December 14th – Christmas Cheer ends
December 21st – Intermediate Christmas Luncheon
December 21 – Red & Green Day
January 7th – First Day back to school
January 25th – P.A. Day
Feb. 6th – School Council Meeting
Feb. 16th – Barrie Colts Night
Feb. 18th – Family Day – No School

Dear Parents/Guardians:
We are fast approaching our Christmas holidays, and the time seems to fly by so quickly. Some of our students may even be counting down the days! On behalf of all our staff members, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Johnson Street families a wonderful Christmas and enjoyable holidays. Somebody wise once wrote “May Peace be your gift at Christmas and your blessing all year through!” All the best,
Ms. Temmer

Remembrance Day
Friday, Nov. 9th marked the day Johnson Street held its annual Remembrance Day assembly. We personalized it with photos of student and staff family members who are giving or have given military service to our country. Guest speaker Honorary Colonel Robert Warman spoke of the significance and importance of Remembrance Day and the arenas of conflict our troops have participated in. His presentation was informative and held everyone’s interest.

Wreaths were laid by all classes, and a special book written by our own Mrs. Brightman was shared. The program was enriched by the music of Mr. Richard Butler who played Amazing Grace and another song on the bagpipes.

Thank you to everyone who helped and contributed to making this assembly so memorable. Special thanks are extended to Mr. Robert Warman and Mr. Richard Butler for their support and assistance to our school.

Learning Center Needs Volunteers
The Learning Center is seeking volunteers to support its language program. If you have any extra time to listen to students read, please contact Ms. Ramsay, Ms. Hintzen or Ms. Fawns for more information. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Lowe’s Donation
We are pleased to tell you that Ms. Tracy Lawson of our local Lowe’s store has arranged to donate some woodcraft projects for some of our students to make. These activities help to enhance and develop a number of skills within our students. Thank you to Lowe’s for supporting our school.

HELPING FAMILIES IN NEED
If your family is interested in helping to provide Christmas this year for one of Johnson Street’s less fortunate families, your support would be appreciated. Please contact Ms Temmer or Mrs. Thompson in the office if you can help. 728-9251

WINTER WEATHER
1. Extra mittens/gloves and socks should be in every child’s schoolbag every day.
2. Indoor shoes are needed for classroom use. In the winter, outdoor footwear is always removed before entering the classrooms.
3. Students’ awareness of road safety must be heightened during this time of icy, narrowed, snow banked roads.
CHRISTMAS CHEER

Johnson St. P.S. is proud to support the Barrie & District Christmas Cheer Program for another year. Through our donation of non-perishable food items, unwrapped NEW toys, Canadian Tire money & gifts of money we can help contribute in a real and measurable way to bring the special feelings that surrounds Christmas and this time of the year. Beginning on Monday, December 3rd your family is invited to support this meaningful initiative. Donations will be collected until December 14th.

Thank you in advance for your continued support let’s make this year our best year ever!!!! Please take a look at the attached list of suggested items recommended by “Christmas Cheer”.

Christmas Cheer – Applicants
All applicants must apply in person & bring:
- Personal ID & proof of permanent residence
- Proof of income & benefits (including Child Tax Credit)
- Proof of expenses (rent, mtge, utilities, etc.)
- Proof & age of dependant children

For information to apply you may go on-line at www.christmascheerbarrie.com or contact: 211 1-888-435-6086.

LIBRARY NEWS

We are small but we are mighty!!! I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the families of Johnson St., for their continued support of literacy. We raised $2700 dollars. Out of every 10 dollars you spent the Library received 6. I now have six hundred dollars worth of new books. A big thanks to Aaron G and Blake W and all the Library Monitors for all their help with the Book Fair.

"I READ THEREFORE I AM"
Mrs. MacLean

SAFE ARRIVAL

REMINDER!
Please make sure you call your child’s absence into the school office if your child will be away! The police are to be notified if a child is unaccounted for. The Safe Arrival program is optional; please call the office if you choose NOT to be part of this program.

Ensure that your child knows what to do in the event of an early school closure due to inclement weather or other emergencies. Go to www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca for all bussing information.

Listen to B101.1 FM or ROCK 95 (95.7) FM or CHAY 93.1 FM or watch A channel news or go on the Board’s website: www.scdsb.on.ca for bus cancellations or school closure.

Notify the school office if you have changed your address, your home or work numbers or those of your caregiver.

CHRISTMAS / HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

The Johnson St. Intermediate students will continue the tradition of a luncheon on the last Friday before the Christmas break (Dec.21st). This is a great chance for the students to get a little dressed up and have a great time. The cost is $5.00 and the list for donated desserts was filled almost immediately. A dance for the Intermediates will follow. Thank you for the parent support.

PLAY SAFE!

We love to see our students playing in the snow, building forts and snow people. However, with a population of approximately 270, we do not allow students to throw snow because the risk of injury increases significantly. Students have been well informed of the policy which will be enforced if they throw snow. Please remind your child that the playground equipment is closed for the winter months. Your support of this policy is expected and appreciated. We wish to maintain a safe, secure environment for all our students.

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES & SCHOOL CLOSING

- Parents are reminded that it is their responsibility to decide whether or not it is safe for their children to come to school, however when the buses are cancelled, we are open. We do not have any buses here.
- Every reasonable effort will be made by the school staff to keep the school open each day regardless of weather conditions.
- If an emergency situation occurs and the school does have to close, please make sure arrangements are made
with your child(ren) so they know where they are to go.

REDUCE THE RISK
We would like to remind our Johnson Street School community of our “Reduce the Risk” program. Please continue your efforts to leave peanut/nut products at home. We appreciate your consideration and thank you for making our school a safer place for everyone.

SCHOOL ROUTINES
Now that the cold weather is here we have a number of parents who insist on using the front door to individually drop off and pick up their children. Please help us to keep your children safe by adhering to our entry and dismissal procedures. The expectation is that ALL children enter and leave the building through a designated door with their classmates. Daily attendance and punctual arrivals are important life skills that create independence. Arriving on time will also keep the front entrance and hallway from getting too congested.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
Next meeting: Wed. Feb. 13th, 2013, 7:00 p.m. Everyone welcome! The School Council has met twice this year so far and members are busy working and supporting many initiatives at JSPS.

Lost & Found
Our bins are overflowing! Are you missing anything? Hats, mittens, coats, boots, shoes, sweaters—there are many items. Everything will be on display starting the week of Dec. 10th. You are welcome to come in and reclaim the items that belong to your child. Please sign in at the office. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity on Friday, Dec. 17th.

Farewell Mrs. Helmerichs
As you may have heard, our dedicated custodian, Mrs. Helmerichs (affectionately known as “Mrs. H”) is retiring. She will be dearly missed by the students, staff and community of Johnson Street. During her many years at the school she has contributed so much to its well-being, safety and upkeep. We would like to thank her for all her dedication and hard work that helped to make Johnson Street Public School such a special place to be. We wish her a happy and productive retirement!

“Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay for a while, leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never, ever the same.”

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