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The Royal Agriculture Winter Fair

Is taking place

November 7 to November 16
At Exhibition Place in Toronto

It is the largest indoor agricultural fair and international equestrian competition in the world.

<http://www.royalfair.org/>



JSS

(Japanese Social Services)

A non-profit organization that provides social services in Japanese and English, mostly in the Greater Toronto Area.

<http://www.jss.ca/>

ジャパニーズ・ソーシャル・サービス (Japanese Social Services) は日本文化を背景に持ちながら異文化の中で生活している方々のために英語と日本語でサービスをしている非営利団体です。サービス内容はカウンセリング、情報提供、関係援助機関の紹介、セミナー、擁護活動などです。

Clocks move Back 1 hour on **Sunday, November 2, 2014 at 2:00 a.m.** This marks the end of Daylight Savings



Nov 2
Back 1 hour

Time, and we return to Eastern Standard Time

EASY WARM APPLE CIDER

In the cold Fall & Winter months, it is nice to have different hot drinks to enjoy.

Apple Cider is a popular drink in Canada that is a nice change from coffee, tea or hot chocolate.

Here is an easy recipe for warm apple cider that you may like to try:

1 bottle (2 L) apple cider.

3 cinnamon sticks

1 teaspoon whole allspice

1 teaspoon whole cloves 1/3 cup brown sugar

In a slow cooker, combine apple cider and cinnamon sticks. Wrap allspice and cloves in a small piece of cheesecloth, and add to pot. Stir in brown sugar. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat, and keep warm.



DID YOU KNOW?..

Level 1 (Beginner)
Ice Hockey was invented in Canada in the early 1800's. It is the official winter sport of Canada.

Click here to see one of Canada's biggest hockey moments.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F_koQ ujQ8Vg

Level 2 (Intermediate)
Ice Hockey originated in Canada in the early 19th century. It was based on similar sports played in Europe at the time. It is the official winter sport of Canada.

He shoots...He scores!!

Level 3 (Advanced)
Ice Hockey originated in Canada in the early 19th century. It was based on several, similar sports played in Europe. The word "hockey" comes from the French word hocquet which means stick. It was not until 1860 that a puck was substituted for a ball. In 1994, hockey became the official winter sport of Canada



In August, the Mississauga North Tigers Bantam baseball team won the eliminations and represented Ontario at the national Championships. The family member of an English Matters' student was on this team. The team outscored its opposition in the tournament 58-19 in part because this player batted 600, (9 hits for 15 at-bats) with 4 doubles and a stolen base.

WELL DONE!



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Tuesday November 11

Remembrance Day in Canada is when we take a moment to remember, and pay tribute, to all the people that served in World War I, and all the other military conflicts after World War I. (November 11, 1918 was the official end of World War I).

Red poppies symbolize all the people that have died serving our Country in these conflicts.

Many people wear a plastic poppy on their clothes in the weeks before Remembrance Day. There are services held across the country on this day to honour the people that served. In Ontario, most schools are open, and children will attend a special assembly at their school to learn about Remembrance Day.



Many towns and cities have special **tree lighting celebrations** to officially launch the Christmas season. In the City of Toronto, there is the annual Cavalcade of Lights that takes place at Nathan Phillips Square. Toronto's official Christmas Tree will be lit, there will be some musical performances, fireworks, and a skating party. Be sure to check with your local municipality to find out about similar celebrations in your area.

City of Toronto

<http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=750b7cc3b5e91410VqnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD>

City of Mississauga

<http://www.discovermississauga.ca/index.php/see-do/category/festivals-and-major-events>

Town of Markham

<http://www.mainstreetmarkham.com/festival-of-lights/>



WHAT IS WIND CHILL?

Canadian weather forecasts use the term **Wind Chill**. Wind Chill is when the wind makes cold temperatures feel even colder. The Wind Chill temperature is how cold it will feel when you are outside. Be sure to dress for the Wind Chill temperature. For information on all the different types of winter weather hazards go to:

<http://www.ec.gc.ca/meteo-weather/default.asp?lang=En&n=46FBA88B-1>

December is a Busy and Important Month!

December 25th: Christmas Day. Many Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on this day by getting together with family and friends, exchanging gifts, attending a special church service and sharing a traditional meal. The traditional meal usually includes a roast turkey and pie for dessert. Almost all businesses and schools are closed. Christmas Eve is the night before Christmas Day. In many homes this is the night Santa Claus visits every child around the world, to deliver special Christmas gifts. These gifts are placed in the home, under the Christmas tree after the children are asleep. Children will also hang a stocking somewhere in their home for Santa to fill when he visits. Children are told that Santa only brings gifts for good girls and boys. People will decorate their homes with candles, wreaths, Christmas lights and Christmas ornaments.

Symbols of Christmas:



The Christmas Tree – some families buy a real tree for their home, and some use an artificial tree that can be re-used year after year. The tree is decorated with colourful ornaments, lights and usually a star or angel on top.



Santa Claus – he lives in the North Pole and brings presents to good boys and girls around the world on Christmas Eve. He travels on his sleigh that is pulled by reindeer, and goes down the chimney of each home to deliver the gifts. See page 3 to find a Santa Claus Parade in your area.



Some people believe that **Angels** live in Heaven. Angels are an important part of the story of the birth of Jesus Christ. It was angels that brought messages from God and protected Jesus' parents, Mary and Joseph.



Candy Canes are peppermint flavoured candy. They are in the shape of a walking cane, or the letter "J". They are usually red and white. Children often give them to their friends at Christmas. Some people hang them on their Christmas trees.



Homes are decorated at Christmas with wreaths, ornaments, bells and candles.

December 26th is Boxing Day. It is one of the biggest shopping days of the year in Canada as stores lower their prices to sell all of their goods before the end of the year.



JAPANESE CANADIAN CULTURAL CENTRE
日系文化会館

In early December, the JCCC will host the annual Winter Family Festival. You can see some amazing gingerbread houses, make holiday crafts or take a picture with Santa!

http://jccc.on.ca/en/events/annual/winter_festival.php

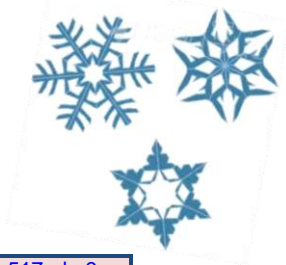
For some great ideas on things to do in the Winter, be sure to go to Page 3!






TAKING THE TRAIN IN TOTTENHAM

On Sunday October 19, 2014 some English Matters students and their families took a trip on the South Simcoe Railway's historic Steam Train. Afterwards we all enjoyed a snack at the Grackle Coffee Shop in Schomberg. It was a beautiful day and everyone had fun!

It is getting colder outside as Winter is coming. There are many ways to have fun in the winter months. Just follow the links listed below!



MARKHAM	Skating	http://www.markham.ca/wps/wcm/connect/markhampublic/a0f6a517-abc9-470f-be78-763ef8c9e327/14-fall-ML-web-rec+skate.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CACHEID=a0f6a517-abc9-470f-be78-763ef8c9e327
MARKHAM	Sledding	http://www.gtarent.com/2010/12/some-great-places-to-go-sledding-in-gta.html
MARKHAM	Things to Do With Kids	http://www.childslife.ca/events/category/york-region/
MARKHAM	Santa Claus Parade 	http://www.mainstreetmarkham.com/santa-claus-parade/
TORONTO	Skating	http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vnextoid=a3cadada600f0410VqnVCM1000071d60f89RCRD
TORONTO	Sledding	http://www.gtarent.com/2010/12/some-great-places-to-go-sledding-in-gta.html
TORONTO	Things to Do With Kids	http://www.childslife.ca/events/category/toronto/
TORONTO	Santa Claus Parade 	http://www.thesantaclausparade.ca/
MISSISSAUGA	Skating	http://dropin.mississauga.ca/default.asp?subsectionid=17
MISSISSAUGA	Sledding	http://mississaugakids.com/tobogganing-mississauga/
MISSISSAUGA	Things to Do With Kids	http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/discover/wintercity
MISSISSAUGA	Santa Claus Parade 	http://www.mississaugasanta.com/



Children often write a letter to Santa Claus to let him know what they would like for Christmas. This is how you would address a letter to Santa. The letter can be put in the mail, or dropped off at a Santa Claus Parade. Santa will try and answer every letter.

