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Phoenix has Spirit

Dear Parent(s)/Guardians,

As part of the goals set by our Phoenix Philanthropists group, we have been discussing how we can be active in helping people in our community who are not as fortunate as we are. In attempting to make a difference, we are planning on helping Siloam Mission.

To reach our goal of \$800.00, we have planned a number of fund-raising events that will take place during the last 6 days of school in December (Spirit Week). All students may participate with or without a donation, but donations are the key to the success of this initiative. The events are as follows:

Friday, December 15th: **Pyjama and Stuffy Day** - donate \$1.00 or more and wear your (winter) PJs all day and/or bring your own stuffy to keep at your desk for the day

Monday, December 18th: **Hat/Toque Day**- donate \$1.00 or more and wear your favourite hat or toque all day

Tuesday, December 19th: **Elf Day** – donate \$1.00 and come to school dressed in a festive way (ugly sweaters, red and green, like an elf, Santa, or a reindeer, etc). Also, each student gets 1 ticket to enter in a draw for the chance to participate in an Elf-movie-style spaghetti-eating contest. 1 student per classroom will be drawn.

Wednesday, Dec. 20th: **Wacky Hair Day**- donate \$1.00 or more and come to school with the wackiest hair you can

Thursday, December 21st: **Jersey/Fan Day** – donate \$1.00 or more and wear your favourite team's jersey, hat, make-up, or memorabilia. Be a fanatic!

Friday, December 22nd: **Pyjama and Stuffy Day** - donate \$1.00 or more and wear your (winter) PJs all day and/or bring your own stuffy to keep at your desk for the day

We realize that, as a team, we can make a larger impact on the lives of the people we are trying to help. If you would like to help us with our goal, please make a donation to Siloam Mission by visiting their website (<https://www.siloam.ca/?form=donatetoday>). We would like to thank you very much in advance for all your support in helping us reach our goal.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mikkelson and the Phoenix Philanthropist students

A Season of Giving at Phoenix

Phoenix Gift Exchange

Dear Phoenix Families,

We are excited to announce the return of **Phoenix School's Gift Exchange on Wednesday, December 20th**! Previously called Santa's Bazaar, the Phoenix School Gift Exchange is a day when the students shop for a holiday gift for **2 special adults in their lives** (mom, dad, stepmom, grandpa, etc.) Gifts are 'bought' from a huge assortment of garage sale items donated by the community. These items are priced by donation only; if you send \$2 for your child, then their items will total \$2, if you send \$5 then the total is \$5. The students do not shop for themselves as we are encouraging the joy of choosing special gifts for others! All monies raised will be donated to a local charity group.

To make this event a success, we are asking for donations of garage sale type items. Some ideas are:

- Christmas ornaments & decorations
- Home décor
- Journals & stationary
- Jewelry
- Candles
- Picture frames & albums
- Kitchen accessories
- Artwork & crafts
- Books
- Gadgets
- Sports memorabilia
- Tools
- DVDs
- New golf balls, bag of tees

***Due to hygienic/health reasons, we unfortunately cannot accept cosmetic or food items.

Donations can be dropped off at the school, or sent with your child, during the week of **December 11-18**





The Phoenix Philanthropist students in grade 5 have decided to help the needy by supporting the efforts of Siloam Mission again this year.

The students have set up a Christmas tree near the office. It has been designated as the "Tree of Hope". We need your help to decorate the tree with your donations! The decorations will be your donated items. Please see the schedule below for details on what items we will be collecting each week.

December 4 - 8: New socks and underwear, and new or gently used mittens, toques and scarves to keep the homeless warm over the long Winnipeg winter.

December 11-15: New or gently used hoodies, jeans, sweatpants, t-shirts, boots, running shoes, and blankets to keep the homeless warm over the long Winnipeg winter

December 18-22: New personal hygiene items for the homeless such as: toothpaste (travel size), toothbrushes, razors, deodorant, bars of soap, face cloths, Ziplock bags, water bottles, etc.

Please direct your donations to your homeroom. Each class will be given an opportunity to decorate the Tree of Hope with their donations. We will begin accepting donations on **Monday, December 4th**. Thank you so much for your support with our cause!

Cheers,

Emily

Jana ♥

Bella

Jace

Mason!

Bella, Emily, Jace, Jana, Mason, Natasha

Natasha

Cards of Kindness

Phoenix students in rooms 3, 4, 9, 15, 16 worked on a very special kindness project last week. We made cards for a senior citizen care home to help make the season bright. Students wrote beautiful messages, adding details sure to bring smiles and joy. The cards will be dropped off this week to some very special people.



VOLT HOCKEY

Variety Manitoba is launching a VOLT HOCKEY Program in January 2024!

We will be hosting FREE "Come Try Volt Hockey" sessions Sundays from 4-6pm starting January 7th at Dakota Community Centre Fieldhouse.

We welcome children and youth (ages 10- 18) living with disabilities and their families to come join us and learn more about this new sport opportunity. This sport will work best for your child if they are willing to participate in a recreational team sport be in a gym setting with loud noises and lots of people if children/families are interested in signing up for try-it sessions they can do so here: <https://forms.office.com/r/rxBH22za67>

Feel free to share this information! We are also looking for individuals who would be interested in volunteering to support the program as well. If this opportunity may interest you or someone you know, please sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/r/UDQJuZJSnc>

Here are a few videos to learn a little more about the sport:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=siuUzzWDyVw&t=19s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kwQ0uzCtJcM>

For more information contact Amanda Henry - Variety, the Children's Charity of Manitoba

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