

# CEDAR GROVE ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

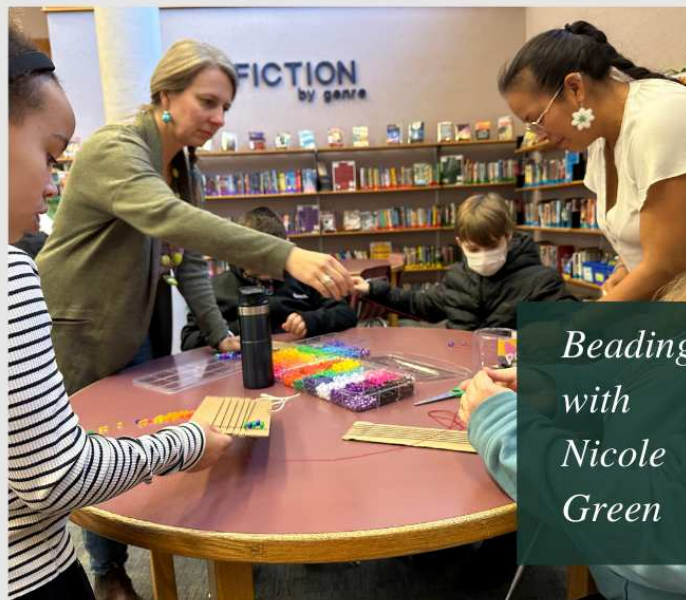
Dear Parents/Guardians and Caregivers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to Cedar Grove Elementary School! I truly hope the unexpected winter wallop didn't throw a wrench in your holiday plans. I happened to experience negative 40 degrees Celsius, snow drifts and frost bite for the first time in my life, so I won't be surprised by stories of travel disruptions and delayed gatherings.

Over the break, in between hosting family and friends from the mainland, I did have some time to reflect on the two months since joining the Cedar Grove family and community. I've learned a lot during this time, and I wish to thank all of you for your genuine welcome, your courage and willingness to reach out and come in to introduce yourselves and have conversations with me. I really appreciate this aspect of Cedar Grove's community of learners which includes each one of us- and your children.

Also, I wish to thank the staff at CGE who pulled off a seamless and memorable Winter Solstice Celebration on Wednesday, December 14th. Every activity provided lots of opportunity to leave students with fond memories of the last days of 2022. We are grateful for the fun, but also for the learning, including the gifts of Indigenous songs, drumming and storytelling from Nicole Green and Gus Guzek- we raise our hands to them with thanks!

And, let's not forget the multiple days of fun with ugly sweaters, Santa hats, and Pjs that got everyone into the holiday spirit. All these activities, including the assembly celebrating this community's incredible generosity in the form of a very generous donation to the community food bank, made for a wonderful send-off for 2022.



*Beading  
with  
Nicole  
Green*



*Improvised  
skating  
rink*

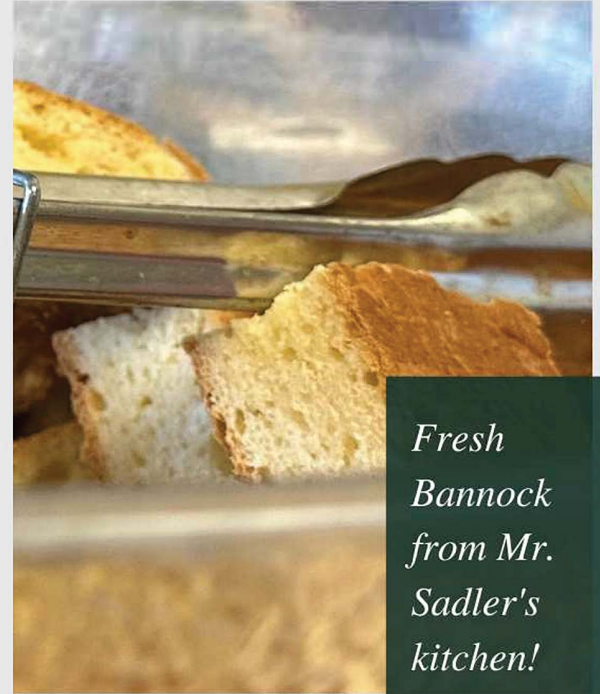
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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONT'D

Also, Grade 4 and 7 parents, please be on the lookout for the Foundation Skills Assessment booklets with score sheets. The booklets will be sent home with a letter next week explaining how to read your child's results. If you have any questions about the FSA or your child's assessment, please do not hesitate to contact us. FSA assessments are not used as part of your child's overall evaluation. Instead, they provide one small piece of evidence to assist schools with planning and goal setting.

During the week before the winter break, a letter was sent home to the parents of Grade 5 & 6 students regarding the Middle Years Development Instrument- a process that provides schools with further data to help us plan and set goals. This is a passive consent form- meaning if you wish to exclude your child from the assessment, you will need to complete the form that was included and return the reverse consent section of the form to the school. Deadline for the reverse consent form is Friday, January 13th, 2023. In the meantime, please enjoy the images from the last day of school at CGES before the winter break. Wishing all of you best wishes for 2023.



*Fresh  
Bannock  
from Mr.  
Sadler's  
kitchen!*



*Santa Hat  
Brigade*



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Friday, Jan 13th- *MDI Reverse Consent Forms Due*** for those parents who wish to exclude their child from the survey
- **Jan 10-18- *Jesse Wollen (Shift Education)*** sexual health and body science series- please see previous notice sent out prior to winter break
- **Friday, January 14th- *Black Excellence Day***
- **January 23-27- *Family Literacy Week***



Camp Fires and  
Marshmallow  
Roast- the  
perfect winter  
activity