



ELM STREET SCHOOL NEWS

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 11 Christmas Concert
(10:00am Family Names
beginning with A-M; 1:00pm
N-Z)
18 School Trip to the CUP
22 Last Day of Classes, 2009
(full day)

JANUARY

- 4 First Instructional day, 2010
5 HPV needles Gr. 6 girls

FEBRUARY

- 1 School Development Day
(no classes)
2 French Immersion Parent
Information Meeting (Elm
Street School at 6:30pm)
10 Grade 1 Registration for
2009-2010
15 Islander Day (No classes)

MARCH

- 2 Report Cards
5 Parent Teacher Interviews
(No classes)
15-19 March Break
24 HPV Vaccine (Grade 6 girls)

APRIL

- 2 Good Friday
5 Easter Monday
21 Parent Information Night for
new Grade 1 Parents
2009-10 (6:30pm)

MAY

- 7 Area Association P.D.
Day/CUPE 3260 Convention
(No classes)
10 Grade 1 Screening (current
grade 1's stay home)
12-13 Grade 6 Literacy
Assessment
19-20 Grade 6 & Grade 3 Literacy
Assessment
26 & 27 Grade 3 Literacy
Assessment
24 Victoria Day (No classes)
25 Grade 3 French Immersion
visit from Greenfield.

JUNE

- 4 New Grade One Students for
2010-2011 to visit Elm
Street.
(Present Gr. 1 students will
stay home)

- 24 Grade Six Closing Ceremony
1:15 p.m.
25 Final Report Card
25 Last Instructional Day for
Students (full day)
30 Last School Day for staff



PREVENTIVE DENTAL PROGRAM

The Dental Health Team will be starting at the Elm Street Elementary School **the week of January 4, 2010** to provide preventive dental services. The objective of this clinic will provide oral health education and preventive dental services to help reduce or prevent dental decay. In the first few days of the clinic, all children will be seen for a two-minute screening to determine their risk of dental decay. If you do not wish your children to have this dental screening, please advise the school secretary or classroom teacher. Preventive services including oral health education, fluorides, scaling/polishing and sealants will then be provided, according to each child's individual needs. **It will be necessary for you to sign and return a consent form in order to obtain these services. This form will be distributed to the students once the screenings are complete.** There is no cost involved with this clinic and parents are encouraged to visit the dental clinic in the school to discuss preventive dental care for their children.

Please note that only preventive services will be provided, and the screening is not a dental examination. It is strongly

recommended that parents take their children to a dentist for regular examinations and treatment. In addition to the services provided, the Children's Dental Care Program covers the cost of basic dental care delivered in private dental offices for children from ages 3 - 17 (up to 18th birthday).

For further information on our programs and services, please contact 888-8145 or visit our website at www.gov.pe.ca/ss

Christmas Centers

Mme Carolyn and Mme Marie-Anne's classes have been very busy together caring about others through a variety of Christmas literacy-based centers. With the help of Mrs Howatt and Mrs Beaulieu some of the activities that they are doing are baking cookies for others, making Christmas cards for the sick in the hospital and making surprise special gifts for a few classes. These multi-aged centers are reaching a variety of curriculum outcomes and the beauty is that the students and teachers are having a great time together. On Monday, they visited the Lefurgey Cultural center, the Wyatt home and the Summerside Archives for a historical outing with the theme "A Frugal Christmas".

Caring Snowflakes



The students in 3B are earning snowflakes to decorate the class Christmas tree every time they secretly do something kind and caring towards another student in the class. The trick is to not get caught doing the good

deed and to leave the surprised person guessing. Our tree is already plentiful and beautiful!

School Development

We had a wonderful school development day on November 30th. We worked on creating rubrics to help us assess our students. As a school it is our focus this year to create and use various assessments to assist us in improving our students writing. Our EA's took some time on this day to visit the snoozlin room at the Community Connections building. This is a sensory room available to our special needs students.

Class 1B News

We were very lucky to have Mrs. Heather Carver's Grade 12 Core French class from KISH visit us on Wednesday morning. They came to share French children's books they have written in their class with our Grade 1 French Immersion students here at Elm Street School! It gave our students a great opportunity to practice their French speaking skills and listen to some wonderful Christmas stories. Joyeux Noel a tous!

3A EXTREME! News

The boys and girls in Mrs. Larsen's grade three class have been studying fiction narrative features and how authors and illustrators make their stories entertaining. Each student has written and illustrated a Christmas narrative which will be launched at our **Author Celebration and Christmas Potluck** on Dec. 21st. Family members will be joining us for a delicious potluck meal before the students share their published books. Congratulations to all of these wonderful authors!

Our class recently walked to the **Wyatt Heritage Properties** to attend their Christmas Program. How to celebrate Christmas in "**frugal times**" was this year's

theme. Students painted a pinecone decoration, ate cookies, learned about some famous board games that were created during frugal times and how families celebrate the spirit of Christmas by doing more with less.

Class 4A News

Class 4A had a busy month. We welcomed two new faces to our class. Firstly, Tasha, a cooperating student from TOSH is helping us out a few mornings a week. Next was Miss Kidd a practicum student from U.P.E.I Both ladies have fit into our class nicely and we look forward to Miss Kidd's return in March.

Class 6Y News

On Monday, December 21st, Miss Sherry's Grade 5/6 class will be going to the Wyatt Heritage Properties for their annual school program. The theme this year is a Frugal Christmas-Pioneering Creativity. The idea of the program is to explore being resourceful, creative and prudent in making fewer resources into more. A Frugal Christmas will help show the students what has been done in the past and will help create a new view on what makes Christmas special. We are looking forward to this trip!

Miss Sherry has had a Christmas Doodle Art Club running at 12:05 in her classroom. We had a wonderful turnout last week for grades 1-3 and hope to see similar numbers with the Grades 4-6 this week! It's a great way to spend time with our friends in different classes, listen to some Christmas music and show our creativity!

Knitting Club

There has been amazing involvement in the Knitting Club. Our yarn and needles are all busy. We are starting to have some projects finished, which is very exciting. We will continue our club into the new year! Great Job Knitters!!

SOS Math

Offered every Day 6 at lunch hour, by Mme Sullivan and a volunteer from the community. All Gr. 6 students are welcome to come on a "as needed" basis. We review concepts together, do lots of practice problems, figure out some tricks to make things easier, and we also get homework done... so parents don't have to worry about it!!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION - NEWS FROM THE EAGLES NEST!!!



After school basketball has begun for Grade 5 & 6 boys. It will take place every Wednesday after school from 3 - 4 pm. There will be a 1 day tournament against other local schools taking place near the beginning of February for the boys involved. All boys are welcome to attend. See Mr. Gallant in the office for more details.

ELM STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLOTHING

Anyone who ordered school clothing can pick them up on Monday December 21st. Mrs. Howatt will stay at school until 5:00 that day so parents can drop in and get their orders.

The next clothing order will be late February/early March. More information will come home in February. This will be the time for the grade 6 students to get their special clothes with the "10" on the back and their names in the numbers.



LIBRARY NEWS

December has been a fun month of learning in the library. Students in grade four from Md. Christine's and Md. Lisa's classes have been working on Christmas centers. Students rotated between the 10 different centers

completing their own booklet. Some of the activities were: learning about Hanukkah, the history of Christmas, watching a video, and writing letters to Santa Claus.

Mrs. Howatt worked with Md. Carolyn and Md. Marie-Anne on French Christmas centers. Students rotated between 12 centers in four different locations. One of the centers was baking cookies with Mrs. Beaulieu. It was great to see the two grades working together and having fun. Mrs. Larsen's class wrote amazing Christmas stories with the help of Mrs. Linky. We are looking forward to hearing them at their open house on Monday.

All library books and magazines are to be returned by Friday December 18th. Students who have all their books returned will be able to get new books when school reopens in January. Students with overdue books will not be able to get new books until their books are returned or paid for. Bills will be issued in January.

USED BOOK SALE

Many thanks to all the students, staff and parents who donated books for the used book sale. We raised \$77 for the IWK Children's Hospital. We will have another used book sale in April. If you would like to donate books, for they next sale, they can be dropped off to Mrs. Howatt at any time.

Interested in Learning Conversational French?

Beginning the week of January 18, 2010 the Collège Acadie Î.-P.-É. will be offering French conversational classes at the beginner and intermediate levels. For more information on these levels, you can visit our website at www.collegeacadieipe.ca. Classes will run in the evenings: once a week for 11 weeks at 3 hours per

week; dates and times to be determined. Registration fee is \$150 per person (includes workbook).

Please register by December 18, 2009

Toll free: 1-888-854-7284

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School Study Committee For Accommodating Kindergarten in Elm Street School

The School Study Committee has completed its work and recommendations have been made that would allow space for Kindergarten to begin at Elm Street in September, 2010. This plan will allow for the acceptance of Elm Street and Parkside zoned students **ONLY** to our French Immersion program. Any students in grades K-1 from the Miscouche, Amherst Cove, Somerset, and Parkside zones who will be registering in the French Immersion program will attend Parkside Elementary in 2010; next year will be it's commencement year with grades K - 4 FI students attending. In addition, only Greenfield zoned students will attend the immersion program at Greenfield and it will offer K-4 FI in 2010. Within two years all three schools will be offering K-6 French Immersion. (A student's school is determined based on their home address.) Tentatively, there will be a public meeting on Wednesday, January 13th (7:00pm) at Parkside Elementary to discuss this plan. Please feel free to attend. Your input is valued

Lock Down

Each month we will be practicing the Lock Down drill with the students. On Wed., Dec. 16th the Summerside police were invited to participate in this practice. We are all very proud of how well the staff and students are doing with this. Great job everyone!

Christmas Concert

We would like to congratulate the following people who won Christmas baskets and wreaths at our school concert. Donna MacPhee, Zelma Arsenault, Sandra Thain, Peter McAleer, and Becky Ryder. We would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets to help support the Adopt-A-Family fund.

Principal's Message

The snow is falling, children are singing, cookies are baking, and teachers are yawning! :0) It is a busy and exhausting time of year and the excitement is mounting in the building. I would like to compliment Mrs. Voye and the students for an amazing job with the Christmas concert. To hear the classes practice individually and then see them join together and sing as though they had always been practicing as one unit is a wonder in itself! Bravo Madame Voye! We are lucky to have you.

I have had the pleasure of baking cookies with the 3B and 5C classes during their Christmas centers. What great little chefs they are and - believe it or not parents - they don't mind doing dishes! I really love getting to be with the children to have fun and get messy. Thanks for involving me in this activity.

The Breakfast Program is up and running and I would like to thank all the parents and volunteers who help make this run so smoothly. It does make a difference when the students have full bellies when they start their day.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. Enjoy the time you have to spend with your families and we look forward to working together again in January.