

# Chemong Public School Newslink

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Be The Best You Can Be

## Message from the Principal.....

Every year I can't believe how quickly the first portion of the school year flies by and this year has been no different. It is hard to believe that in a month it will be 2017!

The staff of Chemong School extend our sincere best wishes to all for a safe and happy holiday season! It is that time of year when we focus on good will toward others and the importance of one's family. We know how important it is to share time with our loved ones. Enjoy and treasure those special moments together.

The school has planned lots of special events before the Christmas Holidays. There will be a music concert featuring the students in grades 7 and 8 on December 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 7 p.m. We will also be having our annual Festive Feast where students wear their finest formal wear on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Remember to send in a plate and cutlery for the turkey dinner that day. Any financial donations will go towards the cost of the event.



On December 19<sup>th</sup> we will wear red/green. On the 20<sup>th</sup> is our formal wear day. On the 21<sup>st</sup> we will wear ugly Christmas sweaters. On

The 22<sup>nd</sup> will be holiday head gear day. Dig out your craziest hat or antlers! We will end the last week with a pajama day and carolling in the gym for all students on the 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at 9:00 a.m. Parents are welcome to join us. Classes will end on Friday, Dec. 23 and resume on Monday, Jan. 9, 2017.

## School Council News

Our Marketplace was a huge success. This is such a wonderful event and we were so pleased to see so many people from the community attend. Thank-you to all the vendors and to all the shoppers!

We had positive feedback from the IncrediBrent and Sarah Show. The message of "find your magic" seemed to resonate with all the students. The magic tricks, of course, were a big hit.



As we move into December we are excited for the Annual Festive Feast. This event will occur on Tuesday December 20. This event could not be

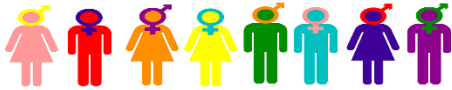
successful without the help from our volunteers and school staff- thank-you. A big thank-you to Doug, from Chemong Lodge who donates his time to cook them.

Don't forget to check out our School Council Bulletin Board in the main foyer. You will find photos from Fundraising events and/or projects supported by School Council and copies of School Council Budget and meeting minutes. Our next School Council meeting is Tuesday January 10 at 6:30pm. We are always looking for new members.

We wish everyone a very happy holiday season.

S. Burgess, Chair/S. Comtois, Co Chair

### Literacy Grant from Peterborough Rotary



We received a grant from the Rotary Club of Peterborough to put resources in our library

to support students who identify as LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender, queer). The Ontario Principals' Council created a database including book titles, grade appropriate lessons, and explanations as to how to utilize them in schools. The book lists and lessons address family diversity, bullying, gender stereotyping and inclusivity for LGBTQ students. Books will be used in conjunction with the classroom based lessons and school based welcoming projects as outlined by OPC. Each book will be bound with a rainbow sticker so it is easily identifiable.

These resources are important, not just for improving the reading and writing of our students but also the greater definition of literacy: the expression of ideas and opinions as well as making decisions and solving problems as citizens and lifelong learners.

Thank you to the Rotary Club of Peterborough

### Chemong November Assembly



This month's character trait is courage. The winners of this trait were Addison M., Emily D., Hayden S., Kaidence W., Douglas R., Jack P., Braxton G., William M., Hallie M., Maci M., Lauren G., Solan J., Kasey B., Liam H., Norman I., Maddy T., Laura R., Abby B., Jacob V., Graidon H., Abigail K., Emily C., Grace G. and Cameron S. Congratulations to all our amazing winners.

### Legion Contest Winners



Congratulations to our students who were recognized by the Royal Canadian Legion for their Remembrance Day poems, posters and essays. Hayley, Ben, DJ, Emily, Emily, Hailey and Grace.

## Teddy's for Tots

We are excited to host the Peterborough Pete's on December 7 at Chemong Public School. Their Partners in Education program will focus on bullying and creating a safer environment for elementary students. They have partnered with Crime Stoppers, Canadian Mental Health Association, Peterborough Police, Bell, Cameco.

<http://gopetesgo.com/video/petes-partners-in-education-2016-17-video>.



The community is encouraged to bring in a new or gently used and washed stuffy and join the Chemong community at the Pete's game December 8 to toss the bears on the ice and give back to our community at large. If you would like tickets, complete the attached form by December 2.

## CHEMONG PUBLIC SCHOOL NIGHT AT THE PETES GAME



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8 2016 @ 7:05 pm

**\$10** **\$14**

CHEMONG PS  
STUDENTS

ADULTS

\*REGULAR BOWL TICKETS. PRICES INCLUDE HST

COME TAKE PART IN THE PETES  
ANNUAL TEDDY BEAR TOSS

PLEASE BRING ORDER FORMS TO MRS DUFFUS NO LATER THAN  
FRIDAY DECEMBER 2, 2016

Bring in a new teddy bear to  
the school assembly  
December 7<sup>th</sup> and the  
Chemong family's that are  
going to the Petes game on  
December 8<sup>th</sup>  
will toss the bears on the  
ice! If you would like  
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## SCHOOL TICKETS

REGULAR BOWL TICKETS

\$14 ADULTS - \$10 CHILDREN 12 and UNDER

PRICES INCLUDE HST

SCHOOL NAME: Chemong Public School

DATE/OPPONENT: Thursday December 8, 2016 (7:05 pm vs. Ottawa)

TICKET TYPE: Regular Bowl

## STUDENT INFO

STUDENT(S) NAME:

GRADE:

TEACHER:

## TICKET ORDER

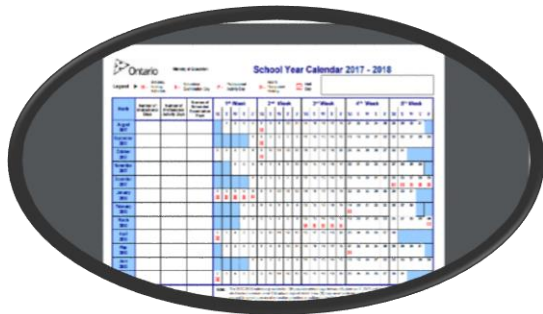
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ADULTS	CHILDREN
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NO LATER THAN FRIDAY DECEMBER 2, 2016

## Wanted: comments on draft 2017-18 calendar

KPR is seeking comments from students, parents, guardians, staff and community members regarding the school year calendar being proposed for 2017-18. Please comment via the online survey - available on the home page of [www.kprschools.ca](http://www.kprschools.ca) - by Monday, December 5, 2016. Dates being proposed for next year include Winter Break from Monday, December 25, 2017, to Friday, January 5, 2018, with the last day of classes before the break being Friday, December 22, 2017. This reflects the same dates set by the Ministry of Education.



The image shows a screenshot of the Ontario School Year Calendar 2017-2018. The calendar is a grid with columns for months and rows for weeks. It includes various school events, holidays, and breaks, such as the Winter Break from Monday, December 25, 2017, to Friday, January 5, 2018. The calendar is presented in a blue and white color scheme.



## A Book On Every Bed

Start a lifelong, holiday tradition that gives the gift of reading in your own home and in your community!

### How it's done:

1. **Select a book.** It can be a new book, a donated book, or a cherished book that is handed down from one generation to the next with a heartfelt inscription.
2. **Wrap it.** A gift carefully wrapped, holds the mystery of what story or adventure is waiting to be discovered, and presents the book as the special gift it is!
3. **Place the book at the foot of a child's bed.** It will be the first thing she sees on Christmas morning, the first day of Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or any holiday you celebrate!

Promoted with permission from the *Family Reading Partnership*.

For more information about this exciting tradition, go to [www.kidtalk.on.ca](http://www.kidtalk.on.ca)



## **Donate to our Breakfast Program this Holiday Season!**

*Consider giving to our breakfast club in place of teacher or staff gifts.*

Kids arrive at school hungry for many reasons: long bus rides, rushed mornings, or a skipped meal. Breakfast gives students the nutrients they need to stay active and alert at school and perform their best!

Our program is free for all our students thanks to the generous support from the community, parents and caregivers.

A \$50 donation provides a school with 40lbs of apples, 20lbs of carrots and 10 cucumbers, all grown in Ontario.

Donations can be made to **Food for Kids Peterborough and County**.

Indicate our school's name and **100% of donations** will go directly to our breakfast program.

**On-line** at [www.pcchu.ca/ffk](http://www.pcchu.ca/ffk)

Include our school's name in the comment box. A printable tax receipt will be issued.

**By Cheque or Cash** Cheques made payable to: Peterborough County-City Health Unit

**Forward your donation to:**

PCCHU - Attention: Food for Kids  
Jackson Square, 185 King Street  
Peterborough, Ontario K9J 2R8

Include your name and address. An income tax receipt will be issued by the Peterborough County-City Health Unit.

**OPTIONAL:** *Include the school and teacher's name, a message, and your child's name.  
A "Thank-you" card will be sent on your behalf.*

**Thank you for helping our children attend class well-nourished and ready to learn!**

For more information, visit [pcchu.ca/ffk](http://pcchu.ca/ffk)