



# Trafalgar News



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## Principal's Message

We have had an amazing start to the year and on behalf of the staff and myself, I would like to thank you for being involved in your child's education and in supporting their success in the classroom. This involvement and support is especially evident with our School PAC.

### Trafalgar PAC

PAC has agreed to offset the cost of stainless water bottles with the Trafalgar logo, in support of the students wanting a healthy and environmentally friendly alternative to plastic disposable water bottles. The cost of the water bottles will be \$5.00, and you can expect a pre-order form emailed home soon. In addition, PAC is purchasing workspace carpets for classrooms, basketball uniforms, a camera for the Yearbook Club, and Sphero Robots for the Tech Club. PAC is also selling hoodies, sweatpants, and shirts with the Trafalgar logo on the front. Order forms will be emailed home. Get your order in early as these make great Christmas gifts!

I would like to thank the many parents who are attending PAC meetings once a month and supporting the theme of "We are here to build each other up." This theme is evident and heard in our building every day, so I would like to thank our staff, parents and PAC for reinforcing that message.

### Important Events

The Playmor Junction Big Band has offered to host a concert at our school on November 28 in the gym at 7:00 p.m. Our school band will be opening for the Playmor band! This is an important event because it is a great, affordable night out for the whole family, and it is also very inspiring for our current and future musicians. Trafalgar is inviting grade 5 students and their parents to attend this event as well. Please talk this event up with friends and family of elementary students you may know.

Our Trafalgar Band's Christmas Concert is scheduled for December 18 in our school gym at 7 p.m. Again, invite family and friends as this is a great opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of our students and "build them up."

Trafalgar has again been chosen to host a group of Chinese students this year. We would like to thank Mrs. Sandy Prentice and the international program for providing us with this opportunity. Trafalgar and SD 8 are committed to having students understand and appreciate diversity and prepare them for not only being Canadian citizens, but global citizens as well. The richest part of this experience is being involved in the homestay program. Inviting Chinese students to join your family for the six week program creates a positive and lasting impact for your child and family and for our international guests as well! We are working towards the possibility of our students participating in an exchange to China in the future. The international program provides compensation of \$850/month per student. Two Chinese students can share a room as long as they each have their own bed. Please share this information with family or friends who may have an extra room and a big heart. If you can help in this regard, please contact us or the international program (see the attached brochure for further information).

This will be an amazing multicultural experience where Chinese, Aboriginal, French and English Canadian culture will be shared. Don't be surprised if your son/daughter offers to cook traditional Chinese dumplings one evening!