

Dear JYES Parents and Guardians,

Happy December!

I have attached my principal's report to School Council for this month for your review. Here is the numeracy guide referenced in the report. <https://centuryps.ocdsb.ca/Home%20Page%20Docs/Numeracy-Parent-Guide-from-OCDSB.pdf> Thank you to our Teacher Representatives, Tammmy Maxom-Hunt, Marita Skinner and Alana Eritou who lead Council through demonstrations of Number Talks and some new French resources at the meeting this week.

On Tuesday, December 5 at 10 am, we will do our first lockdown drill. I shared information about emergency procedures with you last month. While we hope that we never have to use this procedure, it would be used in response to situations where there is an active, immediate threat to life. We always work on these drills twice per year in cooperation with our School Resource Officer, Cst. Paul McCormick, from the Ottawa Police Service. While this is a very heavy topic for young children, I can assure you that my team of educators have professional and positive ways of addressing children about this drill. I can assure you that student safety is paramount at JYES.

Congratulations to Whitney Young's grade 4/5 students who assembled shoe boxes for the "I Love First Peoples Project". Please see [www.ilovefirstpeoples.ca/](http://www.ilovefirstpeoples.ca/) for more information or to contribute to this wonderful organization. Thank you for helping others, R45A. JYES is proud of you!

Please join us for the School Council Holiday Tea tomorrow from 10-2. Also, please consider bringing a food item or a cash donation to the Kanata Food Bank. Thank you to all of our School Council Volunteers for their hard work to facilitate this great event. For those who can join us, I look forward to seeing you there tomorrow!

Have a great weekend!

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Heather Graham  
Principal