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# THE FERNFORESTER

The Monthly Newsletter for Fernforest Public School



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*From the Principal's desk...  
Welcome Back!*

Welcome back to staff, students, and parents of Fernforest!

It is great to see everyone. I hope that the holiday gave you some time to spend with your family and friends, some time to relax, some time to reflect, and some time to plan and set resolutions for a new year!

Resolutions are goals that we set and work to achieve. Our teachers have been looking at S.M.A.R.T. goals for their students – Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Results-based, and Time Bound. We will be looking in 2009 to work with students in order for them to meet these goals.

Please support your child at home by: becoming involved in their school life, helping them with homework, reading to

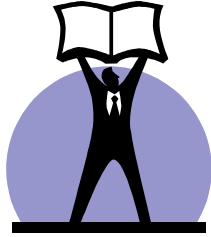
them each and every day and having them read to you. Please try to limit their time playing video games and watching television. Try to set aside time every day for activities which will support their academic life. In addition, please encourage your child to be physically active and to spend some time out of doors. It takes everyone working together to help resolutions and goals become reality.

Best wishes for 2009 and the many successes which lay ahead for us all!

*Mrs. S. Whaley*

## FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT

**Come to  
Fernforest's first  
Family Literacy Night!  
Thursday, January 22, 2009  
7 to 8 pm**



Mark this date on your calendar!

**PLEASE SEE INSERT**

### **IMMUNIZATION CLINIC**

An Immunization Clinic will be held at **Harold Braithwaite Secondary School on January 21st, 2:30 pm – 7:00 pm**. Please contact **Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700** for more information.



### **STAFFING CHANGES**

Please welcome Ms. Vandeyar in for Mrs. Wadley and Mrs. Lingard in for Mrs Talwar-Lotey . Best wishes to our new teachers and those who are off to welcome new babies.

**Congratulations to:**

**Mrs. McCaughtry on the birth of Aidan and Mrs. Lancaster on the birth of Ryan!**

### **Closing schools due to bad weather**

During the winter months, inclement weather may disrupt bus transportation and school operations. The decision to cancel buses and/or close schools is usually made by 6 a.m. If you have reason to believe

bussing may be cancelled, visit [www.peelschools.org](http://www.peelschools.org) or call 905-890-1010 or 1-800-668-1146.

You will receive one of the following messages:

**Buses are cancelled.** This message means that schools remain open for students but transportation services provided by the Peel District School Board are cancelled. If buses are cancelled, they will remain cancelled for the duration of the day. When busses are not running, schools that rely heavily on bussing may be closed.

**Schools are closed.** This message means that, due to bad weather conditions, schools are closed to students.

**All schools and Peel board facilities are closed.** This message means that, due to the severity of the weather conditions, schools and board offices are closed to students and staff.

### **DRESSING FOR WINTER**

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILDREN ARE DRESSED FOR THE COLD WEATHER: **HATS, SCARVES, MITTENS, SNOWBOOTS, SNOWPANTS, AND WARM WINTER COATS ARE A MUST!!!**



### **UPCOMING DATES**

- January 5<sup>th</sup> – Welcome Back!!!
- January 7<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm - School Council
- January 12<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>–  
Grade Five Trip to Queen's Park
- January 13<sup>th</sup> – Leadership Now!
- January 21<sup>st</sup> – Immunization Clinic at HBSS
- January 22<sup>nd</sup> – Family Literacy Night at Fernforest - 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- January 26<sup>th</sup> – Vietnamese and Chinese New Year

