







## DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Let us always meet each other with a smile...

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December 6 Planning Day

December 7 Christmas Craft Fair 9 am to 4 pm @ PEES (See info on reverse side)

December 11 Parent Information session (information sent directly to parents Nov 20)

December 13 Cycle 3 Pizza Lunch Fundraiser

Dec 16 – Dec 20 Various class and school holiday activities

December 17 Daycare Play 4 pm (for parents)

December 18 Christmas Concert (more info to come)
December 19 K4 Parent/Child Activity – Santa Visit

December 18 Food Drive – Fresh foods received today until noon.

December 20 FREE Pizza Lunch for all students.

December 20 Last day of school before Christmas holidays January 6 Planning Day (no classes, daycare open) January 7 First day of school after Christmas holidays

## Message from the Principal for families in need

Connecting with our families in need: As a school community we are very aware that the holiday season is a time of joy and excitement but also, for many unfortunately, a time of financial hardship. Recently, we received a donation from Le Comptoir Familial Magog to support our families with their needs for food in advance of the holidays.

We would like to make sure these funds get to our families in need. Please contact the school at pees@etsb.qc.ca if your family is in this situation. Please provide a few details and also note that we will prioritize families who are not receiving support from another organization. We will take every discretion possible to ensure your family receives this financial support for groceries. Deadline to apply is December 13<sup>th</sup>. It is important to note that we may not be able to accommodate all requests. Families chosen will receive grocery store gift cards.



<u>Arrival</u>: Students should arrive between 7:50 and 8:00. It makes it difficult for both students and teachers when students arrive late. If your child will be late or absent, please advise us via the Mozaik Parent Portal, email or calling the office at 819-843-4847 ext. 2.

<u>After school pickups/change of after school routine:</u> If, on any given day, you need to change what your child usually does after school or you wish to pick up your child after school, please send a note to the teacher with your child in the morning. Phone calls are only supposed to be in case of emergency.

<u>Banque Alimentaire Food Drive</u>: Food Drive (Nov 25 – Dec 18) - We will be collecting food, toiletries, cleaning supplies, etc. to help the "Banque Alimentaire de Magog" who support our local families. Frozen turkeys will be accepted (we will keep them in the freezer until the pickup date). Fresh fruits, vegetables and dairy items may be dropped off on the last day of collection December 18<sup>th</sup> by noon.

**<u>Bus delays:</u>** Bus delays and cancellations are posted on the ETSB website. Click on the purple parent tab and then bus delays OR click on Transportation, then bus delays. If there are any delays, Transportation will post them there.

<u>Change of phone numbers or Emergency contacts:</u> If you wish to change a phone number, or emergency contact's name and phone number, in your child's file, please send a note to the school or call the school secretary.

<u>Concerns related to students:</u> Should you have concerns about an issue in class or at school, please send a note to the teacher concerned first. Should you require further help, please contact the principal.

<u>Craft Fair</u>: Mark your calendars: The 43nd annual Princess Elizabeth Christmas Craft Fair, hosted by the PPO, is fast approaching! Come join us Saturday December 7<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00am - 4:00pm. There are 35+ local vendors joining us this year with a wide array of items up for sale. We look forward to seeing you there!

<u>Clothing</u>: Please ensure that your child(ren) wears appropriate clothing for the changing weather. All students are outside for 20 minutes for morning and afternoon recess and 25 minutes at lunch. Students are also expected to wear appropriate indoor clothing; two pairs of shoes (one for inside and one for outside). Students must NOT wear outside shoes or boots to classrooms. Due to fire regulations, shoes must be worn at all times. Please label all your child's coats, hats and mittens.

## **Parent Information Sessions:**

- All sessions online at 7pm until about 8:30 or 9pm
- Dec. 11th: Fostering positive home-school communication (will be recorded) Carol Marriott
- January 23rd: Deborah MacNamera author of Rest, Play, Grow (Developmental approach).
   Nature's Answer to Immaturity Helping Students Grow Up
- April 9th: Hannah Beach author of Reclaiming Our Students (Development approach) Cell phones: What is Healthy and What is not and What we can do to Support our Students (Recording will be available for 30 days)

**PPO:** Link to PPO facebook page

https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=ppo%20princess%20elizabeth

<u>School fees</u>: School and supervision fees were sent out in October. If you have not already paid or should you be experiencing financial difficulties, please contact the school to make arrangements.

<u>Website</u>: Please continue to check the website or Facebook page for the newsletter, cafeteria menu, reminders or other info. <a href="http://princesselizabeth.etsb.qc.ca">http://princesselizabeth.etsb.qc.ca</a>

To all of our PEES families and community, Have a safe, healthy and happy holiday season!

See you in 2025!

