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Talbot Trail Public School Newsletter

January 2012

From The Principal's Desk:

Happy Holidays!



I would like to wish all of our students, families and community partners a peaceful and fun filled winter break. Many of us will be celebrating family and faith traditions. Enjoy the time off with your loved ones.

School resumes on Monday, January 9th. Our School Council meets on this first day back. Please plan on joining us.

- ★ **School Council**
- ★ Monday, January 9th
- ★ 7p.m. in our library

Thank you so much to our community for your support of our character building initiatives in the month of December. It seemed like many groups were making requests... and they were. All for good causes. Thanks to you, we were able to support Coats for Kids, Hospice of Windsor Essex (Buck A Book), We Care, We Can, Hats and Mittens for Brock PS, Cereal Drive, and Movember. Thanks to you, many Windsor-Essex

Reminder:

This Friday, December 23rd is a Board Designated Holiday. There is no school.

residents will be able to enjoy the holidays even more. You are very generous!



Our School Council parents organized, created, sold and delivered festive cookie dough and hot chocolate mix. Thank you for supporting school programs through the fine work of our Parental Involvement Committee. We are fortunate to have a group of dedicated parents/guardians who support our staff and students. Again, thank you for your support of their efforts.

We look forward to an exciting new year in 2012.

Upcoming events:

- ✓ January 26th
Student of the Month
10:45a.m. in our gym

Again, have a wonderful holiday season. We look forward to seeing everyone in the new year.

-M. Rinaldi Ross



*Now open the oven to see if he's
done,
This gingerbread man, he knows how
to run.
Out of the oven and onto the floor,
Now run away out the kitchen door.
The gingerbread man, he's out of the
pan!*

The Early Years classes have been chasing their Gingerbread Man all around the school. Custodian Mr. Lloyd has been cleaning up after the elusive Gingerbread Man who has been escaping from the staff room oven. Mr. Gingerbread has been leaving a trail of flour, sprinkles, and other toppings all around the school. Our Early Years staff have been busy escorting their classes around Talbot Trail on their gingerbread escapades. Fun in Kindergarten!



ENCOURAGING COOPERATION IN CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

Sometimes as parents and caregivers, we find our children becoming resistant to our requests. We may begin to doubt our own judgment or become intimidated by their emotional reactivity and at times we may even feel overwhelmed. It is important for us to understand that changing our approach may help children and adolescents change their behaviour and respond more appropriately to our requests. This is not about abandoning our attempts or making drastic changes, but rather subtle shifts or variations in how we approach difficult behaviour. The following are a few suggestions which take little

effort and can produce significant results.

Children are MORE likely to cooperate when:

- their ideas and opinions are respected;
- they are given choices;
- they are allowed to help make decisions;
- their good behaviour is noticed and appreciated;
- they are valued as a member of the family/school community;
- we use “I” messages;
- we use natural and logical consequences;
- we respond to a situation in a calm manner vs. react with emotion;

Children are LESS likely to cooperate and more likely to engage in power struggles when:

- cooperation is demanded;
- they are interrupted without warning from an activity they are enjoying;
- their routine is changed unexpectedly;
- they hear “no” often from adults and caregivers;
- they get their way after arguing about it;
- a caregiver punishes them harshly or hurts them;
- they don’t know how to do a task or are confused as to what they are being asked to do;
- they are asked to cooperate too often;
- caregivers react with

anger, hostility or ridicule.

Parenting can be a challenge, as we strive to support our children in becoming, responsible, caring adults. We need to be able to learn from our mistakes and our triumphs.

“At the end of the day, a loving family should find everything forgivable.”

-Mark V. Olsen and Will Sheffer

Submitted by: Social Work and Attendance Counseling Services

Kiss and Ride

A convenient and safe way to drop off your child in the morning

- The Kiss and Ride program runs between 8:10 am and 8:20 am.

Procedures

- Enter the driveway at the entrance on Ducharme Street. The traffic flow is one-way only.

- There are two lanes into the driveway. The left one is the Bus Lane only; the one on the right is the Kiss and Ride lane.

ONLY AT THE DROP OFF POINT ARE CHILDREN ALLOWED TO GET OUT. Please do not drop children off at any other point.

- Children should be ready to exit your vehicle with knapsacks etc. in hand.
- Children (with assistance from volunteers) must exit from the right side of the vehicle without the driver getting out of the vehicle.