

ATHENA CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2011

Family Lose Home

On Friday, January 7th we are having a pajama day for elementary students and a pajama / hat day for junior high students. Students are asked to consider bringing a donation, if they wish, in support of an Elm Street School family who lost their home to a fire during the holiday season. There are two children in the family so if you are doing some house cleaning and purging some kids clothes I am sure they would appreciate them. The little girl is size 5-6 and the boy 3-4. Their main need right now is pajamas, hats, gloves, pants, etc.. Thanks for your consideration!

Safety Issue

Reminder to parents that due to safety concerns, we appreciate if you would please come to the office when looking for your child. This is a Western School Board Policy and there are signs at each entrance requesting that you report to the office. Thanks for your understanding!

Essay Winner

We are pleased to announce that Grade 8 student Kelsey Greenan has been awarded a \$100 prize by the Human Rights Commission of PEI for her prize winning essay on the importance of disability awareness. Congratulations Kelsey for taking the initiative to enter the contest and for your inspirational work!

Acts of Kindness

We extend sincere appreciation to all those in the Athena and Elm Street school communities who offered donations of food and money for local families at Christmas. The Food Bank was quite impressed with the quantity of useful foods that were delivered to them. The monetary donations at the door of our Christmas concert and the contributions given through the Gift of Caring raised about \$1000 that went towards assistance for local area families. We extend a sincere thank-you for everyone's kindness.

Grade 9 Parent Information

Here are the dates of some grade 9 assessments, in February. If there is a storm day, on the day of an assessment, it will take place the very next school day:

Wednesday February 2 - Social Studies - Periods 3- 5

Thursday February 10 - Math - Periods 3 – 5

Friday February 18 - Science Periods 3 - 5

An Important Reminder to Parents

Research supports that recess time outdoors contributes greatly to children's ability to learn and function in the classroom environment. It is for this reason that outdoor recess is encouraged weather permitting. To this end, weather conditions including temperature and wind chill are monitored on an on going basis by the staff and the office throughout the day to ensure it is fit to send children outside. With the colder, winter weather upon us, parents are encouraged to ensure that they send their children to school with appropriate clothing to play outdoors at recess time.

Cafeteria

I want to take a minute to recognize the two ladies in our cafeteria, Judy Stewart and Lee-Anne Campbell. These ladies certainly go above and beyond to provide healthy choices for our students. They have a way of making our students feel extra special too. These ladies always manage to find time to listen to a story or two and even share one of their own. We, the staff and students, really appreciate all they do!

Basketball Games

Both of our teams were in action on Tuesday. The boys lost a hard fought game in overtime to Inglewood by a score of 41 to 40, while the girls outlasted ME Callaghan 36 to 18. The top scorer for the girls was Charlotte Thompson and for the boys was Max Finkle-Hammer.

New Staff

We are very pleased to have Jill Richard and Alanna Horne join our school team. Mrs Richard is filling in for Mr St Amand , who has decided to retire. Ms Horne is filling in for Mrs Francis, who is out on maternity leave. Both these teachers bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to their respect position.

News Bulletin: It's A Girl!

Kya Francis was born to Brandy and Tommy Francis on Tuesday, December 28th, 2010, weighing in at 8lbs. 2oz. They are all fine and we say congratulations to a wonderful life together!