

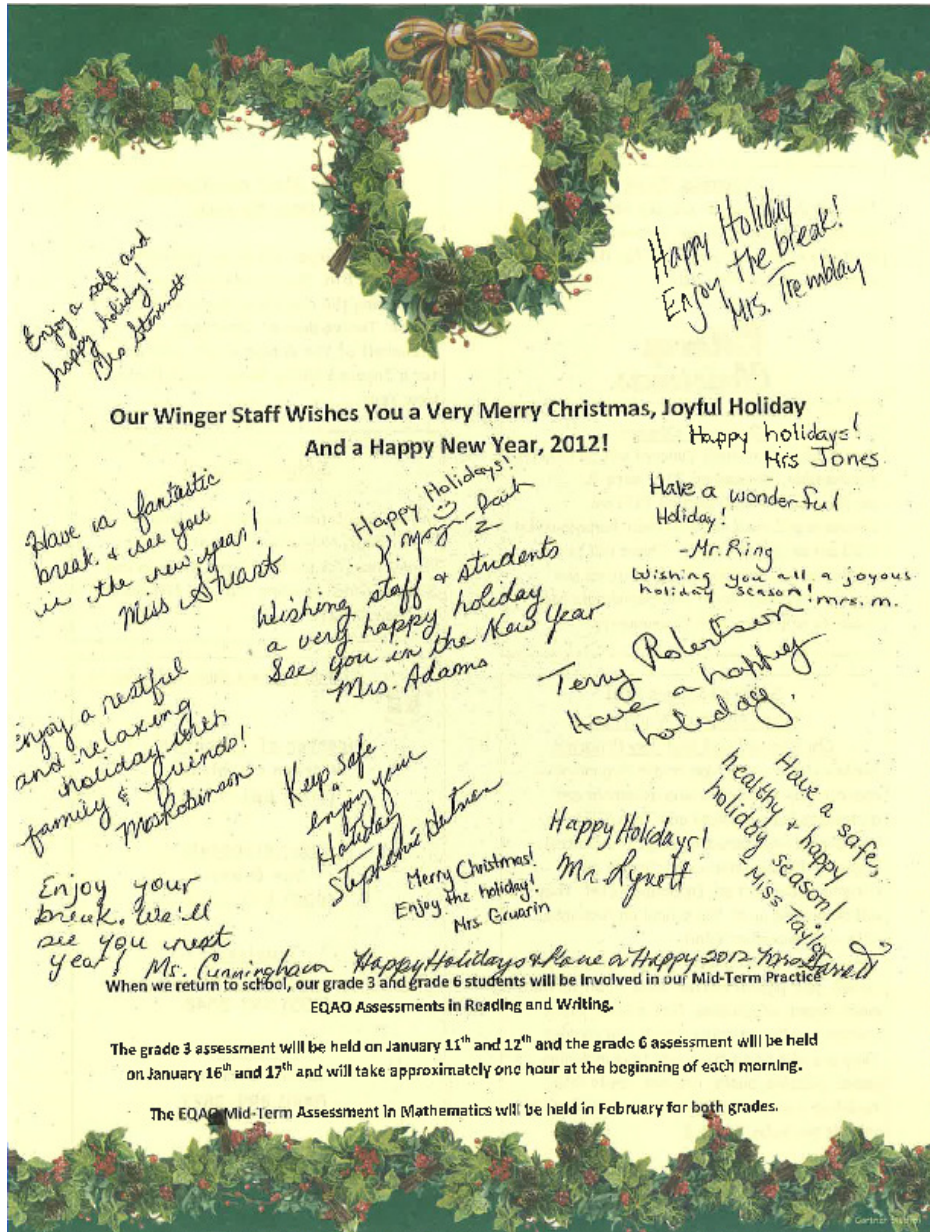


# WINGER PUBLIC SCHOOL

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**Christmas Break**

The last day of regular classes before the Christmas break is Friday, December 23rd. The first day of regular classes after the break is Monday, January 9th, 2012.



**Christmas Concert**

Our Holiday Christmas Concert will be held on **Wednesday, December 21st with 2 performances** - 1:30 pm and 7:00 pm.

Students will need to be in their homeroom by 6:30 pm on concert night. There will be no admission fee for the concert but we are requesting donations of non-perishable food items to help folks in our community.

**Santa's Helpers 2011**

**Port Colborne/Wainfleet**

**Christmas Food and Toy Program**

Santa's Helpers is a Non Profit Organization operated by volunteers who assemble and distribute Food Baskets and Toys/Gifts to households registered through the Central Registry. Please make a donation at our Christmas Concert on December 21st. They will be picking up at the school on December 19th and December 22nd.

The foods requested are: juice, tea, coffee, cereal, jam, peanut butter, soup, fruit canned meat, beans, vegetables, fish, stews, pasta, crackers, jell-o, pudding, candy and cookies.

They are also requesting new toys including games, puzzles, books, crayons, craft kits, modeling clay models, sleighs, trucks, stuffed animals and baby toys 1-3.

**Winger Staff and Students**

**Deck the Halls!**

Joy Day at Winger will be on Thursday, December 8th. The students will be decorating the classroom doors with the theme: Twelve days of Christmas.

On behalf of the Winger staff, best wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season and a Fantastic New Year.

**School Council**

Our School Council meeting was held on Wednesday, November 30th at 6:30 p.m.

Please view the minutes from the previous School Council meeting that are attached to this newsletter.



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### Emergency Fan-out

We have a group of parent volunteers who have generously donated their time to assist us with the emergency fan-out this year.



The volunteers were given a list of student contact information including telephone numbers to call you in case of bad weather. You will only be contacted if the students are at school and are going to be dismissed early.

### Inclement Weather



In case of severe weather, remember to listen to local radio stations for announcements pertaining to Winger Public School. We are in Area 2 and our bus service is provided by First Student. As well, please review with your child, any information or arrangements that they should be aware of in case of an early dismissal.



### Christmas Break

Please remind your child to take home all extra clothing and shoes during the Christmas break so that the caretakers can get the floors and classrooms clean for when classes resume on January 9th.

### Winter Clothing and Footwear



- 1.) During the winter, students are still expected to be outside during recess and lunch breaks.
- 2.) Thus, they should always dress appropriately for the weather conditions.
- 3.) Since clothing, boots, etc. often look alike, we request that parents label or print their child's last name on their belongings.
- 4.) In addition, for health and safety reasons, it is important that students also have separate indoor and outdoor footwear.

Safety is always important at home and school. Students should have non-skid footwear for both indoors and outdoors. Cords on hoods or coats should be cut short or removed to avoid having a strangulation hazard.

### Snow and School Safety

We want all students at Winger Public School to make safe and peaceful choices on the playground. With winter fast approaching, we need to remind students about the following rules:



- 1.) **throw NO snow**
  - 2.) **no sliding on the ice**
- The playground equipment will be closed from December to March, when students are wearing boots, gloves, mitts or scarves. In addition, during those months, the equipment is wet and dangerous to be on. Let's work together to keep our playground safe and enjoyable for everyone. It is an expectation that students dress appropriately for the weather. We encourage all parents to check clothing for long strings or ties that may prove to be a hazard to children at play.



### School Kits- Winger Cares

Winger students and their families donated over 20 school kits. The kits will be distributed to children in need all around the world. **Way to go Winger!**

### Campbells Labels For Education

We are still collecting Campbell Soup Labels. The UPC symbol must be in good condition for the company to accept the label. It is very helpful and less time consuming if you were able to send the soup labels to school flat rather than rolled up. We count them in piles of 100 and tie string around each bundle so they are ready for recycling after the collection date. The labels are redeemed for educational resources ranging from sports equipment and musical instruments to health and wellness videos and books.

### Student Safety

For the parents who pick up their children after school, we ask for your help in keeping the parking lot safe for those students who are boarding the buses. Please park only in designated parking spaces along the south side of the parking lot in the student drop off/pick-up area or along the roadway, well away from the entrance and exit at the end of the day. **During school entry and exit, please avoid parking in the last space at the curve by the mailbox since our buses are finding it difficult to enter the driveway when a car is present in that space.** Buses always have the right of way so please avoid driving through the parking lot while buses are loading. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



The first day of Kindergarten is a big step for both you and your child. DSBN's Kindergarten Countdown will help both of you prepare for school, from information on registering and attending an Open House to tips to prepare for the first day of school, we are with you every step of the way. You and your child are about to embark on a wonderful journey of learning with the District School Board of Niagara.

### TAKE THE KINDERGARTEN COUNTDOWN

- **STEP 1-GET READY FOR THE BIG DAY**
- **STEP 2- REGISTER AT SCHOOL**
- **STEP 3- GO TO THE OPEN HOUSE ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2 FROM 4:00—6:00 P.M.**
- **STEP 4- ATTEND KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION IN JUNE**

Students attending JK must be four years of age by December 31, 2012.

The following documents are required for registration:

- 1.) Child's birth certificate, birth registration or Baptismal certificate
- 2.) Immunization Records
- 3.) Child's Health Card

**BLAST OFF TO SCHOOL!**



## Grade 8 Open Houses

January and February are important months for our grade 8 students and their families. During these months, our local high schools will be hosting their Open Houses. Students and parents can use this opportunity to learn more about what the high schools have to offer as they make the important decisions about their grade nine year.

### OPEN HOUSE DATES

#### **E.L. Crossley**

**Date: Wednesday, January 18 -6:30 - 8:30 pm**

#### **Port Colborne High School**

**Date: Tuesday, January 17 -6:30 pm**

#### **Welland Centennial Secondary**

**Date: Tuesday, January 17- 6:30 - 8:30 pm**

### Rick Hansen 25th Anniversary Relay

The Rick Hansen Relay passed through Wainfleet and stopped at Winger School on Thursday, November 17. Students and staff were able to meet the Relay Medal Bearer and the relay team as they move on to complete their cross-Canada tour.



## Remembrance Day

Master Corporal Honey visited the Grade 6/7 and 7/8 classes on November 17<sup>th</sup>. He is the son-on-law of our Temporary Principal, Mr. Wood.

Master Corporal Honey fought for Canada during two missions: 2004 in Bosnia as a Peace-keeper and 2009 in Afghanistan. He shared many stories and pictures from his missions. In one incident, his armoured vehicle was hit by an I.E.D. (Improvised Explosive Device). This vehicle, which weighs as much as 2 school buses, was thrown 40 feet in the air. Fortunately, Master Corporal Honey was not injured. However, he did lose one of his close friends during that attack.

Students also had a chance to hear about the repatriation ceremonies that take place at the Kandahar Airfield and how being a soldier affects their families at home. Students listened attentively and asked many questions to both Master Corporal Honey and his wife. We thank both Mr. Honey and his wife for the many sacrifices that they endured to keep Canada safe.





### TRIBES

Our TRIBES activities will continue during the month of December with our TRIBES assembly on afternoon of Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will be looking at the characteristics of being **responsible**. Also, in keeping with the spirit of the holiday season, we will be having a TRIBES assembly the morning of December 23<sup>rd</sup> during which we will be examining what it means to be **caring**. Remember to check out the Winger TRIBES bulletin boards the next time you visit the school.

### Winter Is Here-Dress Appropriately

Now that the colder weather is upon us, please make sure that students dress for the colder temperatures. Students should wear boots, bring snow pants and have a hat and gloves also. Please send a change of clothes just in case your child get wet or want to put on extra clothes to keep warm.

### NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER WINNER

Congratulations to Keziah Pragana . She is the winner for the November draw. If you want to be a winner, please cut out the form below and send it in completed to the office as soon as possible.

### DECEMBER/JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Yes, I have read the December Newsletter. Please add my child's name to the monthly draw.

Student : \_\_\_\_\_

### THE ECO-TEAM

The Eco-Team at Winger has been busy during the past few months. At the end of October a few members attended the second annual Eco-summit in NOTL. The students listened to a guess speaker talk about and show us a slide show of photographs of her experience visiting the Arctic during the summer. The students saw how the glaciers there are in danger of melting due to global warming. We saw icebergs the size of cities drifting in the ocean and the wildlife such as polar bears, walrus and birds that depend on a stable climate for survival. Also the students participated in seminars about Eco-friendly topics. In all, it was a very informative and exciting day and the students expressed their enjoyment at being a part of this event.

The Eco-Team submitted a project to the Metro Green Apple School Program in September this year and we were awarded a \$1000 dollar grant for one of the projects that we asked for. With the money received, we will buy t-shirts for the Eco-Team so that our students will know who we are and what we stand for. We will also buy books about the environment for our Library so that all students at Winger School will be able to learn about our environment and ways to help save our planet. Way to go Winger Eco-Team! We are proud of your efforts!

Also, this past Friday November 25<sup>th</sup>, the Eco-Team at Winger held an assembly in the gym. The blue box, grey box, and green bin Buddies were guests of the Niagara Region Recycling Program, who informed us about the proper ways to reduce, reuse and recycle our unwanted items. They then visited the Primary students in their classrooms to reinforce the correct way of disposing items into the proper containers. It was an educationally fun way to learn about how to do our part to keep our planet safe and clean.

Remember that reducing, reusing, recycling starts at home. Did you ever wonder what happens to that plastic bottle you recycle? Recycled plastic is everywhere. Your fleece is recycled pop bottles and so is your plastic baseball hat. Recycled plastic is also found in lots of toys, park benches, and even garbage cans.

Here is an Eco-tip of the Day. Refuse plastic bags! Bring your own bag to the store and remind your parents to bring reusable bags when they shop for groceries or other items! Do you want to save a tree? Recycle paper...one tonne of recycled paper keeps 17 trees from being cut down.

The Eco-Team wishes everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday.



## **TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Day of Christmas – Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

Joy Day – The decorating of the classroom doors with the theme: Twelve Days of Christmas

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Day of Christmas – Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

Spirit Day – Dress in red, white and green

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Day of Christmas – Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

Secret Santa Day – Students will be making cards for one another using positive character traits.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas – Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> - 2:20 - 2:45 p.m.**

Snuggle up and read – Older students and younger students will be sharing their favourite Christmas books with one another. Please bring your favourites to school today!

### **5<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas – Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas Movie Buy-out - \$1.00 – Proceeds to Santa's Helpers Food and Toy Drive

A.M. - Kindergarten to Grade 3

P.M. - Grade 4 – 8

### **6<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas – Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

Mid-way Food and Toy Drive Count – keep donations coming in!

### **7<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas – Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

Mr. Stickney and Port High Band 9:30 – 10:30

### **8<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas – Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

Santa's Helpers Pick Food and Toy Drive Pick Up

### **9<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas – Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

PJ Day – students and staff wear their pyjamas to school.

### **10<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas – Wednesday, December 21<sup>th</sup>**

Winger Christmas Concert 1:30 and 7:00 p.m.

### **11<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas – Thursday, December 22<sup>th</sup>**

Whole school carolling in the gym

### **12<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas – Friday, December 23<sup>th</sup>**

Tribes - Period 1/2

Period 3 - Presentation



Dear Winger Families,

Once again, it is time for Winger families to give thought to assisting the less fortunate citizens in our community.

Winger Public School has decided to support the organization, "Santa's Helpers." This non-profit organization is operated by volunteers with a single objective: to assemble and distribute Food Baskets and Toys/Gifts to people in need.

As a school, we have decided to build a Mountain of Food and Toys. We have set ambitious goals for ourselves and hope that YOU can help us reach them!

Here are some of the things that you can help with:

Food List: \*\*No home canning\*\*

Juice  
Jam  
Canned Meats  
Spaghetti  
Pudding

Tea  
Peanut Butter  
Tinned Potatoes  
Vegetables  
Candy

Coffee  
Soup  
Canned Fish  
Crackers  
Cookies

Cereal  
Canned Fruit  
Canned Stews  
Jello

Toys: (New Only)

Games  
Crayons  
Sleighs

Puzzles  
Graft Kits  
Trucks

Books  
Modelling Clay  
Stuffed Animals

Colouring Books  
Models  
Baby Toys 1-3

**We will be collecting toys and food from  
Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> and Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.**

*Please help us build a Mountain of Food and Toys.*

Thanking you in advance for your support!

Sincerely,

Winger Public School Staff and Students

## Intermediate Girls Volleyball

Congratulations to the Intermediate Girls Volleyball Team who showed great improvements over the course of the season. The girls had an opportunity to develop their skills at the Port Colborne High School Tournament and were just shy of the 4th place needed to move to semi-finals. Thank you to all parents for their support during the season and a special thank-you to the drivers to each of the games. The girls and I appreciated it! (Mrs. Robinson)

The girls team included:

Kayla Carmichael  
Leah Derksen  
Saraya Goss  
Mikayla Lepp  
Samantha Martin  
Emily Neudorf  
Amy Nyman  
Tessa Sherk  
Santana Sherwood  
Mackie Sider  
Maggie Sider  
Kyler Smith  
Megan VanVliet



## Intermediate Boys Volleyball

The boys volleyball team had a successful season. In league play, we had a record of 2 wins and 3 losses. In our tournament, we were unable to advance to the play-off rounds. Thanks for all of your efforts boys. (Mr. Lynett)

The boys team includes :

Nathan Adams  
Steven Elgie  
Nathan Fletcher  
Chris Kievit  
Devon Lepp  
Keynen Lynett  
Evan McCrory  
Levi Rizzo  
Braeden Rush  
Spencer Shoalts  
J.T. Stavinga  
Logan TenBrinke



# THANK YOU!!



The students and staff of Winger School would like to thank everyone who assisted in making our recent magazine subscription campaign a great success again this year! Without the support of our community we would not have been able to raise the money that the Campaign generated. Thank you so much for helping us reach our goal. All of your subscriptions are guaranteed 100% and if you have any service concerns, please contact CCRP at 1-800-665-5133 (11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. EST) or [service@ccrp.ca](mailto:service@ccrp.ca). (not the school office). As a reminder you may continue to order on-line throughout the school year at [www.ccrp.ca](http://www.ccrp.ca) - our school code is ON2504.

## Physical Activity

Did you know that Canadian children/youth ages six to 19 spend an average of 8.6 hours per day, or 62 per cent of their waking hours, being sedentary?

Here are some ways to help your children meet the recommended 60 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity each day:

- Limit recreational screen time to no more than two hours per day

- Encourage children and youth to play outdoors

- Play outside with your children:

  - Go for walks, hikes, build snowmen, go tobogganing

  - Introduce your child to skates or skis so they can learn to slide

  - Play catching games using a wide range of soft objects

For more information go to [www.activehealthykids.ca](http://www.activehealthykids.ca) or [www.participaction.com](http://www.participaction.com)



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**Merry Christmas**

