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It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like...

As we begin the month of December, I wanted to take a moment to underscore the important role Peel schools play as sanctuaries. They are nurturing environments where students and staff unite to learn, grow, and cultivate a sense of belonging. Peel schools are more than just structures. Our schools are vibrant communities where we witness the growth and development of young minds and the cultivation of resilient spirits.

As we immerse ourselves in the festive season that December brings, let's collectively celebrate the assurance that our schools offer a safe haven for all.

While embracing the season of giving, I encourage every family to contribute meaningfully to the local food bank during the holiday season. Your generosity has the potential to significantly impact the lives of community members who require a little extra support. By uniting as one community, we can make a positive difference.

Let's also take a moment to savor the joy and warmth the season brings us. May the holiday season be filled with laughter, love, and togetherness for you and your loved ones.

Wishing each and every one of you a Happy Holiday and a Merry Christmas! Let's embrace the holiday spirit and carry it with us into the new year.

IMPORTANT DATES

KINDERGARTEN

2024/25

- **Online Registration now available**

FRENCH IMMERSION APPLICATION PERIOD

- **Dec. 4th to Jan 26th**

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

- **December 13th**

WINTER BREAK

- **December 25th to January 5th**



Trustee Engagements Across School Communities

As a school board trustee, visiting schools is a source of immense joy. Each visit offers an invaluable glimpse into the PDSB educational landscape. These visits are driven by my commitment to children and families, aiming to understand their diverse needs. During my visits, I engage with passionate administrators and educators, witness innovative teaching methods, and interact with students, all of which allows me to understand the unique challenges each school faces.

These interactions inspire our collaborative efforts to enhance educational experiences, ensuring every child receives the support they need. With my dedication to fostering inclusive environments, these visits become a vital bridge between policies and the evolving needs of our students and families.

French Immersion Program (FI)

For families interested in French Immersion, parents can apply for their child to join the program starting in grade one. This immersive experience spans from grades 1 to 8, where students devote 50% of their daily instruction to learning in French and the remaining 50% in English. The goal is for students to achieve proficiency in French while continually honing their English language skills.

Extended French

Beginning in grade 7, the Extended French program offers intensified French, serving as an alternative to French Immersion. Students spend half their day studying language arts, social studies, and science in French. In high school, they earn four Extended French credits and three in other French-taught subjects, receiving a Certificate of Extended French Studies at graduation.

PDSB November 29, 2023 Board Meeting

The November Board meeting saw the administration presenting the [Annual Equity Accountability Report Card, Fall 2023](#). This report provides a thorough examination of how the PDSB is addressing the diverse needs of the school community. The key themes include the persistent disparities faced by Indigenous, African, Black, and Afro-Caribbean students, the necessity for increased resources for students with special education needs and higher socioeconomic vulnerabilities, and the ongoing imperative to create positive learning environments for Two-Spirit LGBTQIA+ students facing systemic barriers. This report underscores the ongoing work which aims to foster an inclusive and supportive educational environment within the PDSB community.

2024-25 RLCP ELEMENTARY APPLICATION DATES

LEARN ABOUT THE PROGRAMS: INFORMATION SESSIONS HAVE STARTED

APPLICATION PERIOD: JAN. 22, 2023 FROM 8:30 A.M. TO FEB. 7, 2023, AT 3 P.M.

1ST ROUND ACCEPTANCE OFFERS ISSUED: APR. 8, 2024, AFTER 3 P.M.