

Preparation for Building Bonhomme Carnaval's Ice Palace

We are eagerly anticipating our upcoming Carnaval d'Hiver (Winter Carnival) that will take place from February 3rd to February 7th, 2025. One of our most loved Janet Johnstone traditions is the building of an ice palace. A wonderful ice palace was built for the first time in 1955 for Quebec City's Carnival in honour of the mascot, Bonhomme.



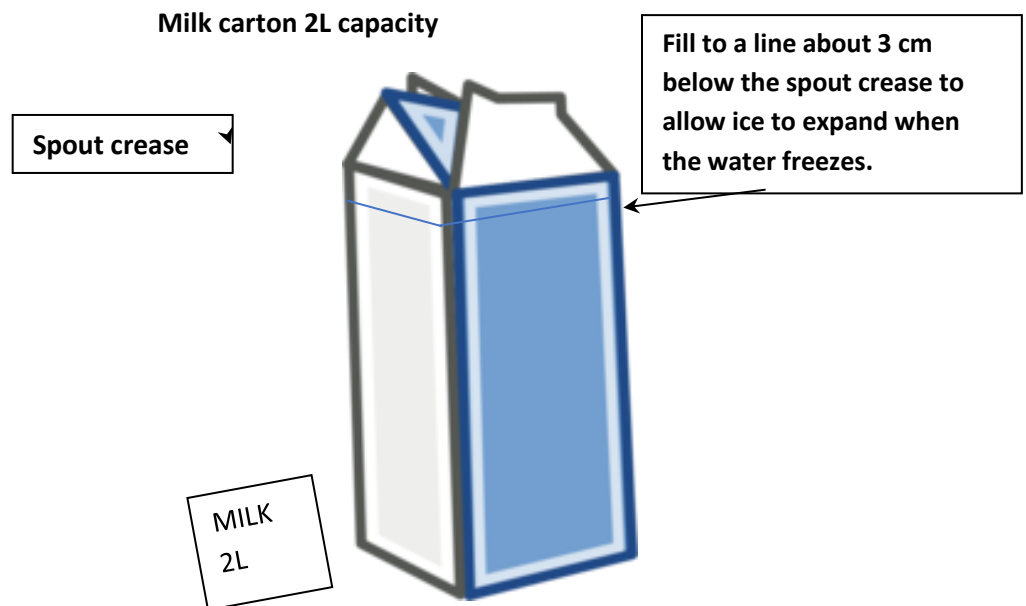
For this activity to be successful, we also need everyone's help. Each student in the school is asked to please bring an ice block, which will become an important piece of the ice palace. **The week before Carnival, please fill a 2L rectangular Milk carton** with water up to the fill line shown on the diagram below. Please do not use a juice carton, a 1 L carton, jugs, or irregular shaped containers. We need all of the blocks to be the same size and shape to build a solid structure.

This year we will be adding ice blocks to the ice palace over the course of three days. Please remove your child's ice block from the carton and send it to the school in a sealed bag that will not leak (ziplock is preferred), labeled with your child's name. Ice Palace building will take place on Monday, February 3rd, Tuesday, February 4th and Wednesday, February 5th.

Upon arrival at school, students will leave their ice blocks by their entrance door, on their assigned day. The week before Carnival, your child's teacher will notify you of the exact day your child will be involved in building the ice palace - stay tuned!

Thank you for your support, involvement and enthusiasm for this Carnaval d'Hiver!

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE WATER NEEDS TO BE FROZEN FOR AT LEAST 3 OR 4 DAYS BEFORE THE BUILDING DAY.



If you wish to bring more than one block, please feel free to do so.
Any extras would be appreciated.