

# Crystal Beach Comet

Mr. S. Shad, Principal

Dear Parents, Guardians

Thanks to the entire Crystal Beach Community for a fantastic month of November. I greatly enjoyed being in classrooms and seeing the level of student engagement. Students are working hard. The high yield strategies for reading, writing and mathematics are paying off in student learning. Well done staff and students.

Some of the November highlights included: The Jack Grunsky trip was a huge hit with the Primary students. Students also took part in the Aaron Bell Native Storyteller presentations. The Rick Hansen 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Relay through Crystal Beach was a wonderful highlight.

Our December events are off and running. The Spirit of Ridgeway Choir did a great job. Our Breakfast With Santa was once again a terrific community event. I greatly appreciated the hard work and dedication that the school council demonstrated in planning and carrying out an awesome Breakfast With Santa. Please consider joining our amazing School Council. Thank you to everyone who helped with the breakfast and to the many families that took part. Thanks to our community partners: Joe's Value Mart and Ridgeways Restaurant. The Robotics Team 3882 is looking forward to participating in the FLL Tournament on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, at Niagara College.

I wish all our families a Merry

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!  
Mr. S. Shad



## Character Education

### December's Character Trait: **Courage**

Courage is:

Having the determination to do the right thing even when others don't; the strength to follow your conscience rather than the crowd. Attempting difficult things that are worthwhile. (Wake County Public School System)



### **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

The policy of the District School Board of Niagara is for schools to remain open for students who can get to school safely. Inclement weather or poor road conditions may force the cancellation of transportation services. If buses are cancelled every attempt will be made to provide the public with information by the 7:00 a.m. radio news report (CKTB 610 AM, CHTZ 97.7 FM, CHRE 105.7 FM, CKEY 105.1 FM, SPIRIT 91.7 FM, CHSC 1220 AM, Y108 107.9 FM, WAVE 94.7 FM). Information on school closings and/or bus transportation interruptions will be broadcast by the local radio stations and procedures arranged in the

School Emergency Information form will be followed. We will make every attempt to put a message on our answering service so parents can get information by calling the school phone number. Parents, Thanks for Calling in Absences! You are doing a great job!



### **School Council**

Crystal Beach will be meeting on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> to prepare for the Student Christmas Dinner event on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00pm. We will be meeting in the library. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend the school council meetings. Please be a part of our growing team!

### **Students of the Month**

Each month, the staff at Crystal Beach takes time to recognize students who

demonstrate excellence in a particular area.



Our November recognition assembly was held on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 am. Thanks for Mrs. Poitras, and Mrs. Brown for the great student pictures for our slideshow.

Congratulations to the following:

Effort: Elias Luzardo, Kaylee Boucha, Jacob Crysler, Emma Fawcett, Emma Sousa, Savannah Richardson, Kayla Plante, Bonnie Nadjiwan

Attendance: Chris Brownie, Barrington Brownie, Nicholas Harrington, Nolan Stickland, Ethan MacDonald, Christian Cristelli, Kaitlyn Langdon, Zoe Winney

Activity/Mutual Respect: Carolanne Gerow, Quinn Bythell, Mia Rosina, Madison Poitras, Ryan Beahm, Harry Sousa, Gavin Robertson,

Integrity: Maddy Biecke, Aiden Nick, Emma Mathes, Marla Irwin, Beth Pearson, Victoria Walker, Michael Augustine

Our next Student Recognition Assembly will be Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 am. We will attempt to notify parents with our Blaze Cast prior to the assembly. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Lunch Program/Breakfast Club



Thank you to Victory Church for providing cereal for our Breakfast Program. Our Hot Lunch Program is doing a great job on a daily basis. Thanks Lisa Mealing and Chuck Mealing for your ongoing support of the students at Crystal Beach.



### CRYSTAL BEACH CHRISTMAS DINNER



We will be celebrating the season with a Christmas Dinner for all our students! We are making dinner this year on

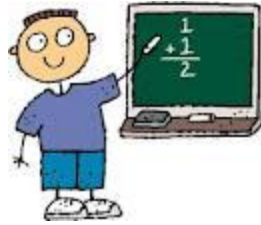
Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at lunch. Santa will be making an early arrival and distributing gifts to all our students with the help of our School Council.



### School Community Food Drive

The School Community Food Drive is in high gear.

Please donate canned food items, pasta, jams, toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrushes). Look for the donation bin at the office. Please call Mr. Shad if your family could benefit from a hamper at this time of year.



### Coaching Corner

As a parent you may hear your son/daughter talk about things like

banshos and math congresses and you may be wondering what it all means. With this approach to mathematics students are posed questions and need to develop their own strategies for finding a solution. In a traditional math class we would teach a math concept and then let students practice what we have already modeled for them. When we give students the answers the thinking stops. By allowing them to experiment and try out different strategies to come up with their own solutions we are encouraging them to think. Student solutions are then posted around the room and grouped together by common strategies. Research has shown that this is a very effective way to build strong mathematical skills. To learn more about bansho in mathematics check out the Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat website at the following web address. [http://199.71.28.69/eng/literacynumeracy/inspire/research/CBS\\_bansho.pdf](http://199.71.28.69/eng/literacynumeracy/inspire/research/CBS_bansho.pdf)

Mrs. Goodwin

(Instructional Coach)

If a man will begin with certainties,  
he shall end in doubts.

But if he will be content to begin  
with doubts he shall end in  
certainties.

— Francis Bacon



### Calendar

Please see upcoming events for on the December Calendar.

Holidays are from Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>-Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Students return to school on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

**NEWSLETTER DRAW:**

Congratulations to our November Newsletter Draw winner: Henry Oleksiuk

Please sign and return this slip to indicate that you have read the Crystal Beach Comet. One return slip will be chosen randomly. This lucky student will win a prize!

The \_\_\_\_\_ family has read the Crystal Beach Comet.

Student(s) Names

Teacher(s)

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this page by Thursday, December 14th, 2011

**PROBLEM SOLVING**

Santa has 20 elves helping him with the toys, but 5 go home sick. He needs more help. If 10 more elves come to help, how many elves are helping Santa now?