

## Dante Elementary

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The month of December has arrived and the Holiday Season is fast approaching! As the holiday frenzy sets in, as we are preparing our baked goods, shopping for gifts and decorating our houses, let us take a moment to be thankful and appreciative of the people that surround us. I would like to thank all my staff (teachers, support staff, daycare educators and lunch monitors) for their dedication and hard work, but also for their warmth and huge hearts. Thank you to all the parent volunteers for their time, for their enthusiasm and positive energy. And last, but not least, a special thanks to all 256 students who make Dante such a special place. Thank you for your smiles and your laughter. You brighten up our school and make each day a special one.

Although it is quite early in the month, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a most wonderful Holiday Season filled with love and laughter. May the New Year bring you health and happiness!

Best regards,

Irini Margetis  
Principal

### WEATHER CONDITIONS AND OUTDOOR RECESS

As you have noticed, the weather conditions vary greatly, from snow to rain, from warm days to cold days. As a general rule, children will be sent outside for recess unless it rains or if the school yard is too icy, or if the temperature drops to -20 °C (with windshield). Please make sure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately and ready to play outside. We strongly suggest that you place a change of socks in your child's school bag. Thank you for your cooperation.

### DANTE SCHOOL FUNDRAISER TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL IPADS

On December 4<sup>th</sup>, our PPO members will be distributing the ordered products to the eldest child of each family. Please remember that you have until **December 21<sup>st</sup>** to sell the products and return the profits (and unsold products) to the school. Thank you to the parents who contributed by making a donation. We appreciate every cent support!

### SPIRIT OF GIVING CAMPAIGN-NOV. 28 TO DEC. 17

As mentioned in a previous letter to parents, our school is participating again to the CTV Spirit of Giving Campaign. Our boxes are slowly filling up, thank you! This year, we have been asked to support a particular charity - **MultiCaf**. They have sent us the following wish list: deodorant, tampons, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, Q-Tips, bath towels, socks, and adult diapers. Of course, all other items will be appreciated. In addition to collecting items for the Spirit of Giving, our school will also be supporting the fundraising efforts of Sun Youth, St. Brendan's Parish, as well as the needs of our own community. We are collecting goods until December 17<sup>th</sup>.

### ADOPT A CHILD-DRESS DOWN DAY-DECEMBER 7

This coming Friday, Dante School will be holding a Dress Down Day to collect funds for children in need. With the profits, our school will purchase toys and games for children. These will be donated to St. Brendan's Church for families who cannot afford buying gifts this holiday season. A \$2 donation is suggested. On behalf of these families, thank you for your generosity!



### Upcoming Events

DECEMBER 3

PPO Meeting- 7 p.m.

DECEMBER 4

Distribution of Fundraiser Products

DECEMBER 6

Alan November Conference-6:30 p.m. at **Honoré Mercier School**

DECEMBER 7

Dress Down Day-Adopt a Child

DECEMBER 12

Pizza Lunch

DECEMBER 13

Governing Board and PPO Social-6:30 p.m. (members only)

DECEMBER 17

Spirit of Giving Drive Ends  
Celebration of Light

DECEMBER 19

«Méga-Journée de Noël» Activity  
WE Bake Sale

DECEMBER 20

Breakfast with Santa  
Pajama Day

DECEMBER 21

Deadline for Fundraiser

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## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR-HUGE SUCCESS!

Once again this year, the book fair was a huge success! The total amount of sales reached \$7,321.75. Thanks to your generosity, our school will receive 60% of this amount in credits to purchase books for our students.

## ORNAMENTS FOR OFFICE CHRISTMAS TREE

We are looking for ornaments to decorate the Christmas tree situated in the main office. Should you wish to contribute, please send only one ornament per student. Thank you!

## WE BAKE FOR CHANGE

Dante's WE Club is organizing a bake sale on December 19<sup>th</sup>. All donations will go towards WE villages, specifically for children's education in Haiti. Baked donations (nut and peanut free) are welcome!

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA-DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>

Once again this year, thanks to our Governing Board, our PPO parents will be treating our students and staff to a holiday breakfast with Santa! Children may come to school wearing their PJ's. Please note that slippers will not be permitted. Students must wear closed shoes.

***“Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.”***

***– Aristotle***