



# Winston Churchill PS

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## Upcoming Events

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**Nov. 30**—Field trip to Grand Theatre (Alexander's gr. 1 & Collins/Rowbotham's Kindergarten)

**Dec. 1**—Girls Volleyball Tournament at KCVI

**Dec. 2**—Boys Volleyball Tournament at KCVI

**Dec. 2**—Field trip to Agnes Etherington Art Gallery (Gale's gr. 3)

**Dec. 4**—Jingle Bell Walk

**Dec. 10**—Sports Night (6:30-7:45 Basketball and Dodgeball)

**Dec. 11**—Holiday Arts Assembly (1:00-2:15 Parents welcome)

**Dec. 15**—Progress Reports go home

**Dec. 16**—Crafternoon (Interested volunteers please contact the school)

**Monday, January 4**—First day of classes following the holiday break

## **Building for the Future**

Several building enhancement projects are nearing completion, currently underway or about to begin at Winston Churchill Public School. The most obvious work involved replacing the roof for the entire school throughout August and early September. As is often the case with projects of this magnitude, the scope grew after the work began, but, in the end, we're very pleased to have a new roof over our heads.

Inside the school, LDSB Maintenance staff quietly went about the task of replacing most internal and some external doors. So as not to interfere with student learning, the work was carried out early in the mornings. Students and teachers were pleasantly surprised to arrive at school and find a new door for their classroom.

As a joint project between LDSB Facility Services and the Winston Churchill School Advisory Committee (SAC) we have undertaken a school grounds improvement project that involves repainting/refurbishing an existing play structure, improving drainage around the bicycle racks, and removing the pea-gravel in favour of a composite mulch as a safety surface under the play structure.

Large capital projects, such as the roof and doors involve a significant financial commitment on the part of the LDSB towards the upkeep and maintenance of our buildings. Likewise, the improvements to the playground represent the type of co-operation and collaboration that help keep our schools viable places to learn and play.

On behalf of everyone in the Winston Churchill community, I extend our heartfelt thanks to the Trustees and Senior Staff, the LDSB Facility Services team, and our very own Winston School Advisory Council.

Yours in Education,

### Elementary Progress Report Card, Grades 1 - 8

The Elementary Progress Report Card is designed to show a student's development of the learning skills and work habits during the fall of the school year, as well as a student's general progress in working towards the achievement of the curriculum expectations in all subjects. Student progress will be reported by indicating if the student is "progressing with difficulty" "progressing well," or "progressing very well."

This year, the Elementary Progress Report card will be sent home on Tuesday, December 15, 2015.



On November 10, nearly 50 Winston Churchill students in Grades 5-8 attended the ME to WE Day in Ottawa. The event featured speakers ranging from Henry "Fonzie" Winkler to soon-to-be Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Our students all reported that the experience was highly inspiring and they have big plans for putting their learning into action.

Captain Elisa Holland from CFB Kingston addressed the audience during the Winston Churchill PS Remembrance Day Assembly. Students, staff members and community guests were moved by her heartfelt words. In turn, Captain Holland shared that she was honoured and grateful for the opportunity to be with us for this important event. We thank Captain Holland and all other members of the Canadian Forces, past and present, for their service.



### **Community Connections**

Again this year, Winston Churchill staff and students will participate in the annual 98.3 FLY FM & 98.9 THE DRIVE Toy Drive. Since 1978 this event has ensured that less fortunate children in our community have new toys on Christmas morning. Please watch for the notice coming home next week from our ME to WE team.