



# Port Royal Post

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School news

## A note from the Principal's Desk...

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are now at the end of the first term of school...the days and weeks since September have flown by!

Your enthusiasm and support during this first term is greatly appreciated and I look forward to our continued teamwork in Term II. I would like to offer a special "Thank You" to the marvelous PTA Executive team for their consistent drive to make Port Royal Primary the best that we can be!

I wish each of you a joyous, peaceful holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Joann P. Dill  
Principal

## Mrs. U. Booker- Literacy



### Reading Tips for the Holidays

1. Read for fun!
2. Stock up on books at the local library.
3. Make the most of travel time. Turn travel time (to or from a vacation) into an opportunity to practice reading.
4. Create a new tradition. Starting a special Winter Break Story Time can be a new tradition that links reading with happy memories.

Remember, you don't have to be an expert to help your child with reading. By simply interacting with children around books, you can show them that books are important and worthy of our attention.



## Miss S. Correia/Miss S. Morton—Eco Club

This year for Eco Club our pathway is Waste Management. Eco Club members conducted a Waste Audit in November to find out the different types of waste collected at Port Royal on a daily basis. We discovered that paper is the most used item at our school. In January, Eco Club members will create a Waste Management Plan to minimize the amount of waste we produce so that we can continue to make progress in order to reach our goal.



## MUSIC—Mrs. Shannon Rose-Robinson

Under the direction of Music Teacher Mrs. Rose-Robinson, our Upper School Choir performed in Dockyard on December 9<sup>th</sup>. The students were extremely excited and they were well received by the visitors and vendors in the Clocktower Mall. We look forward to more opportunities in the new year to share our musical talents with the Bermuda community.



PRP Community Service Grub Day  
Mrs. Marsha Rollins, Deputy Principal

Port Royal Primary School participated in a Community Service Grub Day on Friday, December 7, 2018 to assist Warwick Preschool. A total of \$505.00 has been raised to assist Warwick Preschool with essential items and classroom supplies. On behalf of the Port Royal Primary School Family, I would like to thank you and your families for your generosity. Happy Holidays!



**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**SPORTS ROUND-UP by N.J. Richardson.....**

**Port Royal Panthers**



Physical Education at Port Royal Primary is off to a great start. This year your child has been introduced to the new and exciting **SPARKS** (Sports, Play, and Active Recreation for Kids) Physical Education program. This exemplary program has been proven to increase test scores on standardized academic tests. The instructional units are designed to develop students' motor, cognitive, and social skills.

Our students have also been busy with interschool sporting events. This year, we entered a co-ed swim team in the interschool swim meet held at the National Sports Center's pool. The students enjoyed the experience and did an outstanding job. The boys and girls soccer teams also competed in the interschool soccer tournament, and the boys played in the Division 2 soccer league. The netball team is also ready for their Division 2 Netball Tournament which will take place in the new year. Thank you parents with all of your support for our teams.

**Ms. M. Martinez - Counsellor**



**P3 - "Growing Your Brain"**

Primary 3 students received instruction on "Growing Your Brain" in a six week program taught jointly by Ms. Franklin, Education Therapist and myself (in addition to the regular classroom guidance lessons).

Students engaged in activities to boost their brain power, which in turn can assist in thinking better and making better choices. They were also working on "Executive Functioning" skills to boost their brain power.

Executive Functioning skills are the basis for planning, organizing, initiating and following through with tasks, assignments and problems inside and outside of school. Simply put, Executive Functioning skills are necessary life skills!

Students completed worksheets, watched videos, and played games on topics such as planning, organization, self-control, attention, flexibility and perseverance.

We will continue to review and practice these skills throughout the school year.