



'Tis the season!

I feel like I say how quick the time goes by every month...but December arrived and it seemed in a blink of an eye the holidays were here! Throughout December, we take time to focus on caring for others as it is a core value at École John Wilson Elementary as part of our Big 5 Values. The value of caring is developed in children when we focus on the importance of citizenship and we work with students to reach out as caring citizens in our community and world. We can be proud of our ÉJWES students and families who share their care for others through the generous donations towards our Christmas Bureau collection and our Innisfail Food Bank Bingo drive. Our students stuffed many large Christmas bags with items for the Innisfail Christmas Bureau and so many boxes of food were filled for the Innisfail Food Bank. Wow!! Our efforts were greatly appreciated by the volunteers who came to pick up the items for both organizations. We thank all of you for your support in helping to make a difference in our school and our community.

Despite the cold weather during the last week before the break, we were able to host all three of our Christmas Concert performances. And they were in person!!! It was lovely to have our John Wilson families and friends join us here at the school to celebrate the holiday season together. Our students did such an amazing job of entertaining one and all and we are so proud of them!

On behalf of both ÉJWES and ÉJWES School Council, I would like to extend our gratitude for your dedicated support towards our fundraising efforts. Our Innisfail Growers fundraiser was a success again this year! We love that we can continue to support local businesses with the many delicious items available. The Innisfail Growers team was amazing to work with and we appreciate their willingness to support our school as well! Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the purchase of a new playground and will help supplement the cost of field trips to reduce the amount each family would pay for their child(ren) to participate. Thank-you to our John Wilson families and friends for making this fundraiser a success!

From all of us at ÉJWES, we wish you a safe and peaceful holiday season filled with many and blessings, and a Happy New Year as we welcome 2023! We look forward to seeing you when we return to school the week of January 9th.

Merry Christmas!

Angela Warke
Principal

