



December 1, 2011

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- Theme Baskets Tickets on Sale December 7th–20th
- Annie Performance—December 7th
- Last Day of School—December 23rd
- Back to School—January 9, 2012
- Kindergarten Open House—February 2, 2012

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# December

# NEWSLETTER

## A MESSAGE FROM THE

### ORCHARD PARK STAFF

On behalf of the Orchard Park staff, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all our students and their families a safe and fun Winter holiday. We look forward to seeing you in the new year!

The last day of school for 2011 will be FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup>. Students will be dismissed at the regular time. School resumes on MONDAY, JANUARY 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012.



## BOOK FAIR EXCITEMENT!

During the week of November 14-18, we had our Scholastic Book Fair! Thanks to the many students, staff and parents who came to check it out! On the Thursday, we had the Family Night Event where we were we saw many families come through to check out all the great books. It was great to see all of the support from our community. In addition to being a fantastic literacy event, a percentage of Book Fair proceeds came right back to our school to help raise funds for purchasing books for our Library. In the spirit of celebrating reading, we were able to raise \$2500.00 in book purchases from Scholastic. Many thanks to all of the parent volunteers, students and staff who made the book fair such a success! Happy Reading!



## PROJECT SHARE

**\*Collecting until Dec 14th\***

As we have for the past two years we are supporting Project Share by profiling community school families in need. Each class at Orchard Park has adopted some students for the holiday season. Donations of Money, Gift Cards, Canadian Tire Money, New Toys and Non-Perishable Food Items are welcomed.

If you require further information please ask your child's homeroom teacher.  
**Your support is appreciated greatly!**

**ORCHARD PARK PARENT GROUP THEME BASKETS**

Once again there will be theme baskets in the front hallways for students to win, thanks to the support of our generous parents who donated items and assembled the beautiful baskets! Tickets will be on sale from December 7<sup>th</sup> until the 20<sup>th</sup> during the second nutrition break. Tickets will cost 50¢ or 3/\$1.00. The basket draw will take place on December 21<sup>st</sup>. The baskets make a wonderful gift for parents or caregivers.



**ANNIE**

There will be a regular school day for those students not attending the production of Annie.



**SCHOOL COUNCIL**

Another well attended meeting took place in November, and we look forward to gathering again on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00p.m. Please join us so you can hear what's happening at Orchard Park.

**NEWSLETTER DRAW**

YES, I/WE HAVE READ THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER.

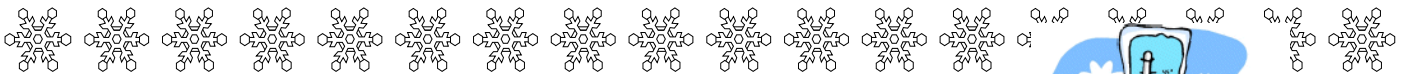
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Student's Name / Family Name

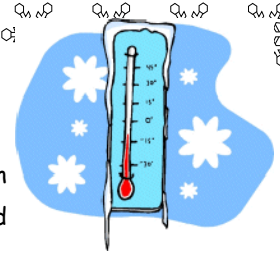
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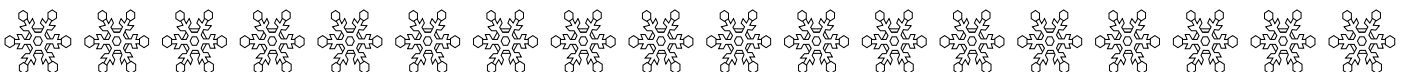
The winter is sure to bring bad weather. Please listen to the radio for information about schools and bus transportation during inclement weather. If travel to and from school become dangerous for the school buses the Board will make an announcement on local radio stations on the 7:00 a.m. news. They will also announce whether the school will remain open to students who are able to get to school safely or if the school will be closed. Here is a list of radio stations that will broadcast school closures:



- CKTB-610AM                      CHSC-1220AM                      CHTZ-97.7 FM                      EZ ROCK-105.7FM
- CKEY- The River, 105.1

If it becomes necessary to close the school after classes have begun, there will also be an announcement made on the radio.

Please **do not phone** the school at this time. We require the phone lines to proceed with your instructions where to send your children. You provided us with this information on the Student Verification Form that you updated in September.



### JUNIOR BOYS VOLLEYBALL

The Junior Boys volleyball team had a great season! This was evident in the boys' positive attitudes and eagerness to learn. With many new players, the team worked hard to improve their ability to set up plays and work together as a team. The boy's hard work paid off as they saw several wins and many close games. Practices were always filled with fun and laughter- showing the boys love of the sport! We look forward to working with many of these players as they return next year....



Congrats to Patrick W., Matthew C., Myles I., Dallas B., Eli C., Milan L., Sinan C., Jaden P., Alex W., Derek L., Billy M., Eli C., Caleb R.

--Miss Cade & Miss Keir thank you for a great season!

### JUNIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The Junior Girls volleyball team showed a great sense of team spirit and a love of the game! With many new and younger players this season, they all worked hard to learn new skills and improve their game. The girls should be proud of their efforts and all their hard work and dedication. We thank Victoria B., Lara P., Mackenzie T., Sydney F., Ava C., Lauren B., Emma F., Jennifer F., Tessa D., Morgan H., Lyric A., Grace C., Cassandra D., Alyssa S. for a great season. Special thanks to Mrs. Harris who volunteered her time to referee our home games!



--Ms. Hollinshead, Mrs. Wright, & Mrs. O'Connor

### INTERMEDIATE BOYS VOLLEYBALL

The Intermediate Boys' Volleyball team had an incredible season! The team showed their dedication to the team and desire to win by practicing four days a week with many early morning practices and always giving it their all. This hard work definitely paid off as they had a very impressive season. The team was undefeated in the regular season, finishing in First Place! Unfortunately, OP lost in the Finals during Play Offs after a hard fought game. At the DSBN Tournament on Wednesday, November 23rd, the boys were the team to beat! The strong OP team won the first 4 games beating some very strong competitors from across the region. The boys lost their final game before heading to the Finals where they played strong games finishing as Semi Finalists. The following boys have been excellent team members this year: Steven M., Kevin T., Mason C., Nikola G., Nikola H., Keegan C., Eric F., Callum S., Roy N., Jacob C. and Joel I. Congratulations boys and we hope you enjoy volleyball for years to come!

Thanks for a great season, Miss DiLibero, Miss Quiquero, and Mrs. Carlucci

### INTERMEDIATE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Orchard Park has been well represented this year, as the girls finished the regular season with 1 win and 5 losses, as they competed well, and were continuously encouraging to one another and their competitors. It has been a pleasure to coach the girls volleyball team this year, and to watch them develop as a team in all respects of the game. Thank you for a wonderful season girls! I hope you all continue with your volleyball careers in years to follow! Mr. Mabee and Mr. Arseneau

2011-2012 Intermediate Girls Volleyball:

Alyson D., Julia C., Kayleigh S., Jessica M., Courtney C., Caitlyn H., Emily A., Hannah C., Grace C., Breanna S., Denise L.

Special Mention to Billy M.—Equipment Manager