

December Newsletter

Adam Beck

Principal's Message

Another busy month in December has come and gone with the Grade 5 & 6s attending a field trip to the Canadian Contemporary Dance Theatre to see a performance on "Seasons". There have been plenty of events and celebrations during the month of December at Adam Beck JPS. Many of our students were able to see the Malvern Holiday concert which included performances by many former Adam Beck students. The Holiday Concert (Adam Beck Variety Show) was orchestrated by the talented Mr. Mason and the staff at Adam Beck JPS and involved our primary and junior students. It was wonderful to see the excitement and joy of all students performing and celebrating the different customs and traditions this time of year.

Our school community truly comes together "as one" to create and share these concerts with you. Special thanks to the talented, supportive and dedicated teaching and administrative staff at Adam Beck, our wonderful caretaking team of Mr. Mills, Mr. Kingston & Mr. Epitropou, our amazing pianist, Wendy Potter and to all of you – our families and friends who came out last night to enjoy our performances! Another memorable and impressive performance it was!

Today, we celebrated our last day before the holidays with all of our students wearing pyjamas and carrying their favourite stuffies. We had a Character Education & Recognition Assembly in the morning, followed by our annual Holiday Sing-Along after morning recess, and a relaxed afternoon. Students had a wonderful time and showed great kindness and caring with each other.

We wish all of our Adam Beck families a wonderful season no matter what you celebrate. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa and Happy New Year!

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

**Cheers,
K. Yee**

Holiday Break

The Winter Holidays are from December 23 – January 7th, 2018. Parents, the first day back to

Adopt-A-Family

Dear Adam Beck Families,
THANK YOU Adam Beck Families for all your support with the "Adopt-a-Family Initiative", once again the response was overwhelming! This year we took on three families and a senior. This was a big commitment and our school community went above and beyond. The thoughtfulness and generosity was heartwarming! All of the donations were very much needed and greatly appreciated!

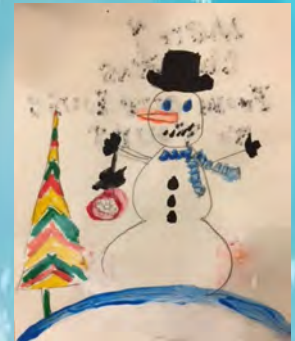
The Adopt –A-Families have expressed their much appreciated "THANKS" to all of you for your warm hearted gifts that will go a long way at this special time of year for their families.

A special **BIG THANKS** goes out to Ms. Amanda Wood for her organization and collection of items. Thanks Ms. Wood for always going "above the call of duty".

Please see attached a thank you card from one of the adopted families.

Happy Holidays and see you next year!

PS. Also a **BIG Thank You** to Michelle and Margie in the office for collecting all of the donated items!



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 and check the Lost and Found located outside the Office.



Kindergarten Registration

The Junior Kindergarten Registration will be held on **February 6th & 7th, 2018**. Any child born in 2011 for JK and 2012 for SK can registered for school next year. Please call the office 416-393-1682 to book an appointment.

Traffic Safety Trips: Help This Winter to make it safe

As winter approaches, we know that severe weather will be part of our daily lives for the next several months. While traffic safety is an important matter all year long, this is a particularly good time to review what we can do to keep students safe.

They need to be aware and alert at all times, on any road, and even in the most routine circumstances is key to traffic safety. This applies to students and drivers alike. Road conditions can be challenging in the winter months. So to those of us who drive, please take extra care on the roads and in parking on the streets (Swanwick Ave., Lawlor Rd. & Scarborough Rd.) especially in areas where the street is narrow and children might be present.

School staff periodically review street and traffic safety with students. Parents can help reinforce these safety messages with children at home. Below are some tips that might be helpful to review.

- Stop, look, and listen for traffic.
- Only cross at corners and crosswalks.
- Make eye contact with drivers.
- Walk on the right side of the crosswalk.
- Wear appropriate footwear to reduce the chances of slipping.
- Never run into the street.
- Obey crossing signals.
- Cross only if clear.
- Walk on sidewalks.
- Where there are no sidewalks, walk as far away from traffic as possible, facing traffic.



The safety of our students is always a top priority. Let's work together to make the winter season safe so we can enjoy all it has to offer.

Staff Appreciation



On behalf of the Adam Beck Staff we would like to extend a thank you to all parents/guardians who contributed delicious and tasty baked goods. Your kindness and sharing to our staff is always generous and appreciative. Thank you Ms. Krista Martin for the organization and collection of these fine baked goodies.!

Dressing for the Weather

We kindly 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. It is an ongoing rule that all students must wear shoes in the building.

Robin Pilkey Acclaimed TDSB Chair

Robin Pilkey was acclaimed Chair of the Toronto District School Board at the Organizational Board meeting on December 4th. First elected as Trustee for Ward 7 (Parkdale-High Park) in the fall of 2014, Chair Pilkey first became Chair of the Board in 2015 and has now been acclaimed four times. A Chartered Professional Accountant, Pilkey currently serves on the TDSB Audit Committee, the French as a Second Language Advisory Committee and the Board of the Toronto Foundation for Student Success.

Trustee Jennifer Arp was elected to the position of Vice Chair. Trustee Arp was first elected as Trustee for Ward 8 (Eglinton-Lawrence) in the fall of 2014 and has previously served as Vice Chair.

Winter Weather and Student Transportation

From time to time, it may be necessary to cancel student transportation, classes and/or programs due to severe weather. On rare occasions, severe weather makes it necessary to close schools, administrative offices or sites.



With approximately 246,000 students in our schools and sites each day, any decision to cancel buses, classes and/or programs or to close sites can have a significant impact on thousands of families across Toronto. This decision is not taken lightly. When schools remain open on days with inclement weather, parents/guardians make the final decision on whether to send their children to school and they can keep children home from school if they so choose.

Should a cancellation or closure be necessary, information will be posted on the TDSB website, TDSB social media and provided to local media by 6 a.m. For more information, please see the TDSB's Procedure for Severe Weather: <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Detail/docId/242>

Kick-Start Your Child's Education Savings



The TDSB has partnered with SmartSAVER on a board-wide campaign to help families access free money for their children's future education.

What FREE money?

It's the Canada Learning Bond, available now through www.tdsb.on.ca/SmartSAVER. This is a Government of Canada contribution to a child's Registered Education Savings Plan. It provides up to \$2,000 in savings for the post-secondary education of eligible children.

Who can get it?

You are eligible if your child was born in 2004 or later and you have ever been eligible for the National Child Benefit Supplement as part of the Canada Child Tax Benefit. All eligible children receive at least \$500 and will receive \$100 more for each year they're eligible up to age 15 or a maximum of \$2,000.

How do I get the Canada Learning Bond?

- SmartSAVER can help you apply for the Canada Learning Bond and start an RESP with \$0 when you use the Start My RESP online tool at www.tdsb.on.ca/SmartSAVER**
- You'll need a Social Insurance Number for yourself and your child to complete the application**
- There is no cost and you don't need to contribute any money to get the Canada Learning Bond**

Don't wait! Get started at www.tdsb.on.ca/SmartSAVER



Important Dates

**Saturday December 23rd – Sunday January 7th – Winter Holidays
(School Closed)**

**Monday January 8th – School Resumes & Read – A-Thon – Door
Hanger Contest Begins**

Tuesday January 9th – Lice Check

Friday January 13th – Read – A-Thon begins & Movie Night at 7 pm

Tuesday January 16th – 18th – X Movement Program – Dance – 3 days

**Wednesday January 17th – Pizza Lunch & Grade 5 Island School Mtg. –
Studio 6 pm**

Friday January 19th – PA Day School Closed & Family Free Skate

**Friday January 26th – Adam Beck Spirit Wear Day, Rendezvous Café
& Movie Night**

