

Principal Email Home – December 10, 2021

- Knoxdale is **looking for any parents who are interested in being part of discussions on equity at Knoxdale**, addressing the relevance of classroom materials related to the Indigenous experience in Canada and Anti-Racism (BIPOC), gender inequality and Gender Identity. This is an open forum to discuss how materials and resources being used now, or being suggested, might be helpful or harmful. In doing so, we hope to come to a fuller understanding of the ways we can come together to respect, understand, support, celebrate, and learn from all marginalized groups. Please reach out to Mr Shepherd for more info or to sign up: ben.shepherd@ocdsb.ca
- On **Dec 14th there will be a pop-up vaccination clinic at Knoxdale**. The clinic will be open from 3:30-7:30pm. The parking lot will be open, as well as access to the school via the main front doors.
- **A Rapid Antigen Kit (5 per box)** will be going home with each child on Dec.16 or 17. OCDSB Communications will send a message with all the required information to all parents, guardians and secondary students on December 15th containing the Ministry developed resources that explain the initiative and how the kits are to be used.
- The OCDSB regularly sends Parent Updates via email. You can also read the updates [HERE](#)
- **Spirit Day reminder:**
 - Monday - Decorate your classroom door in a holiday theme with recycled materials.
 - Tuesday - Jersey Day and Holiday Card making for frontline workers.
 - Wednesday - Ugle sweater day / holiday colours and Snowman competition.
 - Thursday - Holiday Hat Day . Junior Division Kahoot.
 - Friday - PJ Day and Movie
- **Students are to bring home their belongings prior to the winter break**. Teachers will start sending students home with their belongings over the course of the last few days.
- Knoxdale currently has 2 active Covid positive students. The information is also shared on the OCDSB dashboard [HERE](#)

Community Message:

There is a fun Holiday Photo community event happening this Sunday, December 12th from 10am-3pm. Spaces are limited, so sign up quickly. Free hot chocolate, a 10 minute outdoor photo session with a themed background and 2 photos to share and use however you'd like. \$20 donation with all proceeds going towards the KCSC. Snow/Rain or Shine – so dress with the weather in mind! Location will be at the TACA community centre, 50 Bellman Drive.

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/100513691206/false#/invitation>

On behalf of the Knoxdale team, have a wonderful weekend,

Julie Chouinard, Principal