

**École Dansereau Meadows School  
Operation Christmas Child**



**Operation Christmas Child** is a fun and simple, hands-on project of Samaritan's Purse that anyone can participate in. Each gift-filled shoe box is used to bless the life of a child living in a desperate situation. Last season, 713,294 shoe boxes were collected in Canada and distributed to children in more than 15 countries.

**How To Pack a Shoebox**

1. **Select a shoebox** - Use a regular-sized shoe box or pliable plastic box. If wrapping your shoe box, please wrap the lid separately.
2. **Boy or Girl?** - Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.
3. **Fill your shoe box** with a well-balanced variety of items from the following categories:
  - a. **School Supplies** - Items such as pencils, pens, pencil crayons, note pads, and picture books
  - b. **Toys & Other Gifts** - Items such as stuffed animals, small musical instruments, hair clips, toy jewelry, t-shirts, socks, and candy (loose, individually wrapped hard candy in a sealable bag)
  - c. **Hygiene Items** - Please place soap in a sealable bag
  - d. **Personal Note** - Include a personal note and/or a photo in your shoe box (not inside the donation envelope)

**Do Not Include:**

- Toothpaste (due to customs regulations)
- Food and any chewy, crumbly, or soft candy: Including gum (due to customs regulations)
- Used items (due to customs regulations)
- Playing cards
- Liquids or items that could leak, melt, freeze, or break – Shampoo, creams, lip balm, bath gels, mirrors, or glass, etc. (these can damage other items in the shoe box).
- Items that can scare or harm a child – War-related toys, knives, and toy guns, etc.



***Shoe boxes are available at the school office.  
Shoe boxes are due on November 18.***