CHAMPION TRACKS

Macy and Jack Warren soak up some sun at Grace Bay Beach in Turks and Caicos. Going on vacation? Be sure to pack your Milton Champion and send it to sleblanc@metroland.com. Please include destination information and everyone's name left to right.

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OPINION

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM CRAIG KIELBURGER SS

SPIRIT OF THE SEASON ALIVE AND WELL THIS MONTH, WRITES LENARDON



ABBEY LENARDON Column

Craig Kielburger Secondary School has a rich tradition in their annual Holiday Buffet for the staff and the community. The talented hospitality teachers and students prepare a delicious brunch, and the incredible meal is always enjoyed by everyone who attends.

This season, CKSS introduced a new component to the buffet to make to it even more meaningful: on Wednesday, Dec. 12, a group of 10 students

were given the opportunity to participate in the buffet and interact with the community members. They had the chance to engage in meaningful conversation in this well-received initiative.

The vision for this buffet was to bring students and community members together in a positive, impactful way. The community members were encouraged to share some wisdom with the students, and the students enjoyed learning and simply sitting down to talk to the people

who make up a large part of the community in which CKSS grows and thrives.

A group of three local ladies attended their first holiday buffet at CKSS this season; the women noted that they were all pleasantly surprised by the student engagement component and that the initiative was very touching. One woman offered to share her experience with her friends later that week and told the students who sat with her that she would definitely be back next year, as she thoroughly enjoyed the time spent with her friends and the CKSS students who joined them.

The students at Craig Kielburger Secondary continuously

strive to make connections with their neighbours - with the aim of bridging the gap between youth and their community. This buffet was a huge success for CKSS, and as the students who participated responded, it was a heartwarming and genuinely enjoyable afternoon that was enjoyed by all in attendance.

The staff and students of CKSS would like to wish everyone a warm and happy holiday season, and we look forward to the many more events and initiatives to come in the new year.

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