



Christina Gordon Public School Principal's/Vice Principal's Message.

With our first term now in the books, we can say that we are off to an amazing start. From all accounts students, staff and parents are very happy to be at Christina Gordon, even if it is still in our temporary location. While we are all looking forward to moving into our new building (new date now April), our staff has done everything in their power to ensure that the classroom experience that the students are having is the same that they would have if they were in the new school. The one thing that we are all looking forward to when we move in the new school is having space to welcome our school families into the school and coming together as a Christina Gordon family.

Next week on December 9th, you will receive your child's first term report card. In those report cards, our teachers will take care to identify areas of strength and make suggestions for improvement where needed. Please take time to sit with your child and make a plan for term two. Because of the Three Way conferences a short while ago there will be no formal Parent Teacher meetings scheduled at this time. Our staff, however, is always willing to discuss your child's progress whether that is through a face to face meeting or by telephone. Please don't hesitate to contact them with any questions you have.

Please accept our special thanks for all the support you have shown our school in these first few months. With the continued support of our parent community, Christina Gordon School will continue to flourish in the months and years ahead.

School Council and Fundraising Association Formed

Our School Council has been established and we are in the process of finalizing the details for registering our Christina Gordon School Fundraising Association. Both of these groups are looking forward to supporting the school community as we grow Christina Gordon Public School. Their success in the months and years ahead will be dependent on receiving a great deal of parental support. We look forward to building a strong group of meaningfully engaged parents to make our school even better. We need you!

Three Way Conferences

Our First round of Three way Conferences were held on November 2nd and 3rd. These conferences provided an opportunity for students, parents and teachers to get together to look at the students' progress for the term to date, and plan for ways to enhance student success.

Student Lighthouse Team

Our Student Lighthouse Team meets on four day of the cycle and comes up with ideas to make our school even better. Recently, they shared some of their fantastic ideas with our principal, Mr. Thorne. These ideas were then presented to the staff, who were amazed at the great ideas, which ranged from ideas for activities for younger children, ideas for school spirit, including various theme days, recycling innovation day, a staff appreciation event, and much more. Stay tuned!!

Monthly assemblies

Each of our next seven 'monthly' student led assemblies will introduce one of the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. These habits are the basis of the Leader In Me.

Healthy Family Fun Night

Thanks to all the families that came out to our Healthy Family Fun Night on Nov. 16. There are lots more Family Nights planned. Plan to attend our In-Line Skating Family night on January 4th and our Literacy/Numeracy Family Night on January 25th.

Remembrance Assembly

A very special Remembrance Assembly was held on November 10th. Under the direction of Ms. Power and Ms. Barrington students from Christina Gordon and Timberlea paid tribute to those who served to ensure we have a peaceful life.

Choir in the community

The Joint Christina Gordon/ Timberlea School choir continues to vbe very active in our community. Their first performance in October was at the Benefit concert to support the Food Bank. They performed at the Festival of Trees on November 20th and are caroling at Independent Grocery Store on Dec. 5th. Special thanks to Ms. Power.

Volleyball Season over

Congratulations to our Christina Gordon/Timberlea grades 5&6 Boys and Girls Volleyball team who each played in their last tournament of the season on November 18th and 19th. Both teams are to be commended for their exemplary sportsmanship, representing both of our schools extremely well. Special thanks to Ms. Wells and Ms. Gates who along with Ms. Phillips and Mr. Lucissano from Timberlea spent many hours working with these teams.

Farewell to Ms. Marche

It is with sadness that we say farewell to our ECDP Reggio teacher Ms. Jessica Marche. Due to unexpected circumstances, Ms. Marche will be leaving the area during Christmas break. Along with her excellent connection with her students, Ms. Marche will also be missed for so many of the other things she did as part of our Christina Gordon team, including chair of the Green Scene (environmental) Team, Healthy School Champion and her involvement in yoga and DancePlay. We wish her well in her future endeavours and thank her for all that she has done for Christina Gordon in a short period of time.

Alien In-Line Skating Family Night

Christina Gordon families are invited to drop by Timberlea School Gym on Wednesday, January 4th for lots of family fun, with Alien On-Line Skating. More details coming soon.



Fundraisers a Great Success

Thanks to all parents who supported our first fundraisers. Both the Student Art Cards and Poinsettia/Wreath Fundraisers were well received and supported by our parents and community. We are expecting the Art Cards to arrive this week, and poinsettias and wreaths will be available for pick up at our Timberlea School location on Dec. 8.

Holiday / Christmas Concert.

Our first Christina Gordon Holiday / Christmas Concert will be held on December 14 at 6pm in Timberlea School Gym. There will be performances by all of our classes as well as the school choir. There is no admission for the concert, but we will be collecting donations (optional) for our Breakfast Program. Tickets will also be sold for a chance to view the concert from one of two comfy couches.

Winter is Here!

While it arrived a little later than usual, it's fair to say that winter is officially here. With the arrival of the cold weather, please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Where possible, when it's safe to do so, we will still be ensuring that children have opportunities to play outdoors as much as possible. On days when the temperature drops below -20, we may keep students indoors. While we are located at Timberlea School that decision will be made in conjunction with the administration at Timberlea School.

Please be aware that supervision is only available at the school starting at 7:45 in the morning. Please do not drop children off at school prior to this time.

Stuff—A—Bus

Thanks to all families who supported our Stuff-A-Bus Campaign. We are proud to be one of only five schools in the city to support this extremely important cause, by providing the local Food Bank with much needed supplies.

Angel Tree

In the spirit of the holiday season, Christina Gordon Public School is taking part in the Angel Tree Project. This project supports children and seniors in need this holiday season by providing them with gifts. If you would like to help out with this project please take a tag from our Angel Tree, purchase a gift for that specific child or senior and place it, unwrapped, in a gift bag with the angel tag tied or taped to the front of the bag. Please bring or send the gift back to Christina Gordon School and give it to the office or your child's teacher no later than December 8th. They will then be hand delivered to the Salvation Army and given to those specific children or seniors. The "Tree" itself is located in our Christina Gordon corridor. If you would like to take a tag please help yourself. If you would like your child to bring a tag or tags home to you, please notify their teacher will be happy to send home a tag from the tree.

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 5th—Grades 4-6 skiing
Dec 8th (evening) - poinsettias and wreaths arrive
Dec. 9th— Report Cards sent home
Dec. 14—Holiday/Christmas Concert
Dec. 16—Last day of school— Christmas Break
January 3rd (Tuesday) - Return to school
January 4th—Family in-line skate night.

For lots of photos and videos of all the events that have happened at Christina Gordon we invite you to check us out on:



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