



YMCA BUZZ

December 2013

This Month's Top Stories

Christmas Concert 2013

The holiday season is upon us! On Saturday December 14th, the Timmins Family YMCA will be hosting their annual Christmas Concert in the Frog's Breath Gymnasium at 10:30 am. We ask that you please have your child in his/her classroom no later than 10:00 am. Lunch will be provided after the concert in your child's classroom, and the children will have the chance to visit with Santa Claus. Please R.S.V.P. to the main office by Friday December 6th, 2013. There is a maximum amount of four guests per child.

Peace Week Toy Drive:

During Peace Week in November we had asked parents/guardians to bring in stuffed animals for our toy drive. We would like to thank everyone who participated and helped make our toy drive a successful one!

Christmas Craft and Bake Sale

On Saturday December 14th, after our Christmas concert, we will be holding a Christmas Craft and Bake Sale in the Preschool 3 classroom, across from the Main Office. Parents, family and friends are invited to purchase baked goods and homemade crafts. All funds raised from the sale will go towards the Tunncliffe Playground. To make this Craft and Bake Sale a success, we strongly encourage parents, family, friends, and staff to donate a homemade craft and/or baked good. If you decide to donate a baked good, please provide the recipe as well. We would also ask that you avoid bringing in any baked good that contains nuts/peanuts as they are on our Anaphylaxis Alert. All donations must be handed in no later than Friday December 13th. If you have any questions, or for more information, please contact Lisa at 360-4381 or by email at lgasparetto@timminsymca.org

Upcoming Events

December						
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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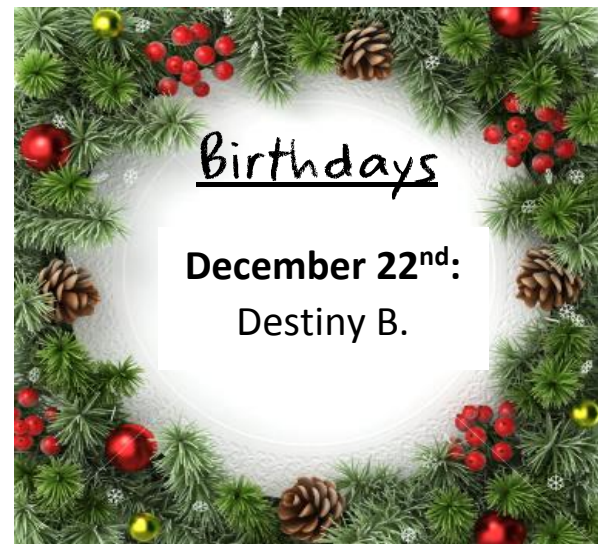
December 14th:
Christmas Concert
Christmas Craft and Bake Sale

December 24th:
Christmas Eve
(YMCA closed at 3:00)

December 25th:
Christmas Day
(YMCA closed)

December 26th:
Boxing Day
(YMCA closed)

December 31st:
New Year's Eve
(YMCA closed at 3:00)



What would you like Santa to bring you for Christmas?



Emmileigh M.

"Strawberry Shortcake and an Ipad"



Jaxon L.

"A train"



Gavyn P.

"A Rescuebot and a fire truck"



Carter B.

"Juice!"

Did You Know?

- Most of Santa's Reindeer have male-sounding names, such as Blitzen, Comet, Cupid, and Dunder. However, male reindeers shed their antlers around Christmas time, so the reindeer pulling Santa's sleigh would be female.
- If you were to receive all the gifts from the holiday song "The Twelve Days of Christmas", you would have 364 gifts.
- "T'was the Night Before Christmas", written by Clement Moore, was first published in 1823. This story is 190 years old.
- On December 16th, 1965, astronauts Tom Stafford and Wally Schirra on Gemini 6 sent the following message to Mission Control: "We have an object, looks like a satellite going from North to South, probably in polar orbit... I see a command module and eight smaller modules in front. The pilot of the command module is wearing a red suit." The two then proceeded to sing the first ever song broadcast from space, Jingle Bells, with a harmonica and bells accompanying.

Recipe of the Month: White Chocolate Candy Cane Fudge

Ingredients:

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| • Parchment paper | • 2 cups sugar | • 1 teaspoon salt |
| • 3 ½ cups mini marshmallows | • 6 tablespoons unsalted butter | • 1 cup heavy cream |
| • ½ cup crushed candy canes | • 3 cups white chocolate chips | • 1 teaspoon vanilla |
| | | • Cooking spray |

Instructions:

- Line a 9x13 baking dish with parchment paper in a crisscross manner (one lengthwise, one crosswise) so ends hang over sides of the dish. Coat the paper evenly with cooking spray.
- In a large pot, over medium heat, cook sugar, salt, butter, cream, and marshmallows, stirring until the butter and marshmallows are mostly melted (5-6 minutes)
- Bring mixture to a boil. Cook stirring occasionally (5 minutes). Remove from heat. Add the white chocolate chips and vanilla; stir until the chocolate is melted. Pour into the lined baking dish.
- Let the fudge cool at room temperature (3 hours). Once cooled, cut out shapes with cookie cutters, and sprinkle with crushed candy canes.