.

**PRINCE PHILIP FRENCH IMMERSION PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**Date:** Wednesday, January 8, 2020

**Time:** 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** 3112 Dorchester Rd, Niagara Falls L2J 2Z7

**Did you know?**  
The DSBN offers a single-entry program in French Immersion starting at Grade 1.

**Learning Another Language:**

- Improves a student's ability to read, write and think critically
- Helps students use their first language more effectively
- Promotes understanding of different cultures
- Supports increased post-secondary and employment opportunities for students

**Registration:**  
January 6 to February 18, 2020

**How do I get more information?**

Visit our website:  
[www.dsnb.org/fi](http://www.dsnb.org/fi)

**J'ai de l'importance à DSBN**

## School Advisory Council

Our third School Council meeting was held on Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. Martha Cullimore's School Council met to plan for our December 11<sup>th</sup> Hot Chocolate Social and Bake Sale, along with the upcoming Trivia Night in the spring, a Friday in April is to be confirmed. More information will follow and tickets will go on sale in the new year.



## Staying Healthy This Season

Although we usually encourage children to share, there is one thing that we'd prefer that doesn't get passed around this year - germs! While being back at school gives children more opportunity to interact with each other and play together, there are some simple steps we can all take to help each other avoid coughs, colds and more serious types of infections.



**Wash those hands!** We recommend that students, and even parents, wash their hands with soap and water regularly. If there isn't a sink nearby, using a good hand sanitizer should do the trick.

**Cover all coughs and sneezes.** This will cut down on the number of icky things floating around in the air and landing on surfaces, making it less likely that children will breathe them in or touch them. If you have to cough or sneeze, do it into a tissue or onto your upper sleeve.

**If you're sick, stay home.** Although it's important to be in class, don't be a superhero. Take some time, feel better and then come back when you're healthy, alert and ready to learn!

### WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME

Please keep your child at home and away from others if he or she has any of these symptoms: fever, diarrhea, vomiting, rash, frequent coughing or sneezing, yellow or green discharge from the nose, ears, or eyes, sore throat.

## Holiday Bake Sale on December 11th

There will be a student bake sale during the school day and a community bake sale on the evening of the Hot Chocolate Social on December 11<sup>th</sup>. During the day, students can purchase single-size treats to enjoy. Sale items will range from 50 cents to \$3.00. There are always commercially packaged and labelled "nut-free" items available at the bake sale table as an alternative for students with allergies, along with gluten free and vegan options. Parents are also welcome to send in labelled baked goods from their own home for their children with allergies. These are recommended for students with allergies or anaphylaxis.

The community Holiday Bake Sale in the evening is a time when you can purchase some goodies for holiday get-togethers! Last year, the show of care and creativity at the holiday bake sale was show-stopping! Don't miss out.

**The bake sale will be open from 6:15pm to 8:00pm. The café and festive activities will be open from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.**

*We encourage all parents to support this initiative by baking treats and sending them in on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Items requiring refrigeration can be dropped off before school on the 11<sup>th</sup>. If you bake, please let us know by returning the slip at the end of this newsletter as soon as possible. Thank you so much for your support!*

## December 11<sup>th</sup> Bring-A-Mug Hot Chocolate Social

We are planning on having a simple Christmas celebration open house where families come, bring their mugs to fill with hot chocolate, enjoy some baked goods from the bake sale, and spend quality time participating in some festive activities. Dress in Christmas cheer!



- o Relax and enjoy musical selections at the Cookie Café. Kindergarten students will kick off the line up of talent at 6:30pm. Join in for a casual carol sing after that at 7:00pm
- o Visit the North Pole Bakery to decorate sugar cookies
- o Take a photo in the green screen room!
- o Get your face painted!
- o Take on the Great Christmas Escape Challenge in one of our Escape Rooms! Schedule to be announced!

## December 11<sup>th</sup> Bake Sale

While we cannot guarantee a nut free school environment, we work diligently to minimize risk to individuals with allergies. **We require that all baked goods coming into the school be baked without nuts or peanuts. However, we cannot guarantee that these baked goods are nut free or have been made in a nut-free environment.**

We encourage all parents to support this initiative by baking treats and sending them in on December 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup>. If you bake, please send in this slip with your baked goods (singles, 6 packs, or dozens). Thank you so much for your support!

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### TAG FOR BAKED GOODS

From the home of: \_\_\_\_\_

Baked Good: \_\_\_\_\_

- This was baked with no nuts, peanuts or peanut products.

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### RSVP FOR BAKED GOODS (please send in by Dec 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.)

From the home of: \_\_\_\_\_

- We are able to send in \_\_\_\_\_ for the bake sale.

\_\_\_ singles    \_\_\_ 6 packs    \_\_\_ dozens