

# DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



*We are a community of learners committed to the work of healing, truth and reconciliation with Indigenous people and the land we live on. We acknowledge and celebrate the stories of all students and the school community along with their gifts.*

*We are committed to providing a holistic education that focuses on learning experiences that provide opportunities for generosity, belonging, mastery, and independence.*

*At Margaret Park School, You Belong Here!*

Message from Admin,

As we approach the end of the year, we want to take a moment to reflect on the many great moments we've shared throughout the past few months. Our students have shown incredible growth, both academically and personally, and it is truly heartwarming to see how they continue to support and inspire one another.

December is filled with excitement, from holiday traditions to winter-themed activities, and we are so grateful for the warmth and support of our families as we come together to make this season special for our students.

Throughout the month, students will have the opportunity to share their family holiday traditions. Ms. Cindy will be introducing her Hanukkah tradition by making delicious potato latkes with several classes, and our students are eager to share their own holiday celebrations, from the magic of Christmas to the traditions that make this time of year so meaningful.

As we take time to rest and recharge over the break, we hope you and your family enjoy moments of peace, joy, and connection. We look forward to another exciting year ahead, filled with new opportunities for growth and exploration.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season and a happy new year!

## SAFE DRIVING AND PARKING REMINDER

As the snow accumulates and icy conditions set in, we urge everyone to exercise extra caution while driving to ensure the safety of our children and families. Our patrols are actively stationed at street corners every day, creating safe crossing zones for all. Please stay alert and drive carefully. For parking please refer to our previous mail out.



## WINTER CONCERT—THURSDAY DECEMBER 19

You are all invited to our Winter Concert on Thursday December 19—6:30 pm at SOPAC—711 Jefferson Ave.



## DECEMBER IMPORTANT DATES

December 19	Winter Concert—SOPAC
December 20	Winter Break begins
January 6	Classes resume

# HIGHLIGHTS FROM NOVEMBER

## FAMILY TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thank you to all the families who took the time to attend our recent family-teacher conferences. Your involvement and support are invaluable as we work together to ensure the success and well-being of each student. We truly appreciate your commitment to your child's education, and we look forward to continuing our partnership in helping them grow and thrive. Your collaboration makes a real difference, and we are grateful for your ongoing support.



## ROOM 12

Room 12 has been busy exploring book-making!

Using a mentor text titled "Look! I Wrote A Book! (and you can too!)" by Sally Lloyd-Jones they have been working through the book-making process from creating a title, to writing an author's blurb. The authors of room 12 just finished their *All About Me* books and are looking forward to adding to their collection of work.



## SPECIAL O SOCCER TEAM AND UNIFIED PARTNERS

A FANTASTIC day of soccer and partnerships! Congrats to all of the participants!



## ROOM 2

In Room 2, the students have been immersed in a rewarding journey of exploration and creativity. They have been deeply engaged in understanding the concept of observing and using different materials. Through their dedicated efforts on the 'My House Miniature' project, they have been actively applying the design process, allowing their imaginations to soar and their skills to shine.

The process has been incredible, and here are a few quotes from some students:

"I really liked when I painted it and presenting it was fun. My favorite part of making it was doing the outside of the house." Gurman

"I liked doing the inside of my house and my roof and painting it. Showing people my house was fun." Kurdt

"I liked painting the house and building the outside. I was nervous to present, but it all worked out okay." Levi

