From the Desk of Mr. Peck

Some of you may have heard that I was under the weather for about a week. I have never missed a week of work during my entire career. I think I was attacked by the bug which was travelling around our building; it took me too long to recover. Someone kindly pointed out that the older we get the harder it is to shake sickness. Thanks for the reminder. Of course, compared to the health issues which many of you deal with, this was really nothing. However, it certainly did make me thankful for the health which I do enjoy on a regular basis. I’m glad to be back. Education is very important, but health even more so.

I hope you are feeling well as the busy Christmas season approaches. Please encourage your children to wash their hands regularly at school, and we ask that you keep your child home if they are displaying symptoms of the flu. A couple of days of rest at home can go a long way to helping curb the spread of illness around the school.

Many of you may be aware that the Elementary Teachers Federation has some disagreements with our government with respect to ongoing contract negotiations. Unfortunately, as a result, there will be some job action sanctions at our school as there have been and will be at many other schools in Ontario. Some planned events will be affected at our school, and these are highlighted later on in this newsletter. We all hope for a speedy resolution to the labour issues. I am sorry for this inconvenience.

A Special Message from School Council

School Council embraces a variety of activities and functions designed to enhance and improve opportunities for our children. One such activity is that of fundraising. Funds raised by the School Council are dispersed among many different areas meant to benefit all of the school community. We recognize and appreciate that it is not always possible to participate in every school fundraiser and school event. We want to remind parents that they should not feel obligated to do so. Each individual contribution is highly valued and helps to enhance our school community. Parents who would like to find out more or volunteer their time at fundraising events are invited to come out to our School Council meetings. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday January 16th.

Bus Cancellation Notification Process

The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium posts all information regarding cancelled buses at www.simcoecounty.schoolbus.ca. The Transportation Consortium also directly notifies media early on the mornings when school buses are cancelled. The message that schools are OPEN FOR LEARNING on bus cancellation days will continue to be emphasized. To reduce confusion and the volume of messages, bus cancellation and school event cancellation notices will not be posted on or distributed
from www.scdsb.on.ca (info@scdsb.on.ca). A direct link to www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca is also posted on the homepage of www.scdsb.on.ca.

*Sports at W. H. Day - suspended*

Due to job action sanctions, extra-curricular sports at W. H. Day are suspended until further notice.

*Toonie Tuesday Pizza Orders - suspended*

As a result of job action sanctions, Toonie Tuesdays and pizza lunch delivery will be suspended until further notice. No more money will be collected and the last pizza lunch delivery will occur on Wednesday, December 5th. This is the pizza that was paid for on Tuesday, November 27th.

*Grade 7 and 8 Trip to Toronto - cancelled*

The grade 7 and 8 trip to Toronto scheduled for December 5 and 6 is cancelled as a result of job action sanctions. Payments made will be refunded to parents. Please be patient as refunding money is a time consuming process for our administrative staff.

*Grade 5 and 6 Trip to St. Donat, Quebec - cancelled*

Participating families will have received more detailed information about the trip with this newsletter.

*Grade 8 Trip to Quebec City – on hold until further notice*

**Story Time with Santa**

The W.H. Day School Council proudly presents Story Time with Santa on Friday, December 7th from 6:30-8:00 pm. Please come out as a family to have hot chocolate and cookies while you listen to holiday stories with Santa. There will also be crafts for the kids and opportunity to take your picture with Santa! This event will take place in the school library and is free!

**Some Important Upcoming Dates**

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