

**Mt. Stewart Consolidated School
Parent Bulletin**

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Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday

Season! This will be our last newsletter for 2010! Our next newsletter we be on Tuesday, January 11th, 2011. Success Club (after school support) will be available on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 3-4 pm this week then begin again during the second week of January.

Please note: Friday lunch volunteers are needed every week so if you can help out please contact Julie Saulnier at 676-7798 or Beadah.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tuesday, December 7th - Pick-up day for Christmas Wreath orders. Please make arrangements to pick up the wreaths anytime this evening (before 7 pm). If your family only ordered coupon booklets we can send those home with your child. Extra coupon booklets will be for sale at the Christmas Concert if anyone you know wants to purchase more and help our school at the same time.

Thursday, December 9th - Grades K - 6 Music classes will go to Confederation Centre to see "Christmas Blaze". Permission slips went home yesterday. Please let us know if the cost of admission is a hardship at this time of year. The grade 1, 2, and 3 classes will remain at the Confederation Centre of the Arts, after the play, to go on a tour of the art gallery.

Thursday, December 9th - Morell Consolidated School Dance. This time the Grades 6, 7 & 8 students from our school are welcome.

Friday, December 10th - Bake Sale by Grade Five class.

Monday, December 13th - The stage will be set up for rehearsals so there will be no after school sports for youth or adults. (Thank you to the Mt. Stewart Fire Department volunteers for helping with our stage set up on Friday afternoon)

Tuesday, December 14th - Christmas Concert at 6:30 pm. Donations will be gratefully accepted at the door. There will also be a 50/50 draw. Storm date is Thursday, December 16th.

Friday, December 17th - Volleyball tournament in Morell for grades 7 & 8 students..

Wednesday, December 22nd

Last day of school for 2010.

Tuesday, January 4th, 2011 - 1st day of classes for 2011.

Thursday, January 6th - Home & School Meeting at 6:30 pm.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Monday - \$2.50 Chicken Burger

Tuesday - \$2.00 turkey veg soup with crackers

Wednesday - chicken Pizza slice \$2.00

Thursday - Caesar Salad \$3.50

Friday (10th) - Noodles with pasta sauce & a roll - \$2.00.

Friday (17th) - Hot dogs - \$1.00

2010 FALL FUNDRAISER

Thank you for supporting our Wreaths & Coupons Booklet sales. A total of 180 wreaths and 110 coupon booklets. The top sellers were only a few dollars apart; it was almost a three way tie.

1st place - Santana Gidney \$100.00

2nd place - Madison Murphy \$50.00

3rd place - Cameron Clark \$25.00

Random draw prizes went out to:

Dominic Oomen

Dakota Ellis

Devin MacDonald

Shanelle Jadis

Tanner Trainor

Special thanks to all sellers!

SCIENCE FAIR

Every second year, students at Mt.

Stewart Consolidated take part in a

school-wide Science Fair. There will

be a Science Fair this year on

February 23, 2011. The Regional Fair

will be held in early March. Now is

the time, however, for students to

start "thinking about" a project. If

and when they do choose a topic, have

them keep track of all their ideas and

actions in a "Science Fair Log" book.

Teachers will be talking more about

this in class.

Grades 5 to 8 students will do the

usual projects for judging at the fair

plus the Grade 8 Leadership group will

prepare "Science Stations" that will

be set up in part of the gym in which

students in Grades Kindergarten to 4

can take part. More information will

be sent home regarding the Science

Fair in the coming weeks.

REPORT CARDS

Please be sure to sign & return the blue slip that went home with the report cards.

THANK YOU

A special "Thank You" to Heather Cardy & Jenna Phelan, our two UPEI student teachers who have been with us this fall. They are finished here on December 17th and we wish them all the best in the future. It was a pleasure having them!

CHRISTMAS STORE

Thanks to Ms. Currie and some great Math students, the Grade 4 Christmas Store is a big success.

The grade four students have opened their Christmas Store and it has been a booming success! They have been open two days and had \$100.00 worth of sales!! The students are working in teams and handle all the details of running a store. All students are welcome to do their Christmas shopping in the grade four store as the Christmas elves will be pleased to help meet your shopping needs! Any profit will go to the Kinyenjere Primary School in Kenya. The students wish to thank everyone for shopping at their store and we also thank Mrs. Keizer, Ms. Milligan and Ms. Currie for their donations.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS

STOCKING

Grade 3 is collecting new items to make **Christmas Stockings** for less fortunate boys and girls, up to 15 yrs old. We are inviting other classes to join in our project. Any student that brings a stocking stuffer item will be able to choose a gently used book or toy from our Christmas tub. All donations are welcome. Items should be sent in by December 16th.

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CHRISTMAS TRADITION OF GIVING

In keeping with the Christmas spirit, our staff will be donating money to help one or more families during the holiday season. The staff of Wyman's has offered a generous donation of \$200 and another \$20 has been donated by a school family wanting to help out a needy family.

GRADE 5 BAKE SALE

Thanks to Ms. Barron and some great family bakers, the Grade Five class is hosting a Bake Sale this Friday, December 10th.

MT. STEWART SCHOOL DANCE

Our first school dance was an overwhelming success. A profit of \$373 will be donated to our Twinned School in Kinyenjere, Kenya. Students here will learn more about the difference our donations make when Patsy Dingwell from Farmers Helping Farmers visits on December 15th.

Thank you to the following chaperones: Jaunita and Scott Hughes, Joanne and Mark Sharpe, Jason Knockwood, Melissa Smith, Kim Hendricken, David MacSwain, Joey Affleck, Cassandra Jay, Leanne Feehan, Suzie Mallard and Nicolle Oomen for ensuring we had a safe evening of fun. DJ Craig Clark has already been asked if he is willing to host another dance and his answer is YES!

FAMILY NUMERACY/LITERACY PROJECT

Thank you for the great turnout to our Mental Math evening. With approximately 50 adults in attendance and just as many or more children, it is easy to say our first Math & Movie night was a huge success. At home, you might like to search for interactive math games - a popular site for fun Math games is <http://resources.oswego.org/games/> where even the oldest minds can be challenged by Powerline and other mental math games. Our games and books are arriving daily so be sure to watch for the special Be A Mathematician suitcases coming to your K-3 home for a visit in 2011.

GOOD LUCK

To the Midget Girls Basketball players. They have started their season and their first game is today at 4:30.

PHOTOGRAPHER'S DONATION

Wayne Crouse offered our school a commission and a framed photo for a future draw. We are using this donation to help pay for a well stocked Emergency Kit mounted on the wall in our Sick Room.

GUYS' and GIRLS' UNLIMITED CONFERENCE

Thanks to Craig Clark, ESD Counselling Consultant, Mr. Yeo, Women's Network of PEI, special guests and teachers, every student participating in the Grades 5-8 conferences had a very successful day of learning activities.

VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball Season is in full swing. Our girls' and guy's Gr 7-8 teams had a very successful day at Southern Kings Consolidated Tournament yesterday and are already looking forward to the tournament in Morell on Friday, December 17th.

YOGA

Students from grades K - 4 are enjoying lunch hour yoga. The yoga club after school for grades K - 8 will continue on Mondays from 3 - 3:45 pm after Christmas. Parents are welcome to come join in at any time.

CANADIAN WILDLIFE FEDERATION CALENDARS

As a courtesy to those families wishing to order a Robert Bateman "Get To Know Your Wildlife Neighbours" 2011 calendar, the school is willing to order these calendars at the cost of \$12.00 each. Please call the school or send in your request with payment if you are interested in ordering one or more calendars. The order will be going in this Friday so we can expect the calendars very early in 2011. Each month features an original drawing or painting along with a poem and writing composition created by youth that show their connection to the natural world.

CONTACT US

Feel free to contact Beadah or Roberta at 676-7990 or email bgyanwiechen@edu.pe.ca rdclark@edu.pe.ca

LITERACY BITS**How can I help my child with homework?**

Organize for independence:

- Provide an area free from distractions.
- Provide all the necessary tools, e.g., sharp pencils, eraser, etc.
- Provide a regular, but flexible time for homework.
- Keep the teacher informed of homework successes and challenges.

The purpose of most homework assignments is to reinforce learning.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Movie Night in St. Teresa @ the community hall on Saturday, December 18th, at 6:00 pm. The movie will be "The Search for Santa Paws". Admission is \$3.00. For more information please contact Trina at 583-2417.

CYSTIC FIBROSIS

You could win a March hockey/basketball trip for two in 3 cities for 5 days. Three NHL games & One NBA basketball game in Montreal, Toronto, & Ottawa. Flights, Delta hotel accommodations, VIP tickets for 2 people to all 4 games plus \$1500 spending money. The winner must be an adult but the guest can be a child. Tickets are only \$10.00 and can be purchased here at the school or contact Melvin Jay at 676-2986. Draw date is January 21st, 2011. Trip will be taken during March 15th - March 19th, 2011. All proceeds in aid of Cystic Fibrosis research. If you would like to sell some tickets on behalf of those fighting CF daily, just contact Roberta Clark, Melvin or Katie Jay.

MOUNT STEWART CAP SITE FALL HOURS:

Monday & Friday 4 - 8 pm
(library service available)

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
10 am - 6 pm (cap site only)

Saturday 1 - 8 pm

