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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we head into the winter season, our school continues to be exceptionally full of learning! Students have been making 3D shapes with straws and plasticene, creating T-shirt factories, designing Picasso like artwork and mixing materials to make slime. Who knew math and science could be so fun?!

The weather has been unusually warm this November but as we head into the looming winter cold, please be sure to send your child with appropriate outdoor clothing as well as a change of shoes for indoors. The ground can get pretty muddy this time of year and we want to keep our classrooms as clean as possible. If you are in need of some winter clothing items, please don't hesitate to let me know, or to touch base with your child's teacher, as we can be of assistance if we are aware it is needed.

December promises to be an incredibly busy month! We have daily spirit days for the last week before the break, a celebration assembly, a Christmas concert, plus all the usual wonderful things that happen at Plymouth. Please be sure to take the calendar from the back of the newsletter and put it up somewhere in your home to remind you of all these events!

A couple of housekeeping reminders:

- ◆ **School starts at 9:00am** and students start their day at a serious disadvantage when coming in late on a regular basis. Please assist your child in getting to school by our 9:00am entry bell so that they can be in class for the beginning of the instructional day.
- ◆ Coughs, colds and the flu are running through the school. Please keep your child home if they are showing any symptoms of a cold or flu (including but not limited to a fever, runny nose, upset stomach, headache)
- ◆ Winter Break runs from **December 23, 2018 - January 8, 2018**. We will see you all on Monday, January 8 for more learning opportunities!

With the holiday season approaching, we wish you and your families days filled with laughter, love and genuine happiness.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kristen Kosh and Mr. Greg Watson



Parent Council Update

Thank you to the families who were able to make it out to the Welland Santa Claus parade on November 19. Although the weather was not favourable, those who were there handed out candy canes and had a great time.

Our 3rd Annual Plymouth Vendor Fair was a huge success! With over 40 vendors set up in the gym, we were able to raise over \$1750 for the Parent Council Playground and General Use fund.

Interested in sharing ideas, lending a hand at events or getting involved at Plymouth in other ways? We would love to have you join us!

Christmas Concert Times

Grade 1-8 Concert
Tuesday, December 19th
1:40pm and 6:00pm

Kindergarten
Wednesday, December 20th
2:00pm



A Special Surprise Visitor at Plymouth!

What would you do if your favourite country music artist and Canadian Idol suddenly walked into your classroom while you were presenting the biography you wrote about him? Lucas in 5/6A found out what he would do when **Tim Hicks** walked into his classroom as a surprise! Lucas wrote his biography on the local star and his teacher, Ms. Arndt tweeted a picture and tagged the artist in the tweet. Tim Hicks responded to the tweet and then his management reached out to connect the superstar with his young fan.



In the hour that Tim Hicks was here, he sang an acoustic version of his song, answered countless questions and provided each student with an autographed picture. His message of kindness and perseverance was received and taken to heart by the entire class and has spread throughout the school.

A special thank you to Tim Hicks for taking time to help make dreams come true and positively influence our students! We are so grateful for your time and effort.



Congratulations to our Volleyball Teams!

Our junior and intermediate volleyball teams made all of Plymouth proud this season! With great sportsmanship, excellent skill development and awesome teamwork, our teams all finished their seasons with results that they can be proud of.

An extra special thank you goes out to our coaches Mr. Mead, Mrs. Pearson and Ms. Demers for their time and efforts as they helped our players become fantastic teams.

Kindergarten Registration for 2018-2019

Do you know a child who was born in 2014? If so, we are looking forward to having them join the Plymouth Panther family! Kindergarten registration for the 2018-2019 school year will begin in February but we want to remind you to mark your calendars for **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1st, 2018 beginning at 9:00am and running all day until 6:00pm.** This will be our Kindergarten Open House day at Plymouth and we look forward to seeing all our future students coming in to visit and register!!

Please contact the office if you have any questions leading up to this exciting day!

