



The Storrington Star December 2012



You can feel the excitement building as we approach the holidays! We have some special events planned for December, starting with our annual Jingle Bell Walk on Friday, December 7. Weather permitting, we will be walking around the track with our bells on. As in past years, we ask that students bring in a non-perishable food item for the Food Bank. We will be collecting this until December 14. As well, we are planning spirit days for December.

We warmly welcome all of you to our Holiday Open House on December 19 starting at 2:00. We are planning activities throughout the school that you and your children can take part in. There will be opportunities to take part in doing crafts, reading books, seeing what your child does in the computer lab and many other activities. We hope you are able to attend.

We want to reassure you that our staff is very dedicated and are deeply committed to the children. You have recently received your child's progress report, which outlines how they are doing. If you have any questions or wish to discuss your child's progress, please feel free to contact your child's teacher. While we realize that there is a lot of uncertainty right now with the labour situation across the province, please rest assured that we have an excellent team working here! If you have any questions about labour relations, please check the Board website at www.limestone.on.ca - it has very up-to-date information.

We hope to see you at some of our celebrations this month, but if not, please accept our best wishes for a peaceful and restful holiday.

Sincerely,

Sue Perry and Ean Pattison

GOULD LAKE SUMMER PROGRAMS

On December 19th our grades 7 and 8 students will enjoy a presentation by Gould Lake Staff outlining the different summer programs they offer. Gould Lake runs some amazing camping/canoeing overnight programs and presents secondary school credits upon completion. Visit <http://outed.limestone.on.ca> for more information.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

**Our next School Council meeting will be
Wednesday, December 12 at 6:30 p. m.
All are welcome and bring a friend!
Childcare is available**

SCHOOL STARTS AGAIN ON JANUARY 7, 2012

JINGLE BELL WALK

On Friday, December 7 we will be taking part in the Jingle Bell Walk. To help support local families, during the last

week of November and the first week of December we will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items that will be distributed throughout our community.

EARLY PICK UPS

Although it may seem convenient at times to come in to the school to pick up your children a few minutes early, we are asking you to avoid doing so unless it is absolutely necessary. Teachers and students are still involved in learning right until the end of the day. Many teachers are organizing agendas at this time. Interrupting these routines can be very disruptive. It takes office staff time to page the students and the flow of the class is interrupted. Please wait until 3:35 to pick up your child.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

We welcome everyone to attend our Open House on December 19th from 2:00 - 3:35. Please join us and enjoy activities throughout the school with your children.

LDSB SCHOOL COUNCIL LIAISON COMMITTEE Presents Guest Speaker Dr. Ross Greene, Ph.D. on Understanding and Helping Kids with Behavioural Changes

Dr. Greene's approach to understanding and helping behaviourally challenging kids is first described in his book, *The Explosive Child*. He is also the author of the book, *Lost at School*. His approach is non-adversarial and non-punitive, and represents a dramatic departure from traditional discipline strategies. The approach has been shown to be highly effective in a vast array of settings including families.

Dr. Ross Green, Ph.D. is an Associate Clinical Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. His research has been funded by the Stanley Research Institute, the National Institute on Drug Abuse/National Institutes of Mental Health, the U.S. Department of Education, and the Maine Juvenile Justice Advisory Group. Dr. Greene is also the founder of a non-profit advocacy and support for behaviourally challenging kids and their parents, teachers, and other caregivers.

Thursday, December 6, 2012 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
The Limestone District School Board
220 Portsmouth Avenue - Board Room
Kingston
Please RSVP Cathy Grant at 613-544-6925 x319
Free Admission

INDIGO ADOPT-A-SCHOOL PROGRAMME

Thanks to everyone for their support of the Adopt-A-School Programme. So far we've been awarded two books for the school from Indigo. If you're buying a Chapters/Indigo e-gift card for \$25 or more, you can help support the school by logging on to adoptaschool.indigo.ca and looking up Storrington Public School. Indigo will donate up to 200 books, so your support is welcome!
