



The Christmas Season Has Arrived!

November 25, 2021

Wednesday, December 1, 6:30-8PM: Next iDARE Committee Meeting

Please join us for our next virtual iDARE meeting via teams. Please email Mr. Starr or Mrs. Robinson to receive the meeting link.

A New Christmas-Themed Contest!



Christmas is in the air and the iDARE Committee is proud to present its Christmas Jingle-Jangle Contest!

Choose a few verses from your favourite Christmas carol and create your own humorous lyrics. Submit your joyful creation to us using the linked image at left. Videos, audio, or written formats, individual or group submissions are all welcome! Your submissions will be shared with the Queen of Heaven Community via

an iDARE Christmas Padlet. 1 Student Entry and 1 Staff entry will be chosen via a random draw to receive a \$50 gift certificate.



We will also be decorating the iDARE Christmas tree at the beginning of December. Students will be creating new additional ornaments that reflect Christmas around the world and the diverse cultures, experiences, celebrations and identities of our school community.

Finally, the Christmas Around the World Expressions wall will be visible in the entrance hall along with a beautiful tabletop Christmas display and wreath. Stay tuned for exciting Christmas season fun!

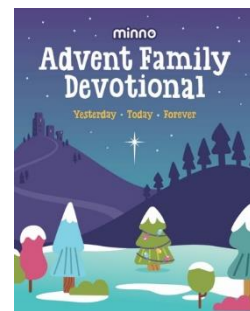


Click the image at left to view **the iDARE Calendar of Events & Celebrations**. Each month, this calendar lists a myriad of days of recognition that reflect our diverse community.

Our December calendar of events contains links, information, resources about these various days of recognition, including links to live and recorded virtual events!

Advent Family Devotional

Click the image at right to visit a pdf of this Advent Family Devotional. This guides families through each week of Advent as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus and His Presence in our lives.





Orange Shirt Day Reminder: Thursday, November 30



Just a reminder that students are encouraged to wear orange shirts Thursday, November 30, as part of the Queen of Heaven community's commitment to remember the history and impact of Residential Schools on Indigenous children, their families and communities.

Upcoming Community Events: Grandmother's Voice

PAINT NIGHT: *Indigenous Art*



Moses Lunham 2021

You're invited to participate virtually Tuesday, December 7th, 2021 6:30-8:00 pm
Visit www.youtube.com/grandmothersvoice to join the session
Get your paint supplies and join the virtual paint night for 1.5 hours of artistic guidance! No prior artistic experience is necessary to get involved.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED: PAINT (blk, wht, blue, yellow & red), BRUSHES (Sm, Med, Lrg) & A CANVAS

Supplies Required:



About the painting: Spirit Moon purpose is to purify us, and to heal all of creation and transform our own vision of the truth

Artist: Moses Lunham

Presented by:  

Grandmother's Voice & HCDSB Virtual Family Paint Night: Tuesday, December 7, Guided by Indigenous Artist Moses Lunham

To learn more about these events, visit the HCDSB link "Family Paint Nights~Learn About Indigenous Art" or click the image to be taken directly to the youtube channel for this livestream event.



EXPERIENCE INDIGENOUS CULTURE AT THE *Indigenous Artisan & Makers* WINTER SOLSTICE GIFT FAIR



JOIN US! ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE Urban Indigenous Centre for Hope, Peace & Wellness
Kids crafts, raffles, music, fun and community to lead us into the solstice.

Saturday, December 4th 10am - 5pm & Sunday, December 5th 10am- 3pm

Please complete your COVID screening prior to entering: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment>

Support Vendors "Mohawk Village Memorial Park" and "We Are Still Here" Residential School Survivors

Country Heritage Park - 8560 Tremaine rd, Milton ON
Parking in the North Lot
Cost: \$5 Per Person

Grandmother's Voice: Winter Solstice Gift Fair Saturday, December 4 & Sunday, December 5

Experience Indigenous culture at the Indigenous Artisan & Makers Winter Solstice Gift Fair!

Saturday, Dec. 4th 10:00 am. - 5:00 pm.
and Sunday, Dec. 5th. 10:00 am. - 3:00 pm.

Click the image linked at right for more information:



Celebrating the Season: Other Local Community Events

Looking for some other ways to prepare for the holidays and spend time together? Here are some local events and nearby destinations for your family to consider:

[Chabad Jewish Discovery Centre Hannukah Events](#)

- Public Menorah Lighting & Various Community-Wide Hannukah Celebrations



[Christmas Markets & Fairs in Milton](#)

- A wide variety of upcoming events, craft sales, and vendors' markets in the Milton area



[Safari Niagra Holiday Lights Drive Thru](#)

- A 3 kilometre Christmas landscape, with more than one million twinkling lights!

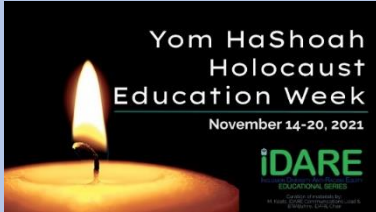
[Winter Wonders at RBG](#)

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[Downtown Milton Holiday Fest](#)

- Enjoy the diverse sights, tastes and sounds of the holiday season in historic Downtown Milton! On Saturday, November 27, 2021, Downtown Milton HolidayFest is taking place along Main Street.

November 14-20 was Holocaust Education Week in Milton



Holocaust Education Week was recognized in Milton this year from November 14-20.

Click the linked image at left to the iDARE Educational Series Slideshow sharing resources, information, and events in honour of this week.

iDARE 2021-2022 Committee:

Our Parent Committee for the 2021-2022 school year is starting to work on cultural events for the school year!

We welcome back Bonnie W. as Chair, Amos O. as Financial Lead, Valerie N. as Cultural Events Lead, and Eric D.C. and Margie K. as co-Communications Leads. We look forward to working together to promote more Inclusion, Diversity, Anti-Racism and Equity events and learning.

If you are interested in joining the committee, please email us at the address below for more information.

We welcome your thoughts and opinions and look forward to a new school year! Please email your ideas and thoughts to the Queen of Heaven iDARE Parent Committee at ghidaremail@hcdsb.org or fill out the feedback form on our website: [iDARE Feedback](#).

The Queen of Heaven Parent iDARE Committee

