

# OAKLEY PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## OAKLEY PARK COMMUNITY WEEKLY UPDATE Week of December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Our school is looking to partner with *Sweet Charity*, to bring the Canine Ambassador Program to our school. What does this mean? It means that Ms. Telford our librarian will bring her poodle to Oakley Park once she has completed all of the *Sweet Charity* dog and handler training. The Canine Ambassador Program promotes positive socialization and calm interactions with a goal of promoting well-being and positive mental health. Jasmine (Ms. Telford's poodle) would come to work with Ms. Telford on select days and "work" with Ms. Telford in the library. Jasmine's "work" would be to act as a reading buddy for a student, be a calming influence when students need it, and support self-regulation. Sweet Charity and SCDSB have an established partnership, with dogs in many schools across the county. We have reviewed our student medical information for potential allergies at Oakley Park, and have not noted any serious allergies. Jasmine is a hypoallergenic poodle, although if you have any concerns, please let us know. We are excited to have Jasmine come work at Oakley Park after her training in the winter, and expect to have Jasmine welcomed to the Raider family for April 2018.

### The week ahead:

<b>Monday Dec 4<sup>th</sup> – DAY TWO</b> 12 Days of Giving: box of cereal
<b>Tuesday Dec 5<sup>th</sup> – DAY THREE</b> Holiday Gift Shop opens 12 Days of Giving: toothbrush and toothpaste School Council meeting – 6pm
<b>Wednesday Dec 6<sup>th</sup> – DAY FOUR</b> 12 Days of Giving: cake or brownie mix Rocks and Rings after school – last day
<b>Thursday Dec 7<sup>th</sup> – DAY FIVE</b> 12 Days of Giving: a new book Holiday Gift Shop closes Pasta day Zumba – Grades 4-8
<b>Friday Dec 8<sup>th</sup> - DAY ONE</b> 12 Days of Giving: pasta or rice Pizza day

### **Some Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

December 12<sup>th</sup> – last day of the 12 Days of Giving  
December 14<sup>th</sup> – Electrical Safety Presentation & Zumba for Grade 4-8  
December 18<sup>th</sup> – Carol Singing 9:10am & Red and Green day  
December 19<sup>th</sup> – My ONLINE leadership Presentation, Grade 7/8  
December 20<sup>th</sup> – Carol Singing 1:45pm & Dress like a Reindeer or Elf day  
December 21<sup>st</sup> – Christmas PJ day, Hot dog day & Zumba for Grade 4-8  
December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Empathy Assembly 9:10am, Sparkle and Jingle Day & student dances (PM)

### **School Updates:**

#### **Barrie Colts Game – December 9<sup>th</sup>**

We look forward to the game at 3:30 on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Our Oakley Park choir has been practicing O Canada and sounds terrific!

#### **Lice**

Cases of head lice have been reported at Oakley Park. Please check your child's head and alert the school if you find lice.

### **Other News:**

#### **Parents invited to information sessions about special education**

The SCDSB is hosting a series of information sessions for parents and guardians to learn about special education in the SCDSB, and how to support students with special education needs.

##### **Dec. 18**

Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) Information for Families

##### **Jan. 22**

Assessments in Special Education: Psych Ed and Other Assessments

##### **Feb. 19**

Transition Planning Grade 8 to 9

##### **March 19**

Accessing Supports in the Community

##### **April 16**

Understanding Alternative/Non-Academic IEP Goals

All sessions take place from 6 to 7 p.m. at the SCDSB Education Centre, located at 1170 Highway 26 in Midhurst. No registration required.

#### **Regional Spelling Bee**

The Barrie, Innisfil and area regional spelling bee is coming up March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018. If you would like to register for the spelling bee, please go to: [www.spellingbeeofcanada.ca](http://www.spellingbeeofcanada.ca) and register by January 15<sup>th</sup> 2018. More information and paper copies of the registration are available in the office.



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