



# Carruthers Creek This Week

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Week of Dec. 14th

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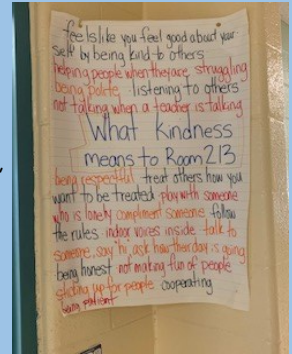
This will be our last weekly communication for 2020 and it is a year we will never forget. From all of us at Carruthers Creek PS we are so grateful for having the opportunity to teach, learn and grow from all of our Coyotes.

For the month of December our leadership team has provided numerous opportunities for our students and staff to demonstrate kindness towards others. The generosity of families donating towards Feed the Need Durham was overwhelming. The words of appreciation shared to others brought a sense of belonging and pride, and the random acts of kindness had an impact on those giving and receiving. Kindness matters and is valued.

We would like to pass on our sincerest best wishes for the holidays. We wish you kindness and good health for 2021. See you in the new year!

Embrace the good things,

R. Saati and S. Pipher-Hogg



## HOLIDAY REMINDERS FOR SCHOOL COMMUNITIES FROM THE DURHAM REGION HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The season of social gatherings and get-togethers is here, but this year it will be quite different. With COVID-19 still a big part of our lives, we all have to continue doing our part to protect each other by remembering to follow all public health measures. The safest way to celebrate with family and friends outside of your household this year is to gather virtually.

Durham Region is in the **Red Zone** of Ontario's COVID-19 Response Framework. This means there is a limit for social gatherings where physical distancing can be maintained of 5 people indoors or 25 people outdoors.

With this in mind, try creating new traditions to celebrate this year. Some ideas can include:

- Encouraging kids to dress up and participate in virtual activities and parties
- Watching holiday or winter movies
- Decorating doors, putting lights up, etc.
- Donating to your favourite charity or toy drive
- Attending a drive-in or drive-through event such as a parade or light display
- Build a snowman or go tobogganing with members of your household

To minimize the risk of spreading COVID-19 this holiday season, you should:

- stay home if you have symptoms, even if they are mild
- keep 2 meters of physical distance from everyone you don't live with, including family and friends
- avoid travelling to lower transmission areas unless it's essential (eg. Do not travel from an orange zone to a yellow zone unless you have to)
- not host or attend gatherings with more people than are permitted for your area
- wear a face covering inside public spaces, outdoors if physical distancing cannot be maintained or if wearing one is required
- wash your hands thoroughly and regularly
- download the COVID Alert mobile app

Winter holidays may look a little different this year, but they can still be a lot of fun. We all must make changes to our holiday traditions to help keep everyone safe. For more information please visit:

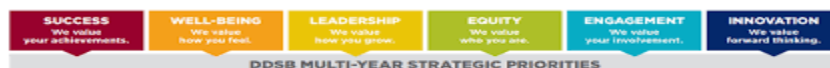
[www.durham.ca/novelcoronavirus](http://www.durham.ca/novelcoronavirus)

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/celebrate-safely-during-covid-19>

For more information in other languages, please visit:

<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/diseases-and-conditions/infectious-diseases/respiratory-diseases/novel-coronavirus/public-resources?tab=2>

<https://www.durham.ca/en/health-and-wellness/school-reopening-toolkit.aspx#Public-Health-Agency-of-Canada-COVID-19-information-in-other-languages>





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## DEADLINE TO REQUEST A TRANSFER

If you would like your child(ren) to switch to DDSB@Home or to switch to in-person, requests need to be received by January 7, 2021 for a transfer to take place at the start of Term 2 on February 1, 2021. You can request to be added to the waitlist by logging into the Parent Portal on the DDSB website. Click the DDSB@Home Waitlist button in the navigation menu and follow the instructions on the page.

Due to guidelines and restrictions set out by the Durham Regional Health Department in regards to COVID-19 we cannot accept any food items/treats to be brought into the school.

## carruthers creek spirit month



Tuesday December 1	Friday December 4	Tuesday December 8	Friday December 11
<b>Team Day!</b> Wear your favourite sport team attire!	<b>Frozen Friday!</b> Wear blue and white!	<b>Superhero Tuesday!</b>	<b>Coyote Spirit Day</b> Wear blue, orange or your coyote gear!

Monday December 14	Tuesday December 15	Wednesday December 16	Thursday December 17	Friday December 18
<b>Merry Monday!</b> Wear Red & Green	<b>Character Education Assembly</b>	<b>Snowed in Wednesday!</b> Wear your PJs	<b>Holiday Headwear!</b> Hats, Ears, etc	<b>Holiday Sweater!</b> Wear festive holiday sweater!

## DOOR DECORATING CONTEST

A Sampling of our Carruthers Creek Spirit Month



## LUNCH SUPERVISORS

We are currently looking to hire Supply Lunch Supervisors with the potential of becoming 5 days a week. If you are interested in this position, please contact Rema Saati at 905-683-0921

## WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD IS SICK

Please complete the online assessment form at: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening>

