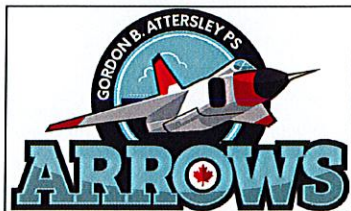


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**Gordon B. Atterley P.S.**

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## Where Learning Takes Flight

### Message From the Office

With the holidays approaching, we are looking forward to our upcoming **Holiday concert to be held on Friday December 13th at 1:00 pm.** We hope you can join us and help us celebrate the season by watching our students sing and dance. .

We are going to have some fun again this month at school. The **Gordon B Attersley Holiday Post Office** is a wonderful opportunity for students in grades K to 8 to develop friendly letter writing skills and to wish others in our school "Happy Holidays" or to just send kind notes to each other and staff. The GBA School Post Office will be open Monday, December 2nd until Thursday, December 19th. Students drop friendly letters written to others in the school in the mailbox located inside the office, and the letters are sorted and then delivered to classroom mailboxes. **Happy Letter Writing!**

GBA will once again this year be running our annual Food Drive. Students are encouraged to donate non-perishable food items during the month of December. The last day will be Monday Dec. 16th and all items will be donated to support the Oshawa community through Settlement House. Thank you to all who participate. We will also have a 'Hat, Scarf and Mitten' Tree in the front foyer. All donated items will be shared with a local charity as well as supporting families in our own school.

*From all of the staff of Gordon B. Attersley, we wish everyone a wonderful, happy and safe holiday season!*

**Please remember that we are dismissing at 3:20 pm on Friday December 20th and that we'll see you back on Monday January 6th, 2020.**



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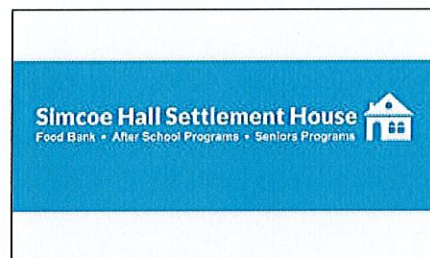
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## Holiday Concert

G. B. Attersley P.S staff and all performing students invite you to join us for the Holiday Concert on Friday December 13 at 1:00 PM in the gym. Admission to the concert is a non-perishable food item which will be donated to the local food bank. We have limited seating capacity in the gym, so we are asking that you keep this in mind when inviting guests. In order for all performing students to have an attentive and full audience, we are asking **ALL GUESTS TO REMAIN IN THE GYM** until the concert is over. Thank you ahead of time for demonstrating to our students how to be a good audience member. We will be raffling off tickets for VIP seating. More information about tickets will be sent home soon. The concert will be approx. one hour. Further details will be provided by individual classroom teachers.



## Intermediate Cricket Team

The Intermediate Coed Cricket Teams worked very hard this season. The two teams included Jacob, Spencer, Ammad, Nathan, Ayyan, Cohen, Cooper, Breanna, Owen, Braeden, Hudson, Adam, Andrew, Isaiah, Larya, and Mya. On behalf of both teams we want to thank Alyssa and Mackenzie for playing with us, we really appreciate it. Both teams had great support throughout the ups and downs. Our tournament was about a week ago and team One won 3/5 games and team Two won 1/4 games. Even though it did not always turn out the way we wanted it, both teams had a lot of fun playing in the games. Also a big thanks to Mr. K for driving, Ms. O' Reilly and Mr. Sawyer for coaching this season. It was a really great season and our amazing teams did really well.

By- Breanna M.



## Winter Weather Is Coming!

In an effort to better address inclement weather cancellations, DSTS has introduced weather zones. DSTS encourages you to review the new zones on our website at [www.dsts.on.ca](http://www.dsts.on.ca). The four zones are as follows:

Zone 1 - Brock Area

Zone 2 - Uxbridge Area

Zone 3 - Scugog Area

Zone 4 - Southern Durham Region Area

Check the website in the morning during stormy weather.

The website indicates the schools that are in each zone. We would encourage all families to ensure that they have confirmed which zone applies to their school and area.



## Foodless Celebrations!!

As we have numerous allergies in our school, it is difficult to celebrate holidays and events with cake and treats. A great way to recognize your child's birthday is to donate a book to his/her classroom with a nice inscription including his/her name and date!

Please refrain from sending in treats for the whole class for parties at holiday times as well. We will honor special events with Foodless Celebrations.

Staff, from time to time, may bring in some food items for class but will ensure that all allergies and ingredient requests are taken into consideration as to be inclusive for all.

We appreciate your support in this.



## Junior Cricket Team

The cricket tournament was AMAZING!!! The first thing that we want to acknowledge is everyone that was on the team. They were: Jennifer, Mackenzie, Alyssa, Muhammed, Colton, Joshua, Kyle, Travis, Wafa, Morrison, Sophia, Laura. Actually, both of the teams were just so helpful in every way we can't even explain it. They were so kind and thoughtful. This year the dome smelled like the Febreze (and Febreze smells really good). Lastly, we just want to thank Mr. Sawyer for putting all this effort into helping the team and even us. All we want to say is thank you so very much.

By: Mackenzie K. and Jennifer M.



# Anaphylaxis and Allergies

GBA has several children with life threatening allergies. Please read the information sent home by the classroom teachers. Do not hesitate to ask questions if you require further information. We have children with allergies to peanuts, other nuts, and fish. You can also check out Sabrina's Law on the DDSB web site.

## STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP

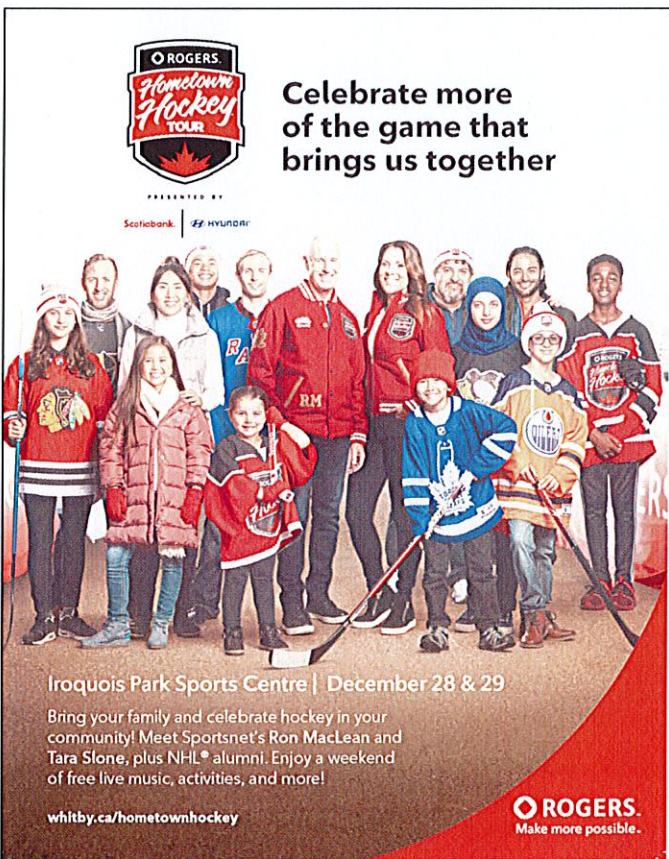
Thank you for setting up a meeting place outside of the school rather than waiting for your child indoors. The space you create makes movement in our halls easier and safer. It teaches our children to be independent as they use appropriate doors to enter and exit the school.

Please park in the legal areas on school property and have your child use the sidewalks when moving around the school. If you are late to pick up your child, please instruct them to see the teacher on duty at the end of the day so it can be reported to the office.

*Remember Safety over convenience!*

## VISITORS TO Gordon B. Attersley

Visitors are always welcome at GBA. Thank you for being sure to check in at the office and request a visitors pass. This is an essential procedure to ensure the safety of all students. We require everyone to respect this routine as we work together to ensure that we do not have the opportunity for strangers to enter the building.



**ROGERS**  
**Hometown Hockey TOUR**

Celebrate more of the game that brings us together

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Iroquois Park Sports Centre | December 28 & 29

Bring your family and celebrate hockey in your community! Meet Sportsnet's Ron MacLean and Tara Slone, plus NHL® alumni. Enjoy a weekend of free live music, activities, and more!

[whitby.ca/hometownhockey](http://whitby.ca/hometownhockey)

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Make more possible.



**Big Drum Social**

Come out and enjoy traditional drumming, singing, dancing and storytelling, as well as craft activities for children and youth. Attendees will have the opportunity to sample traditional foods, visit a variety of craft vendors and gather information about community and agency support for Aboriginal people in Durham Region. This is a Free event!

Honorarium for dancers in full regalia.  
Doors Open 10:30

**Care Community Health Centre**  
**Oshawa Location**  
115 Grassmere Ave, Oshawa

**Saturday**  
**January 18th**  
**12pm to 4pm**

**Care Community Health Centre** | 115 Grassmere Avenue | Oshawa, Ontario | 905.721.1477  
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**DDSB**

**Care Community Health Centre** staff is dedicated to creating an inclusive environment that welcomes diversity. Every One Matters. Every One is Welcome.

Accessibility: Care Community Health Centre is committed to providing accessible services to all. If you have accessibility needs, please contact the Accessibility Department at 905.721.1477. If you have accessibility needs, please contact the Accessibility Department at 905.721.1477.

## Human Rights Day



Human Rights Day is observed every year on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December. The Declaration of Human Rights establishes the equal worth of every person. Though its promise has yet to be realized all over the world, it has stood the test of time. The principles set out in the Declaration of Human Rights are as relevant today as they were in 1948. We can take action in our own daily lives and help to improve the lives of others around the world.

For more information: <http://www.un.org/en/events/humanrightsday/>

## Holiday Concert

We have made a change to the time of the Holiday Concert for this year. Please join us on Friday December 13th at 1 pm to watch our students perform, recite poems and sing songs to celebrate so many different holidays that occur during this season. We are raffling off three VIP parking spots with four VIP Seats in the gym for the performance. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Forms will be sent home next week if you wish to purchase tickets for the VIP spots. All proceeds will go to our SCC which in turn supports students and initiatives at our school.

We hope to see you there!

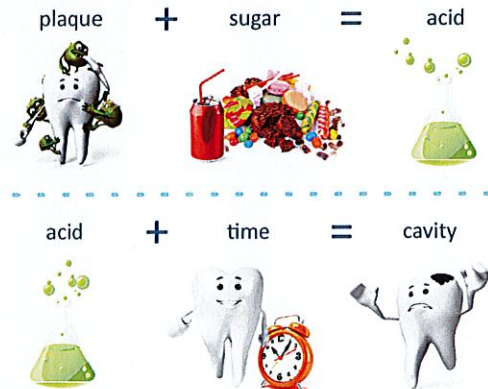


## Dates To for December

Dec. 4	SCC Meeting at 6:30 pm Babysitting is provided
Dec. 5	Pizza Day
Dec, 12	Pizza Day
Dec. 13	Holiday Concert at 1 pm in the afternoon VIP parking and seating raffle tickets available
Dec. 19	Pizza Day Recognition Assemblies in the afternoon
Dec. 20	Last Day of School-regular dismissal at 3:20 pm
Dec. 23– Jan. 3	Holiday Break
Jan. 4, 2020	School Resumes

## Cavity Connection

Cavities occur when sugar in snacks and drinks combine with the bacteria in the mouth to create an acid. This acid attacks the teeth causing cavities over time.



- Cavities are NOT normal and can be avoided
- Cavities are the most common chronic disease in children
- Plaque starts as a clear film on teeth and continues to grow day and night
- Plaque is made up of food debris, cells from the mouth, and bacteria
- These bacteria cause cavities and gum disease - oral diseases are infectious
- Plaque is removed by careful brushing and flossing



[durham.ca/oralhealth](http://durham.ca/oralhealth)



Durham Healthy Families  
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If you require this information in an accessible format, contact 1-800-841-2729.



"Gratitude turns what we have into enough."  
Aesop

# DECEMBER AT GBA

We have many fun events planned for students over the month of December. Please see the schedule below and mark your calendars to remind you of the fun to be had by the students and families at school!

**Monday December 2-** Our Annual Food Drive starts. The class from each division that brings in the most non-perishable food items will win a Pancake Breakfast to be served in January. All food items will be donated to Settlement House in Oshawa.

**Monday December 2-** Candy Cane Grams go on sale. Students may purchase Candy Cane Grams for \$0.50 to send to friends and siblings. Each Candy Cane Gram will have an important message about kindness, empathy and acceptance attached to remind all students that they matter. They will be delivered the week of December 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Friday December 6-** Jersey Day- wear your favourite team gear to school!

**Thursday December 12-** Crazy Hat Day spirit day

**Friday December 13-** Holiday Concert at 1 pm Families and friends invited to attend- food bank donations are welcome

**Thursday December 19-** Wear Blue and white or dress as a snowman spirit day

\*\*\*As our choir sang at the Generals game last week, we received a signed 2019-2020 Oshawa Generals Hockey Stick. We are raffling off this collector's item! Tickets are \$2 or 3 for \$5. Ticket requests will be sent home separately. You can also purchase a tickets at the Holiday Concert on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> and the winning ticket will be announced at the Recognition Assembly on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>!

