



## WINTER NEWSLETTER 2007

Mr. Ho Grade 3

### Winter Information

The grade three children did an amazing job at this year's Holiday Concert with their singing, reading and playing of the recorder. I was very impressed with their creativity and visions of what Jolly Saint Nicholas meant to them. I am sure that he was watching over them during their performance and adding each child to his "Nice" list. Thank you to Mrs. Westcott for organizing the Holiday Concert and to Motus O for their great interpretation of "A Christmas Carol."

A tremendous thank you goes out to all the parents who stayed up late baking items for our World Vision Bake Sale. We had an amazing turn out and after our three days of sales, we were able to raise \$540 for the World Vision Organization. The money has been used to purchase school supplies for 2 classrooms, provide warm and wonderful new clothing for 50 children and families, school lunches for 100 children for a month, immunizations to protect an entire community and a goat. As well, I would like to personally thank all of the parent volunteers for giving up their time to help us run our successful bake sale.

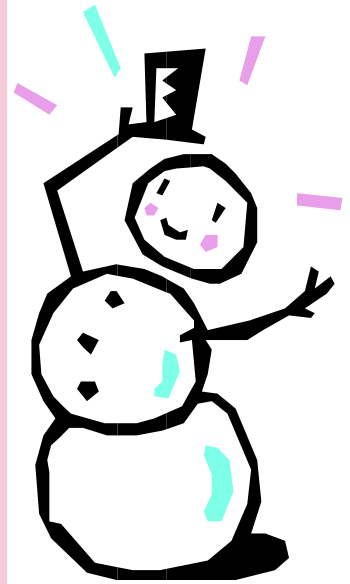
During the Winter Holidays, your child would benefit from being able to see some of the great wonders that our urban centre has to offer, such as the Rogers Centre, CN Tower, and riding the TTC. When they come back, we will continue working on our urban/rural unit for social studies. As well, we will be continuing with our unit on geometric solids.

Beginning in the new year, we will be welcoming Ms. Silva to the grade three classroom. She is a teacher candidate from York University, who will have the pleasure of becoming the newest edition to our class. We look forward to learning lots of new and interesting things from her.

On behalf of the staff at William Armstrong Public School, I would like to wish everyone a happy and joyous holiday. May you all use this time to create more special and memorable moments with those you love. See you in the new year! Don't forget, school begins on Monday, January 7, 2008.

### Christmas Party

On **Thursday, December 20th**, we will be having our Christmas Party. Your child will be able to bring in activities such as board games, Webkinz, cards, etc. The only items that I ask that you please not send with your child are any electronic games or devices, as there is always the possibility of the item being misplaced or stolen. Just as a reminder, the following students are on Christmas duty: Gareth (Fruits), Elizabeth (Veggies), Sashmita (Cheese and Crackers), Zachary (Drinks and Cups) and Declan (Desserts). Should you wish to bring in other items, but are not on Christmas duty, please feel free to send them with your child. Please ensure that all food items are deemed "**Peanut and Nut Free.**"



### Cell phones

Mrs. Walton's Grade 6 class is organizing a school wide project to collect old and used cell phones to raise money to help look after the gorillas at the Toronto Zoo. Gorillas world-wide are becoming endangered due to their habitats being destroyed from the mining of a special material that is needed to make cell phones. To help raise public awareness, the Metro Zoo is running the "Used Cell Phones Project." Over the Holiday Season, please ask any family or friends for any old or used cell phones that can be brought to school to help save the gorillas.