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## NEWS

### **Warm Temperatures Don't Thaw Enthusiasm for Holiday Meal at Lorne Avenue Public School**

**London, ON** – For the sixteenth time in as many years, students and community members at Lorne Avenue Public School will enjoy a traditional turkey dinner prepared and served by community volunteers, partner agencies and local dignitaries.

In total, more than 550 people, including adult ESL students, the YMCA day care children, community sponsors, donors and supporters will enjoy the homemade fare served in the school's gymnasium on **Friday December 16, 2011**.

"This meal is a wonderful example of what happens when individuals and organizations come together in their belief of the unifying power of a shared meal," says Shelly Happy, Community Worker with the London InterCommunity Health Centre and coordinator of the seasonal meal. "The volunteers make this a priority because they have seen the pleasure it brings to the students."

As in the past, high profile Londoners will roll up their sleeves to serve turkey, potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, cranberry sauce and cake. This year Police Chief Brad Duncan and Fire Chief John Kobarda will be among the guest servers.

The London Community Health Centre facilitates this celebration through its Children's Nutrition and Learning Project partnership with Lorne Avenue Public School. Learn more at <http://www.lihc.on.ca/children-youth-and-families/>

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#### **Lorne Avenue's Annual Seasonal Celebration**

- **Friday December 16, 2011**
- School Gymnasium, Lorne Avenue Public School, 723 Lorne Avenue
- Adult ESL and ESL daycare served at 12:15pm
- Grades 1 – 8 served at 12:30pm
- Kindergarten students served at 1:00pm

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