



# Deroche Elementary Bear Nation Weekly Bulletin

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Nov 15 B-Ball at M Central 3:30
- Nov 20 Lacrosse Presentation K-3
- Nov 21 Ed Peeteekoop Performs 1:00
- Nov 22 Gr 6s to Me-To-We VCR
- Nov 23 Half Day; 11:00 dismissal
- Nov 30 Assembly at 11 & Hot Lunch
- Dec 3 Report Cards go home
- Dec 4 Metis Mittens Div4 & 5
- Dec 6 P/T Interviews 2:30 -7 pm
- Dec 7 Non-Instructional Day
- Dec 7 Mission Candlelight Parade
- Dec 10 PAC Meeting 7-8 pm
- Dec 11 K-Hearing Screening
- Dec 14 Santa Breakfast
- Dec 18 Metis Mittens Div 3
- Dec 20 Christmas Concert at 6:00  
PAC Craft Sale and Raffle
- Dec 21 Last day of school in 2018!  
Winter Break Dec 24-Jan 4
- Jan 7 Back to School

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Parents and Guardians: Pictured above are a group of students on a mini bulldozer. This machine was rented to do some "heavy lifting" of the dirt and equipment needed to construct our playground structure. This week I reflected on other aspects of our school that are requiring "heavy lifting"; our students' development of reading and math skills and growth in athletic and fine arts skills.

Our recent grade 4 Foundational Skills Assessment (FSA) results indicate dramatic improvement over the previous two years, for example, our reading average was 77% (up 27 per cent) and math was 64% (up 34%). This growth, I believe, is a result of some very heavy work by our teachers, volunteers, educational assistants and parents over the past three years. Nevertheless, while these results are encouraging and should give us hope, they represent only a small snapshot of our overall academic performance. Similarly, while we have seen improvement in our fine arts and sports programs, especially cross country, due to some dedicated teacher volunteers, we need to continue to work hard in areas such as volleyball and basketball and our performing arts, in order to help our students discover and develop their natural abilities in these areas.

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