

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2018

Let's Make it a December to Remember! Go out and spread the joy.



From the Principal's Desk:

Report Cards

Your child will bring home their first term report card on Wednesday, December 19, 2018. The staff is proud of the accomplishments and achievements your children have made, as we know you will be. As you and your child reflect on the first term we would encourage you to take the time to celebrate your child's successes, improvements and achievements. Your child has demonstrated many strengths and has worked hard to develop a variety of new skills. The growth and development of each child this term has been varied and unique and each is worthy of a special

family celebration. Remember also that the report cards are just one way of learning about your child's progress. Our conferences with staff members are central to learning about student progress in more detail.

School Visit Procedures

Just a reminder that if you are coming into the school between drop off and pick up times, we ask that you please check in at the office., This helps us to ensure that adults in the building are connected to the school. *Thank you for helping us keep safe.*

Snow Activities

At this time of year, it is necessary to remind students about acceptable snow activities. Before school and at lunch break, students are encouraged to play in the snow and build snow creations. Throwing snow is not permitted. Please send students with boots, snow-pants, hats, gloves or mittens as well as a warm coat. Warm children are much happier!



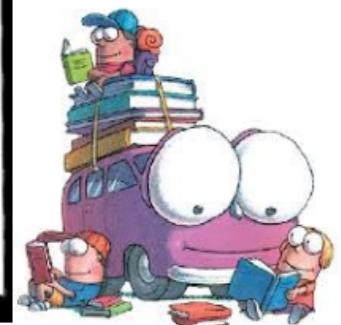
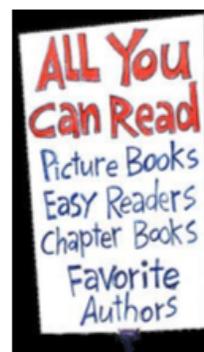
Winter Parking lot safety

As winter weather is upon us, we remind parents and students to be extremely cautious in the parking lot during drop off times. Please drive slowly as we cannot ensure that this area is salted. As always students should unload from cars only from the passenger side. **Do not park in the handicap, custodial and bus loop areas.**

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation to ensure our students arrive at school safely.

December Events:

- **Scholastic Book Fair starting December 4,5,6,7 & 9** (During Christmas Craft Fair) in the school library. We are truly fortunate to have such a dedicated PAC group. This year they are supporting another Book Fair. It's a great place to buy a few extras for those on your list. Books are not the only items we will have. There is always a great assortment so make sure to check it out. Our PAC is a remarkable bunch! They work hard on the "extras" that make for a richer school experience for every student at Don Titus Montessori.



- **Don Titus Christmas Craft PAC Fair** on December 9, 12 – 4pm in the school gym. This is an excellent opportunity to get all your Christmas shopping done. There will be 45 plus vendors selling homemade food and crafts along with many homebased businesses – something for everyone!
- **Giving Tree for Christmas Hampers** - We all know that Christmas is a time for giving, and we are proud to be able to offer kids the opportunity to help others. One simple way we are doing this is by creating a Giving Tree. We are asking students, staff, and any other community members to bring new mittens, gloves, hats, and socks to decorate the tree. We will donate the winter gear to be distributed in the local Chetwynd Christmas Hampers.
- **Project North Pole Decorative Door / Window Contest for Schools** - Our classrooms will be participating in in the Village's local contest. Please take a tour of the decorated doors when visiting the Book Fair.

- **Annual Don Titus Christmas Lunch** - *This will be held this year on Wednesday, December 5th at noon in the gym.* This is a feast for students and their families to enjoy. Our PAC and school families are busily preparing for our Annual Christmas Dinner here at the school. We are eagerly anticipating sitting down together as a whole school to celebrate with a delicious turkey dinner. We hope to see all of our families at the school for this wonderful meal.

We thank families for their generous donations of food and cash to help make this special event possible for every child in the school.

- **Don Titus Christmas Concert** - *Wednesday, December 19, 12:45pm* Good things come in small packages! Come watch our students steal the show.
- **Don Titus Fourth Annual Christmas Gift Shop for Kids** - *Dec. 20th* This year we will be hosting another **Gift Shop** for students, which will be stocked with new or almost new items that the students can purchase for one dollar. We will help students wrap the presents that they have purchased. This has been a huge success and is a great way students can put a gift for a family member under their tree all by themselves.! All proceeds go to Chetwynd Christmas Hamper Fund
- **Christmas Hamper Packing** - *Friday, 21st* Mr. Conrad's/Mrs. Bougerolle's class will be helping pack Christmas food hampers for local families.

December Special Events

December 4,5,6,7 & 9th Book Fair

December 5 Christmas sit down lunch for students

December 7 Don Titus's Christmas Light-Up Celebration

December 9 Don Titus Christmas Craft Fair 12 – 4pm

December 14 Ugly Sweater day/Christmas Craft Day/Sleigh Ride

December 19 Christmas Concert 12:45pm – 2:30pm

December 19 Report Cards go home

December 20 Christmas Shopping for students. \$1.00/gift. * *Please send bags for your child's purchases.*

December 21 Mrs. Bougerolle's/ Mr. Conrad's class help with Christmas hampers



December 22 to January 6

Winter Break – NO SCHOOL

Monday, January 7, 2019 – School Re-opens



It is hard to believe that 2018 is already nearing the end. We had a very exciting fall at Don Titus Montessori and I know students, staff, and parents are looking forward to what the New Year will bring.

***From all of us a Don Titus Montessori
we wish you a very happy and safe holiday season
and a Happy New Year!***

