



Bison Bulletin

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Frontenac P.S. NEWSLETTER—December 2018

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*The staff at Frontenac wishes everyone the best during the upcoming holiday season. We hope that you have some quality time with family and friends.
School reopens on Monday, January 7th, 2019*

Holiday Concerts

The students are busy practicing for our upcoming concerts. The concerts will take place as follows:

Life Skills Holiday Concert - Library

Wednesday, December 19
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Holiday Performances - Large Gym

Thursday, December 13
9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Kindergarten Concert
6:30 - 7:00 p.m. Grades 1 - 3
7:00 - 7:15 p.m. Intermission - 1st Group of Parents Exit / 2nd Group of Parents Enter
7:15 - 7:45 p.m. Grades 4 - 8

November was full of excitement. We had a wonderful Remembrance Day ceremony. Our special guest of honour was Arthur Angell, a 95 year old veteran of World War II. Our choirs, a recorder ensemble and some grade 8 drama students made the event a special one. Junior coding clubs have begun. They are very popular with the students and are always jammed packed. Girls' Leadership Club, Positive Space, Student Council and Athletic Council are hard at work making our school a better place to be. Primary intramurals are up and running for grades 1-4. Our intermediate girls' volleyball team and boys' volleyball team have represented the school well. Chess club is boasting approximately 60 members. Lego and colouring club will be starting soon.

GAP Closing Programs at Frontenac

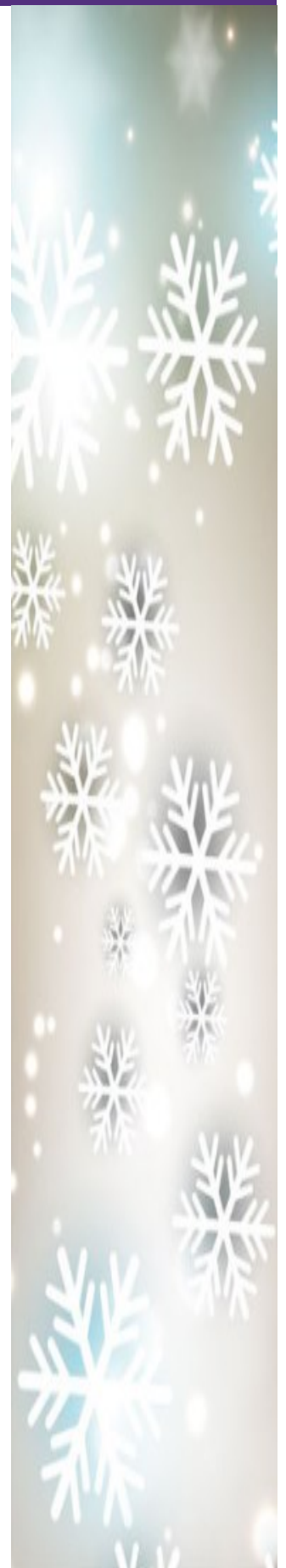
This is a general awareness piece about the types of support that Frontenac offers to our struggling students. We provide the following:

- Early Morning Reading Club Tuesday—Friday morning in the Library for grades 1-3 (by invitation only)
- Lexia reading for select junior and intermediate (by invitation only)
- Homework Club for grades 7 & 8 every day during second nutrition break in the Library
- LLI reading intervention program used by our primary teachers
- Assistive technology in the form of computers and software
- Literacy and Math monitoring school-wide by staff and administration
- Literacy Resource Teacher (K-1)
- Pysch. Ed. Consultant
- Special Education Teachers
- Educational Assistants
- Itinerant program leader visits
- Assistive Technology consultant visits
- Child Youth Counsellor

Many of the programs/supports are for specific students with specific learning difficulties. Your teacher would have already contacted you if the aforementioned supports were ideal for your child. If you have any questions talk to your child's teacher. Please remember that the differentiation provided by the classroom teacher often meets the needs of most students.

French Immersion

French immersion forms are available online to parents whose children are currently in grade one (please see message that went home via email). As many of you already know, as of last year, the French immersion program is no longer the 50% English and 50% French program. Instead, students will receive 100% French instruction in grade 2. In grade 3 they receive 80% of instruction in French and in grades 4-8 they receive 50% of instruction in French. The Board is holding an information session at the New Street Education Center on Thursday, December 6th from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Online registration will be open on December 7th and all students must be registered by 4:00 p.m. on January 31st. There are also video links on the Board website that provide information about the program.



Indigo Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our school by purchasing something at Indigo. The school received \$1,400.00 in credits that we will use to purchase resources for our library.

Cheque Writing Campaign

Thank you to everyone for your contributions to our cheque writing campaign. We are now at approximately the \$2,500.00 mark. If you wish to make a contribution to the campaign you may do so on our cashless system right up until the end of the year. Funds will be used to purchase technology and literacy resources for the school.

Co-Curriculars

The Girl's Leadership club is collecting hats and mittens for our school's hat and mitten drive. Please bring in a new pair of mittens or hat to the school by December 11th, 2018. Our child and youth counsellor, Ms. Ellen Cappon, will be collecting the hats and mittens on that day to distribute to the less fortunate. Our goal is to collect 50 pairs of mittens and hats. Thank you for your support!

Our Grade 2 choir continues to practice in preparation for the February 2019 assembly.

Food Drive

Frontenac's student council ran a food drive that led to the collection of 188 lbs. of food that went to local food banks. We are proud of their caring for our community.

Coding Comes to Frontenac

Our Coding Club has started for grades 4, 5 and 6 every Tuesday at first break. December 3—7 is the "Week of Code". There will be opportunities for kids during both breaks to do on-line and off-line coding.

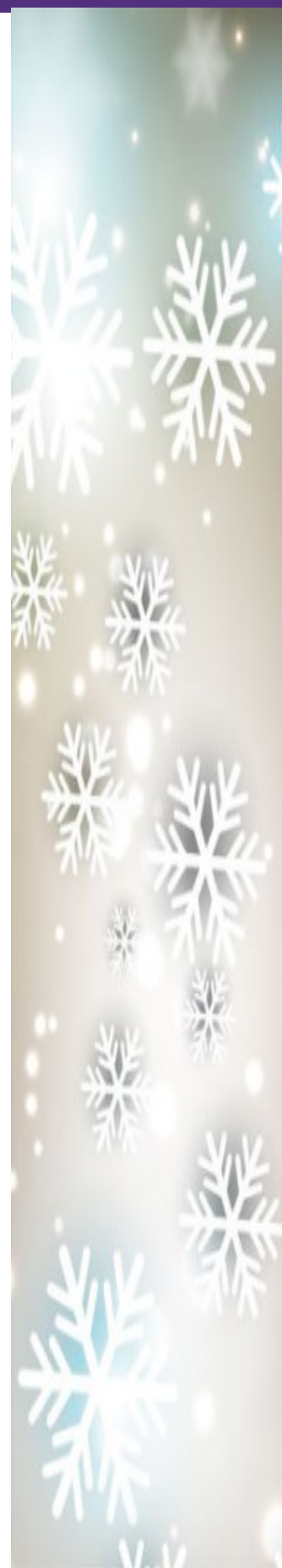
Early Dismissal—December 21st

Please make note that we will have an early dismissal for Winter Break. Students will be dismissed at 2:15 pm on December 21, 2018.

Best of the Holiday Season to All!

M. Bukovcan

T. Ferro



Joseph Brant Hospital Holiday Open House—Join The Joy!

We want to send a message to all of you regarding a wonderful holiday initiative we had the opportunity to participate in during the month of November.

Joseph Brant Hospital is celebrating its second "JOIN THE JOY!" festive family event which will be taking place on Sunday, December 2nd from 11:00am - 1:30pm at the hospital.

It is a great initiative intended to bring the community together and also support more of the Maternal and Child Programs offered at Joseph Brant Hospital.

Frontenac School was approached to help out by decorating several 4-foot trees with any creative theme they would like that would then be part of a silent auction at this event.

So, in true Frontenac Bison spirit, we were given 2 trees and created 2 different themes that have now been delivered and are ready for display.

The "tree decorators" who participated were:

Grade 6: Mrs. McRae
Mr. Attard's and Mrs. Garber's classes

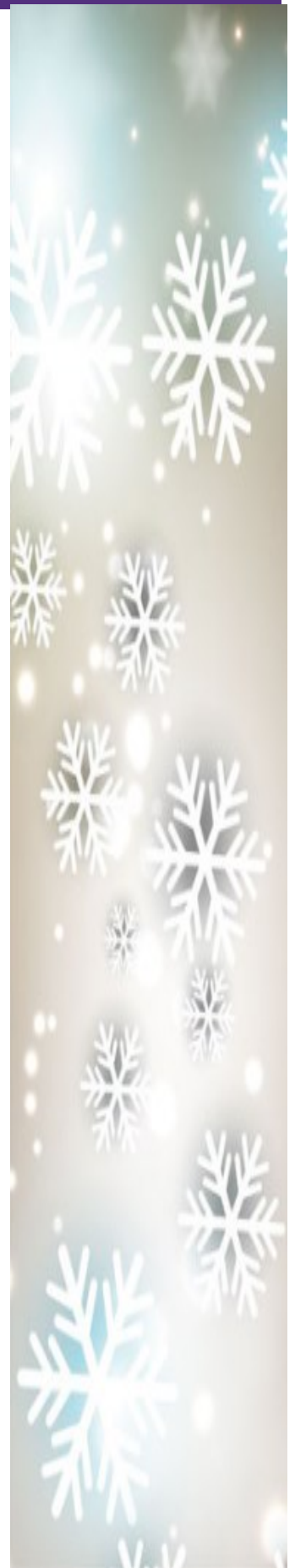
They are all so thoughtfully and beautifully decorated with each tree sporting a different theme. The students and teachers had lots of fun doing this activity and are very proud of their contribution.

The "JOIN THE JOY!" Open House is looking forward to welcoming any families that would like to join them on December 2nd.

They are asking anyone who may want more information to contact them and register at jbhfoundation.ca.

We hope you have a chance to participate and enjoy the event!

Thank you!



SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

COUNCIL MEETING

Please join us on Monday, December 3, from 6:30 pm – 8pm in the school library for our next meeting. All parents and guardians are welcome. Attendance is a great way to stay informed and get involved.

Our meeting dates for 2019 will be February 4, April 1, May 6 and June 3.

PIZZA DAYS

Pizza Days are now weekly! You can order now for the 8 weeks beginning on January 17th and ending on March 7th. Go to <https://hdsb.schoolcashionline.com/> to place your order. The order deadline is January 8th, 2019.

Pizza and cookies are delivered to classrooms during the Second Nutrition Break.

All profits generated from pizza sales will support the school's continued improvement in technology resources and other school initiatives.

A reminder that we can no longer offer same day sales.

Pizza is provided by Panago. Nutrition and allergy information is available at <https://www.panago.com/nutrition>.

Terra Cotta Cookies provides the Chocolate Chip DeLite cookies. Click <https://www.terracottacookies.com/schools/nutritional-facts/> for nutrition and allergy information.

VOLUNTEERING

Thanks to all of you who have filled out the volunteer form. You can add your name to this list at any time. Please go to the following link to let us know how you can help. <https://goo.gl/forms/Pd3DLJDBcYmFczcf2>

Please note that volunteers must have a current Police Check on file with the school. It is easy to do online. Information is available here. <https://www.hdsb.ca/our-board/Pages/Get%20Involved/Volunteer-in-Schools.aspx>

If you do not have a current Police Check you can still fill out our volunteer form. Just know that you will not be permitted to volunteer at the school until a copy has been turned in to the office.

FUN FAIR

And speaking of volunteers, anyone who has expressed interest in helping to organize the Frontenac Fun Fair on Thursday, June 6, 2019, thank you! You will be hearing from us soon. There will be a meeting in January to start the organization process.

If you would like to get involved, please complete the form linked to in the volunteering section above.

FUNDRAISING

Our annual Dance-A-Thon is taking place on February 14, 2019 and we will be running concession stands at various sports tournaments starting in the new year. If you can help out with any of these events, please complete the form linked to in the volunteer section above.

You can always reach us at frocouncil@gmail.com or on the Frontenac Public School Parent Group on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/frontenacparents/>.

Wishing you a wonderful holiday season!

Your School Council Executive

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Sandra Leach, Fundraising Chair