



## ATHENA CONSOLIDATED NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2009

### Winter Conditions

Parents: Please speak to your child about crossing the streets and walking on the roads this time of year. They have difficulty understanding that cars/trucks have trouble stopping quickly due to road conditions.

And a word of caution to you driving - please be alert to the children walking out in front of the school areas. The snow and ice is exciting to them - not the danger that we know is there.

### School Skate

Our first school skate will be held on Tuesday, December 22 (in Bedeque). Permission forms will be going home within the next couple of days. All students going to the skate must return their permission slips. There will be no phone calls home on that Tuesday to request permission to go to the skate. All students in grades 1 to 6 must wear a helmet. Skates must also be protected while carrying them to school and to the rink, therefore, we request that students use skate guards or put their skates in their kit bags.

### Merry Christmas

As a staff, we happily take this opportunity to wish all of you a joyous holiday season. We are all looking forward to a time well spent with our families, as well as a time to rest and relax. As you can see in our newsletter, we have been busy in the school this month. The children have experienced a wealth of knowledge in many fun and educational experiences and we hope that you get the chance to share this with your child.



### Christmas Around the World

Christmas Around the World is the major project for the grade six students, this term. Research skills, editing, grammar, spelling, oral presentation and other important elements are improved during the development of the finished project. Students will start presenting their projects on Monday, December 14 to their peers. By Thursday, they should have their projects in the foyer for the lower grades to view. You may wish to come by and see how wonderful they all are.



### Food Drive

Each year our grade six students organize a food drive for the Summerside Food Bank. Last year, we donated over 500 units of non-perishable food, and we have a lot collected already. Please feel free to contribute to this wonderful and initiative by sending an item or items to school with your child. Thanks for your support!

### Athena Christmas Concerts: December 10<sup>th</sup>

Full rehearsal and school concert: 1:15 p.m.

Public Concert: 7:00 p.m.

Students do not need to arrive before 6:40 p.m.

Band students go to band room, elementary students to classrooms.

There will be no early morning rehearsals after the concert.

**Admission is a free will offering to support families in our school community.**

**Concert Props:**

Grade 1A, 1B, 2A

- \* Elf hat or Santa hat (no antlers!)
- \* Toys: fat teddy bear, robot, Barbie doll  
(One each, only if not playing an instrument)

Grade 2B, 3A \* Elf hat, Santa hat, and/or scarf, mitts.

Grade 3/4, 4 (1950's style)

- \* Boys: jeans, sneakers, plain white or black t-shirt,  
hair slicked back
- \* Girls: full skirt (poodle-type), t-shirt or sweater, bobby socks, flat shoes, hair in high pony-tail with  
a wide ribbon

Grade 5: Santa or Elf hat

3-6 Choir: black bottoms, red, green, or white tops, black shoes.

7-9 vocal ensemble: wear band uniforms

\*Both choir & ensemble bring battery operated t-lights.

Thank you,  
Mrs. Power  
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**Cupcake Sale**

Our Home and School will be having a cupcake bake sale this Friday, December 11th. The cost of a cupcake is 50 cents. We hope to have a large variety for students to pick from. Happy Holidays!

**School Cafeteria**

The school cafeteria will be closed on Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Students are asked to bring their lunch on that day. Thanks!

**Important Dates:**

**December 10 - Christmas Concert @ 7:00 p.m.**

**December 15 - Christmas Concert storm date**

**December 22 - Last day of school**

**January 4 - Classes resume**

**February 1 - PD Day - no classes**

**February 15 - Holiday - Islander Day**

This Thursday afternoon, you're invited to join MATT RAINNIE AND THE MAINSTREET CREW from CBC Radio LIVE from the Salvation Army Thrift Store in Summerside.

Volunteers from the Salvation Army will be on hand to collect donations for the annual CBC Turkey Drive. "The Grass Mountain Hobos" are the special musical guests. You can hear about community work going on in Prince County, enjoy some snacks, and enter your name for some super door prizes.

Each year the CBC Turkey Drive makes it possible for all Islanders to enjoy a holiday dinner. Most years around 3000 turkeys are donated through the drive. CBC Radio can be heard on 96.1 FM in central PEI, 101.1 FM in West Prince.

Everyone is welcome to join the fun, between 4 and 6 this Thursday December 10th at the Salvation Army Thrift Store, 165 Water Street in Summerside.