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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

DEC 3-REPORT
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DEC 4-INTERVIEW
NIGHT

DEC 5- PD DAY

DEC 16-
STAMFORD BAND

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Mr. S Webb, Principal

Season's Greetings Heximer!



Christmas is one of the most important times of the year. For many of us it is a time to reflect on whatever their faith means to them and for others it is simply a good opportunity to relax with friends and family.

One of the great strengths of our school is the way that we have welcomed people from many different cultures, while still maintaining our best traditions.

For everyone though, it is a time to reflect on the past, and to look to the future with confidence. A time of celebration and of compassion too. Many of us will be thinking of close friends and family whom we may have lost during the year.

Severe Food Allergy

We have a student in our school who suffers from a severe food allergy to peanuts. **This allergy can be a life-threatening allergy**, therefore, we are asking for your cooperation in helping to eliminate any foods with peanuts or peanut products in your child's lunch. A list of suggested

Christmas is also a time for communities to come together, to give and to share and to be at peace, a time to build the kind of respect for each other, that helps us to be stronger. Our hope for 2009 is that the goodwill and respect that we all enjoy at Christmas will last all year round.

Seasons Greetings and a Happy New Year from all the staff at Heximer!



"peanut free" products has been sent home with each student to assist you with planning. Thank you for your cooperation with this serious matter.



Communication Matters: Stuttering Tiger!

TIGER WINS AT GOLF—AND STUTTERING!



Most of us know that Tiger Woods worked hard to become an accomplished golfer. Did you know that he also worked hard to overcome childhood stuttering? Stuttering is a communication disorder in which the flow of speech is interrupted. In an interview with CBS's 60 Minutes, Tiger reported that 'his words got lost somewhere be-

tween his brain and his mouth'*. Stuttering effects approximately 1% of the population and four times as many males than females. There are several factors that most likely contribute to the development of stuttering: a family history of stuttering; a delay in speech or language development; a difference in where the brain processes speech and language from what is typical; and/or family dynamics (e.g., high expectations and fast-paced lifestyles). Stuttering may have different causes in different people. It is also probable that what causes stuttering, differs from what makes it continue or get worse. As Tiger has proven, stuttering can be treated. It seems that a parallel can be made between

Parent Council

PARENT PRINTS



Poinsettia orders due by **FRIDAY Nov.28th**

Craft Club December 2 / 9 / 11 /16

Poinsettias will be available for **pick up: Dec 9th**. Please make every effort to collect your plant that day.

Raffle tickets for Holiday Cheer Gift Basket will be sold in Early December

In January tickets for February's Pasta Dinner will be on sale

Spirit Day – Red & Green – DEC. 19

Candy Cane orders due: DEC. 12

Donations for the **Humane Society's Wish List** will continue in December

Our new Parent Council is off to a roaring start! Please feel free to join us at our **next meeting** Monday JANUARY 5th.

All of your Council members will be happy to hear your input.

Congratulations to the newly elected Chair ~ Leslie Kay-Bigelow, Vice Chair ~ Mike Kills-Enemy & Secretary ~ Tammy Sweeney.

Project Share Food Drive

Heximer Avenue School's food drive kicks off Monday, November 24th and runs until Wednesday, December 17th. Donations of non-perishable food items and Canadian Tire money will be accepted in the containers outside the school office.

One dollar (\$1.00) of Canadian Tire money will be equivalent to 1 pound of food and will be added to our final weight. Prizes will be given for the 3 schools with the highest pound per student ratio. First prize is a free school dance/activity. Second

and third prizes are a school pizza party. So come on everyone! Show what amazing things our Lion's Quest community can do and "ROAR" in those donations!

Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club is offered to all students free of charge. This service is provided by the generous support from Niagara Nutrition Partners, private donations and organizations that kindly donate product and funds. Breakfast is served from 8:10 a.m. - 8:40 a.m..

Many thanks to Rosehill Auction in Fort Erie and Latcham Marine for their donations to our breakfast club program and to all of the volunteers who donate their time. You make a difference!

Please consider making a donation to our Breakfast Club by dropping off a breakfast item (cereal, juice boxes, etc.). Your support is appreciated.



Communication Matters: Stuttering Tiger

the many hours of practise and hard work that may need to be invested to win in sports, as well as in speech.

If you are concerned about your child's speech, contact his or her teacher or the

Learning Resource Teacher.

*Reference: Stuttering Foundation of America, 1991-2008



Literacy Night

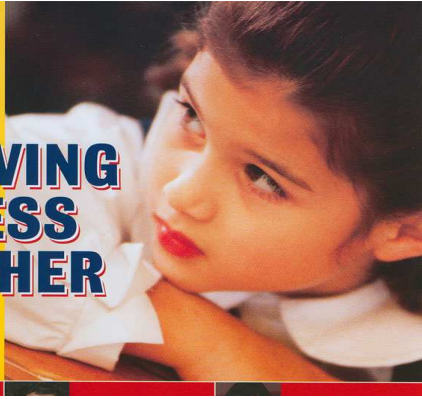
On Wednesday, November 12th, the staff at Heximer hosted a Literacy Night for parents and students. The focus of the evening was to provide parents with some background on high frequency words. During the night, parents were given a number of

helpful activities that they could use at home to help support their child's sight word vocabulary.

Many thanks to the parents who came out and to the staff who made it happen



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agara and Heximer School, are
committed to student success by
working together to inspire and
empower all learners to reach
their full potential.**
**We value Relationships, Respect
and Responsibility.**



The Reading Nook— A Reading Magic Moment

TV Time and Book Time.

Television offers some seemingly entertaining and educational programs for our children. Mem Fox [2001] explains that the "worrisome aspect of television is that it doesn't develop children's ability to speak, even when it's an educational program... Television doesn't talk to children- it talks at them and they can't talk back, and talking back is what learning language is all about."

Reading with your child and discussing what you read is a fantastic learning opportunity for children of any age. Encourage your child to interrupt during reading to give their input about the text and to discuss the text after reading. Both fiction and non-fiction books offer many learning opportunities. You will be surprised with the new vocabulary and ideas that children's books can bring into your lives. I have learned some amazing ideas from children's books! Books can prompt some interesting discussion topics that you never dreamed of sharing with your child. Ask your kids to shut off the television for a portion of each day and dialogue about what you read to your kids or what your kids read to you. Happy Reading!