

### UCDSB Mission:

"We prepare all students for a successful life."

### UCDSB Vision:

"Creating futures, leading and learning for all."

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## A Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

I have really enjoyed starting to get to know the students, staff, and many parents/grandparents at Drummond Central School this past week. It has been a wonderful whirlwind of newness. The school really has a family feel and the warm welcome has been heartfelt and appreciated.

The students had a terrific time exploring at the Canada Science and Technology Museum on Wednesday. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped supervise the students and to the staff members who coordinated the whole school adventure.

December is going to go by quickly. Time flies when you're having fun. I want to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season, no matter how you celebrate. Happy Hanukkah, Happy Winter Solstice, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa, Happy Omisoka, and Happy New Year! If you celebrate a holiday this month that I didn't mention, please let me know! I love learning about other traditions and celebrations. Enjoy the winter break!

Krista Warren, Principal



## Scholastic Book Fair - Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>

You are welcome to send money in with your child to purchase books or you may come in and shop yourself. Please call the school to arrange a shopping time.



## Holiday Gift Room



Gift donations as well as gift bags and tissue paper donations for our Holiday Gift Room can be dropped off between Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>.

Students will have an opportunity to shop for their family members between December 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Items will be priced at \$1.



## Holiday Pancake Lunch

Parent Council has arranged for Santa to be here on Fri., Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> to join students for a delicious pancake lunch!



## Holiday Concert

**December 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm  
in the school gymnasium.**

Snow date is  
Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 pm.



## Volunteers

All volunteers are required to submit a vulnerable sector check to the school to keep on file. VSCs must be no more than 6 months old. If you require a new VSC, please contact the school so we can provide you with a required letter for your application.

## Please Label Clothing

We are seeing a lot of lost clothing items within the school and on the yard. Please write your child's name on items they are likely to remove if they get hot or wet, such as sweaters, jackets, splash pants/snow pants, footwear, mittens and hats. This will help us get the items back to the rightful owner.

## Inclement Weather on Hot Lunch Days

There will be no grilled cheese or pizza served on snow days. If there happens to be a snow day on a scheduled hot lunch day, we will post the rescheduled date on Instagram (@drummond\_c\_school\_ucdsb) and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/DrummondCentralSchool>).

Students who come to school on snow days will need to have a lunch and snacks packed.



## Upcoming in January



Return to School .....	Jan. 8
Family Literacy Day .....	Jan. 27
Rocks and Rings .....	Jan. 30

## Gratitude: Helping kids show appreciation this holiday season.

We teach our children to say thank you because we want them to appreciate others and not take things for granted, but learning to be grateful can have other significant benefits. Practicing gratitude can help children and youth to empathize with others and build positive relationships. It also contributes to overall happiness! This holiday season, help your child to understand the importance of gratitude and find meaningful ways to express gratitude as a family. Here are some tips:

**Show examples of gratitude** by offering a genuine “thank you” to others or pointing out acts of generosity. Your children watch and learn from you so be sure to express how these acts of gratitude make you feel.

**Let children choose** how they want to show their gratitude. Work with your child to find a way of expressing gratitude that is meaningful to them. It could be linked to a special interest like drawing or baking. Let your child know that you are proud of them for expressing gratitude.

**Make gratitude a daily practice** by setting time aside for each member of the family to express what they are grateful for. Share verbally as a family or be creative! Write what you are grateful for on a cookie, ornament or decoration or create your own family gratitude tree or wreath!



This content was developed from the Child Mind Institute website. Visit <https://childmind.org/article/10-tips-raising-grateful-kids/> for the full article and for more children’s mental health articles.

Looking for mental health support in your community? Visit the Mental Health and Wellness pages of the Upper Canada District School Website where you will find a list of community supports and services by community.

Provided by the Upper Canada District School Board, Student Mental Health and Wellness Department.

# December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1  Crazy Hat Day or Headband	2  Perth Santa Claus Parade
3	4	5 Parent Council Mtg. 6 pm   Scholastic Book Fair	6 Grilled cheese day  Scholastic Book Fair	7 Pizza day  Scholastic Book Fair	8 HOLIDAY COLOURS DAY Gift donation drop off Scholastic Book Fair	9
10	11 Gift donation drop off	12	13 Grilled cheese day  Holiday Gift Room	14 Pizza day  Holiday Gift Room	15 Holiday Pancake Lunch Festive Sweater Day  Holiday Gift Room	16 Walking Club 
17	18	19	20 Grilled cheese day Holiday Concert 1:30 pm in gym  HOT WHEELS Wednesday	21 Pizza day  Holiday Gift Room	22 PJ Day  Winter Solstice	23 Winter Break 
24	 <p>Wishing you and your loved ones a happy and healthy holiday season!</p> 					