

November Newsletter



Adam Beck



Principal's Message

On November 10th, Mr. Mason and the Adam Beck students led us in our Remembrance Day Assembly. The assembly was very moving as we honored all the veterans who have lost their lives and fought bravely for us. A special thanks to Mr. Mason, the junior choir, the drama club and our pianist Ms. W. Potter. We hope everyone who was able to make it to our assembly was as moved as we were.

We would like to thank Paralympian, Paul 'Rosey' Rosen who played on the Canadian Ice Sledge hockey team as a goalie for his inspirational and motivational speech to our Grade 4 – 6 students. He reminded us that dreams can come true with perseverance and hard work!

Our Annual Holiday Celebration is this Saturday November 25th from 10 am - 2pm. There will be a free waffle breakfast, free arts and crafts, a pick up hockey game, a Christmas market and many other fun activities for boys and girls including a Sing Along with our wonderful choir members and Mr. Mason.

The holiday season is upon us as we gear up for the cold weather coming. We hope that all of you will be able to come out to our Holiday Concerts on Thursday December 21st. Please see the schedule in this letter and the attached concert invitations for more details.

Please remember that the last day of school is Friday December 22nd and first day back is Monday January 8th, 2018.



Friendly reminder for all Grade 6 students who bring a signed note to the office showing permission to leave school for lunch... Please have your parents write **the entire note themselves** then sign off themselves. Parents taking other students other than their own for lunch please remember that if you are making arrangements for the parent of another child to take your child out for lunch, we require a letter written and signed by you, the parent authorizing this, to be brought to the office and that individual needs to sign your child out for lunch. Please understand we are trying to maintain student safety and we need to be aware of these sorts of arrangements.



Scholastic Book Fair

Our **Scholastic Book Fair** this November was a great success! We are deeply thankful to our school community for supporting such an important and fun event in our school. Students and parents purchased books for themselves and many also purchased books for their child's classrooms.

We owe a huge thank you to all our parent volunteers, especially Sonya Buying our parent co-chair for the Book Fair!

We reached our overall goal of \$11,800 in total sales of both French and English books. This means that we made a profit of \$ 3,138.00 to be spent on our Learning Commons! Your support of this event helped us buy new books and resources for our library and classrooms. For more information, visit the Scholastic Book Fair's website at: <http://www.scholastic.ca/>

Thanks again for all of your help and cooperation.

Mme. Panova and Mme. Brand

Lost & Found

A friendly reminder to the parents of our Kindergarten to Grade 6 students, particularly if your children stay for lunch to put on winter coats, snow pants, boots, mitts and hats. By taking some time at home to have your child develop these independent, self-help skills, they will feel more confident in getting themselves ready for outdoor play at recess time. Also, many children have similar outdoor clothes that make identifying their own belongings difficult. Labelling your child's shoes, boots, coats etc. with his/her initials is helpful. Please send an indoor pair of shoes to be kept at school since all children must have shoes on at all times for safety.

All parents, if you are looking for missing belongings ie. Sweaters, shoes, pants, and jackets Please come by and check the Lost and Found located outside the Office.

Extra- Curricular Activities

The Adam Beck staff are an amazing and dedicated group of individuals who generously give up their own personal time to provide as much extra-curricular activities as possible for our students. Staff make students aware of various opportunities through announcements and recess or lunch meetings during the school day. Staff expect interested students to demonstrate initiative and responsibility by remembering to come out to meetings if they want to be part of these opportunities.

PJ Day & Holiday Sing-A-Long

Don't forget that Friday December 22nd is the last day before the winter break and we invite all students to wear their PJ's for a fun filled and relaxed day.



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Adopt-A-Family

Dear Families,



Adam Beck School Council will once again be supporting families through Community Centre 55's Adopt-a-Family program. There are many families in our community that will be in need over this holiday season and we hope to do our part in helping make the season a little brighter for them. We would like to thank everyone in advance for your generous support of this initiative. We will have a "Giving Tree" outside of the school office beginning Friday November 24th, and it will be decorated with ornaments that have gift ideas for our Adopted Families. We will be supporting three Families and a Senior this year.

Our first family is a single mother with two boys, age 9 and 4. The 9 year old is wishing for a Chemistry Lab Set and tickets for the movies. His 4 year old brother loves Batman and wants to get cozy in some flannel pajamas.

Our second family has two boys and twin girls age 6. One boy age 10, is a LEGO fan and would love an MP3 Player. His 8 year old brother would love some Snap Circuits to learn about electricity. The twin girls enjoy dressing up in princess clothes with costume jewellery and playing with LEGO Friends.

Our third family is a single mother with two boys, age 9 and 8. Both boys are wishing for a remote control car to race around the house and a scooter to take to the streets. Mom would love some new pots and pans and a winter coat.

This year we will be adopting a Senior in our community. They are in need of groceries, toiletries and warm fuzzy socks.

Our families are in need of not only toys but everything from kitchen necessities, clothing for the children, to gift cards for groceries.

If you and your child(ren) would like to buy them a gift then please take the ornament, buy the gift and return both to the office (unwrapped), with the ornament attached by Friday December 15th. That way the children will not receive multiple identical gifts. Please note, if your child takes an ornament home but you decide not to purchase the gift then please remember to return the ornament to the tree.

As well, a donation box will be set up in the office to collect cash, Canadian Tire money and gift cards. Gift cards from stores that use point systems such as Shoppers Drug Mart can be purchased using your accumulated points. Please make sure to include "purchase receipts" for any gift cards in order to avoid any problems when using those cards.

Lastly don't forget you can use Fundscrip to purchase gift cards, that way both our families and the school are supported.

Click on the link: <http://www.fundscrip.com/> USE the code: 23TCSY

There will be 2 order deadline dates this year for Fundscrip:

- 1. Monday December 4th for delivery on Friday December 8th.**
- 2. Monday December 11th for delivery on Friday December 15th.**

**Thank you in advance for your generosity,
The Spirit Committee**

**If you have any questions please contact
Amanda Wood at spirit@adambeckcouncil.ca**

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Pediculosis (Head Lice)

We ask all Adam Beck Parents to report any cases of lice directly to the office and take the following precautions:

Inspect your child's hair and scalp frequently. The louse may be brown or greyish, with a flat, wingless body 2-3 mm in length with six legs. The eggs may be yellow, brown, or white tear-drop-shaped, are glued to the hair near the scalp and are called "nits". It is usually the eggs which are first noticed.

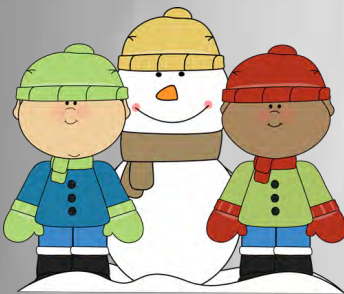
If your child complains of an itchy scalp, you should check for lice and/or nits.

If you discover your child has lice or nits, please notify the school right away and a Treatment Instruction sheet will be sent home.

Please note that if a child is found to have pediculosis, the parent or guardian will be required to keep the child at home until the child is free of all head lice and nits.

Upon returning to school after a case of head lice, parents must accompany their child to the office to be checked before they can be re-admitted to class.

Students will not be re-admitted unless they are all clear.



Dressing for the Weather

In addition, we ask that all students have a pair of indoor and outdoor shoes at school. This is extremely important in case we have to suddenly evacuate all students. Please also remember we must wear shoes at all times inside the school.

Important Dates

Friday December 1 – P.A. Day – School Closed

Friday December 8 – Rendezvous Café

Tuesday December 12 – Hanukah

Wednesday December 13 - Pizza Lunch & Staff Appreciation

Thursday December 21 – Holiday Concert

Friday December 22 – PJ & Stuffie Day (Spirit Day), Holiday – Sing-Along

Sunday December 23rd – Sunday January 5th – School Closed – Winter Holidays

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French Immersion Registration/Information Night
IMPORTANT DATES:

Application process opened: October 30, 2017

Deadline for applications: November 30, 2017

Adam Beck will NOT be having an information session to discuss the registration process. Please refer to the information sheet you have received to see if a time and location fit your schedule.

Early French Immersion (Senior Kindergarten (SK) Entry)

Applications to the Early French Immersion program are made the year your child is in Junior Kindergarten (or is of Junior Kindergarten age) for entry in Senior Kindergarten. It is an entirely online process. All communication will be sent via the email address you provide.

Please visit the application site www.tdsb.on.ca/pars

TDSB students: You will need your child's date of birth and OEN. The OEN is a 9-digit number found on any report card from the TDSB.

For non-TDSB students: please select the "Non-TDSB Student" option and follow the steps to generate an identification number. You must then return to the PARS site and follow the application procedure with this number.

Please select the Early Immersion Program (SK) from the drop-down menu, and complete the application process. On-time applicants will be offered a placement online via the email address you have provided. You **MUST** take action to accept this placement by the deadline requested when you are offered a placement. Offers of placement will be ongoing throughout the weeks and months following the close of the application period. *Please check your email regularly, including junk mail folders, and follow any instructions.*

Please Note: While admission to the French Immersion/Extended French program is guaranteed, admission to a specific school is not guaranteed if the school reaches capacity.

While every effort will be made to place students in the school identified as their area French Immersion School, this is not always possible. In cases where the number of applications in a given area is greater than the number of spaces in the school, students may be redirected to schools with available space. Placements are made based on the address you provide prior to the application deadline.

If your address changes between the application deadline and the fall of the SK year, there is no guarantee of placement in your new area.

Junior Extended French (JEF) which begins in Grade 4

We guarantee an offer of placement in the program (not a specific school) to all on-time applicants. Transportation is provided as per the Board's Transportation policy.

The timeline for applying for (JEF) program for September 2018 is:

- Applications for Junior Extended French must be completed online between January 8, 2018 and February 8, 2018.

Offers of placement within your chosen program will be made to all on-time applicants in the weeks following the close of the application window.

Please note: families with an older sibling currently in a French program are still required to complete an online application for the new student.

For further information about French as a Second Language programs, the application process and dates for Information Evenings, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/french.

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All Adam Beck Students and Staff in Grades 1 – 6

invite you to join us for

THE ADAM BECK VARIETY SHOW!

Our Annual Winter Concerts

On **Thurs. Dec. 21st, 2017** in the **Gymnasium**

Primary Concert – 6:30 p.m.

Junior Concert – 7:40 p.m.

Please note: All Kindergarten students will perform in a Spring Celebration in May again this year and are not a part of these December concerts. Thank you!



Details for the Evening:

6:00 p.m. – School opens – Primary students can be dropped off at their classrooms; parents proceed through the school to the gymnasium

6:30 – 7:15 - Primary Concert, featuring all Gr. 1 – 3 classes and the Primary Choir

7:15 – 7:40 – Intermission – Primary students are picked up from their classes; Junior students can be dropped off at their classes and parents proceed through the school to the gymnasium

7:40 – 8:15 – Junior Concert, featuring all Gr. 4 – 6 classes (including Room 12 & Portable 2) & the Junior Choir

PLEASE NOTE: Supervision is NOT being offered for students outside of their concert time (ie. Junior students can't be in their classrooms during the Primary Concert). Families with students in both the Primary and Junior divisions are welcome to attend both concerts and students can sit with their parents during their siblings concert.