

GULF SHORE NEWSLETTER
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COOL WEATHER:

There is a chill in the morning air and the temperatures can be quite crisp. Students who dress properly for the weather with coats, hats and gloves enjoy being outside more. Please encourage your child to dress appropriately for the weather conditions at this time of year.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS:

The Band students will be presenting their **Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 8th at 7:00 p.m.** There will be two performances this year, an afternoon concert at 1:30 pm for the students and an evening performance at 7:00 pm, open to the public. The bands have been practicing hard and are excited to share their music-making with you.

Students are asked to be in uniform for both performances and to please arrive thirty minutes prior to the evening performance.

The Elementary Christmas presentation will take place on Wednesday, December 15th, in the Multi Purpose Room at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm. This year's performance will feature holiday plays and songs. Students are asked to arrive thirty minutes prior to the evening performance through the bus doors.

On December 15th, we will dismiss at 2:30 pm to allow students to eat and return to school for 6:30 pm.

Please NOTE that STORM DATES for both performances will be the day following **the** scheduled date!!!

LAST DAY FOR 2010/FIRST DAY OF 2011:

Our last school day for 2010 will be December 22nd.

Our first school day in 2010 will be January 4th.

REPORT CARDS:

All students received their report cards last week. If you have any questions or concerns please call. Please sign and return your child's report card envelope.

20th ANNIVERSARY OF GULF SHORE SCHOOL:

The 20th Anniversary Celebration of Gulf Shore Consolidated School will be held on Thursday, January 20th, 2011. (Storm date, January 27th) in the Multi Purpose Room from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. The committee is looking for pictures or memorabilia that can be displayed that evening. If you are sending in pictures, please send in copies with a description as we want to use them in collages, etc. Please set this time aside to come and help us celebrate. Any items may be dropped off at the school office.



SPORT NOTES:

Gulf Shore will have both boys and girls teams entered in the "A" Division of the PEI School Athletic Association Basketball League. They will play teams from Stonepark, Queen Charlotte, Montague, Morell and Souris, the girls will also play against Vernon River School. Teams have been busy practicing for the last two weeks with their first games in Souris, Thursday, December 2nd. The basketball season concludes the end of February. Coaches for the girls team are Leanne Doiron and Jamie Masson. Coaches for the boys' team are Kenny Doyle and Cory MacNeil.

LITERACY BITS:

How do I support my child's spelling development?

Practice Words: a)build words with letters (magnetic, foam or paper letters)
b)make them with colorful markers, crayons or chalk

Use what you know: a)If you know and it can help you spell hand and sand
b)if you know car it can help you spell cart and card
c)if you know big it can help you spell bag and bug

HELPING YOUR CHILD DEAL WITH DISAPPOINTMENTS

“I wasn’t invited to the party”, “I didn’t make the team”, “Hank says he won’t be my friend anymore” . These are all words we find so hard to hear our children say. As parents we work hard to protect our children from being hurt but there are times we can’t stop a hurtful thing from happening. So what should we do? Here are some ideas on how to help. First be an **“active listener”**. Active listening means you listen carefully to your child and acknowledge what they are saying and how they feel. You don’t always need to solve the problem, being heard and acknowledged are often the most important things your child needs. **Encourage your child to tell you how they would like to solve the problem.** Discuss their ideas with them and help them to come to the best solution possible. By helping your child to find their own solutions you are **empowering them** to tackle not only this situation but other problems they face in the future. Psychologists refer to this quality as **resiliency**. Learning to deal with challenges helps children develop this important skill. **Show your child you believe in them.** By letting your child know you have confidence in their ability to handle their disappointment you are helping them believe in themselves. Belief in our ability to handle challenges is key to self esteem.

HOME & SCHOOL:

Just a reminder that we will be placing the gift wrapped boxes in classrooms the second week of December for students to make their monetary donation to our Food For Thought cupboard instead of buying token gifts for their teachers. We do encourage the students to make cards for their teachers to express their wishes.. Our association would like to thank Linda Ganey for a donation of a basket of treats including homemade chocolates. She donated this basket for us to sell tickets on at the Christmas concerts, don't forget to get your ticket. It will be drawn at the end of the elementary concert on December 15, 2010. We, your Home & School Association, wish all the students, staff and their families a very Happy Holiday Season and only the very best for 2011.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM:

At this busy time of year we want to take the chance to remind you that we have a great after school program operating in our school! Even if you just need part-time care or care for a period of time, we will do our best to accommodate your needs. We are open until 5:45 p.m. for your convenience. Great price of only \$10.00 per day! Please contact us at gsafterschoolprogram@gmail.com or call Michelle – 621-0534 or Shannon – 621-0155. Also available is our 4-year old program with half day, full day or full day plus after school option.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Big Brothers Big Sisters - In-School Mentors Needed at Gulf Shore Consolidated

What if you could transform the life of a child by volunteering one hour a week? In-school mentors spend an hour a week with a child at his or her school. Besides having fun playing games and making crafts, you could be a role model to a child who needs one. For more information, e-mail info@bbbspei.ca or call 569-KIDS

Bowling:

Starting Friday, December 10th from 6-8pm. There are 36 spots available to sign up, 6 teams with 6 members per team. Children will be divided into teams so they will be playing with children their own age. When there is enough children signed up I will contact the parents to confirm that their child will be playing. The youth bowling league will run each week until the end of March. The cost each week is \$5.25, plus \$1.00 for shoes, bowl 3 games. The sign up sheet is at the North Rustico Lions Club. Questions please email jamiemasson83@hotmail.com

If there is more demand we will also run a youth league on Saturday December 11th, afternoon from 1-3pm. If anyone is interested in keeping track of the Youth Leagues Stats please let me know at jamiemasson83@hotmail.com or 393-9478."

Tree Lighting:

Community of North Rustico Tree Lighting will be on Friday, Dec. 3rd at 6:30 at the Fisherman's Wharf parking lot. There will be hot chocolate, carols, cookies and a visit from Santa.