

Presents for Parents

The countdown is on! Presents for Parents is coming to our school on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20th**. The collection box will be set up outside the office door from **Monday, November 27th** until **Monday, December 18th**. **Please have all gifts at the school by Monday, December 18th**.

Presents for Parents is a unique gift exchange for our school. Participating families donate gifts equal in number to those that will be purchased by your child (ren). If one child is planning to buy a gift for mom & dad, you must send in 2 gifts (one mom and one dad gift). If two children are planning to buy 4 gifts you must send in 4 gifts (2 mom & 2 dad).

The gifts are displayed in the gym, picked out by the children and wrapped by volunteers. The children have a great time doing their secret Christmas shopping. Please donate NEW, UNUSED items only – no homemade gifts. Please consider purchasing gifts that you would appreciate receiving (approximately \$5-\$10 value) children take great care in their gift selection for you.

Instead of handling money, the children will hand in one ticket for Mom and one for Dad, which are pre-purchased for \$2 each, to shop for their gifts. All money will be collected before the event.

The following are some examples, but please don't let this limit your choice. Please label your gift with either 'Mom' or 'Dad' so we can sort them appropriately.

MOM	DAD	UNISEX
Lotions	Caps	Day Timer
Manicure / pedicure set	Gloves	Calendar
Seasonal hand towels	Tools	Coffee Mug
Seasonal oven mitts	Sport items (hockey, baseball, basketball)	Cups with coffee, hot chocolate or chocolates
Cookbooks	Golf (balls, gloves, club head covers)	Starbucks or Tim Hortons coffee or gift certificate
Candles	Fishing	Card/ card games (cribbage board)
Seasonal decorations	Camping	
Fancy writing paper	Socks	
Slippers	Wallets	
gloves	Items for vehicle	

Wrapping items are also essential. Donations of gift bags, boxes, bows, ribbon, tape & scissors are all needed. We do not need any wrapping paper as previously, donations have been very generous.

On the consent form there is a question for number of gifts to be purchased. This was started to accommodate children who may have step parents. In such cases, we will permit the child to purchase gifts for those individuals as well. This is however not an option to buy gifts for grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings or other special people in your child's life. Please respect these guidelines. We exchange and wrap 400 gifts in one day – for parents. We cannot accommodate additional numbers for extended family members.

All net proceeds from this event will be used to purchase toys for the Ronald McDonald House. If you have any questions please contact the school.

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