

Mt. Stewart Consolidated School Parent Bulletin

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We hope you had a joyful and relaxing Happy Holiday Season and are ready for a busy 2011! Everyone on staff would like to thank you very much for all of the tasty treats and season's greetings!

We are looking forward to a great 2011! Six weeks from today, the second term report cards will be going home! Success Club (after school support) will be beginning again on Monday, January 10th, from 3 – 4 pm. Please remind your children how to stay safe now that winter has arrived! Respect bus rules so your driver can always be watching the road. Dress properly for outdoor play and be sure to play safely and take turns while coasting so that no one gets hurt. It might be of interest to send extra gloves & socks, especially for the younger ones.

EMERGENCIES

A reminder to all that Mt. Stewart School is included in the Morell Family of Schools for early morning school closures. Listen carefully to the radio each morning, especially if the weather is questionable or a storm is forecast. Please be sure that Beudah and homeroom teachers have your most up-to-date phone numbers where you can be reached in the event of an emergency. There may be times when students will have to be sent home during the day; bus drivers and office staff need to have accurate emergency information for each and every child. *A reminder that all evening activities are cancelled on any day when school is closed.*

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 (must be pre-ordered)

Friday - Hotdogs at \$1 each

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thursday, January 6th

A special presentation on what an Intensive French program at the Grade 6 level involves will be the main topic at this week's Home and School Meeting. The meeting starts at 6:30pm Thursday with a 7pm presentation by Monica Rafuse from the French Division of the Department of Education and Early Childhood. All parents with children in Grade 5 and earlier grades may especially find this presentation to be very informative. Intensive French is currently offered in some Island schools; please come and learn more about this program.

Monday, Jan 10th

Badminton will start up again for Grades 7 & 8 from 6:00 – 7:15 pm and for adults from 7:45 – 9:15 pm.

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Yoga will continue after school from 3 – 3:45 pm and is now open to **all grades**.

Tuesday, Jan 11th

School Spelling Bee Competition.

Wednesday, Jan 12th

Ms. Bell will be starting weight training at Iron Loft in Mt. Stewart with Grade 8 students who have registered. This will continue on Wednesdays from 3 – 4 pm. In the coming weeks Ms. Bell will be having some after school Cross Country ski sessions. More information will follow at a later date.

Monday, Jan 17th – Grade 6 HPV Immunizations

Feb 7 – 17th - Dental Clinic here at school.

EARLY NUMERACY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

We welcome, Ms. Bev Coles, who will be working with students in a special Early Numeracy Intervention Program until February 17th. Thank you to all parents who have agreed to this specialized support.

OAK ACRES CAMP SKI PATROL 2011 MARCH BREAK SKI TRIP

Congratulations to the 15 Mt. Stewart School students and the 15 Englewood students who were offered a magnificent March Break ski trip to Quebec. The December news from D.P. Murphy Inc was a well kept secret until Christmas.

KINYENJERE – Our school has raised \$1000.00 to send to our twin school in Kenya (Kinyenjere Primary School). Thank you to Grade 4, for operating a store over Christmas and to Grade 5 for having a bake sale.

CHRISTMAS THANKS!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Concert and for your donations. A special thank you to Mrs. White for all her hard work and dedication to make our concert a success! Also, thank you to all who supported our wreath & coupon book fundraiser.

GRADE 5 – Would like to thank all who generously contributed Canadian Tire money or Lego's to their class so far. We will still be collecting these if anyone can contribute.

SCIENCE FAIR

Students at Mt. Stewart Consolidated School will take part in a school-wide Science Fair this year on Wednesday, February 23, 2011 (storm

date: Thursday, February 24, 2011.) **Students in grades 5 to 8 only**, will be completing projects for judging purposes and for science class credit. Students may work alone or with one other person from their class. By the end of next week, students should have a good idea what their topic will be - some have already decided. Have your child inform his/her teacher when a project/idea has been decided upon because there will be no duplicate projects. At the Fair, "Science Stations" will be set up in part of the gym in which students in grades Kindergarten to Grade 4 can take part. More information will be sent home next week regarding the Science Fair.

Ms. Barron, Mrs. Burry & Ms. Milligan (Science Fair Committee)

SPELLING BEE COMPETITION

Our school is allowed to send only one representative to the Canwest Spelling Bee competition. Our school's top competitive speller will be chosen during a spelling bee held in school on Tuesday, January 11th. Best of luck to all competitors.

Special thanks to our librarian, Ms. Kimberley Wood, for organizing these spelling events.

VOLUNTEERS FOR LITERACY

Hello Volunteers!!!

Anyone who is interested in devoting their time listening to children read, please contact the school. We are looking for Volunteers to help our students. We will be starting next week. Please phone 676-7990 and leave your name with Beaudah and the dates and times you are available. Thank you for your time and dedication to our students !!!

Dianne Ostridge

SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

A request has been received from 3 Grade 12 students, Naomi Cousins, Matthew McQuaid and Greg MacDonald of Morell High School, to participate in a project they are doing for their Global Issues class. They hope to collect school supplies, sports

equipment and monetary donations to send to an elementary school in the Congo (Central Africa). If your family is interested in participating, the items most needed are, pencils & sharpeners, hard-covered notebooks/journals, tooth brushes, toothpaste, soccer balls, volley balls, volley ball nets, air pumps and skip ropes.

BABY NEWS:

Kent and Roberta Clark's first grand-baby, **Ellen Lillian Jadis**, was born on Dec 22nd so there is no doubt we had a Christmas to remember!

ROOTS OF EMPATHY

Amber, Jake and baby Ellen Jadis will soon be joining us at school, once in a while, to help provide the Roots of Empathy program that will be offered to Grade 7 students. This special program will help teach the joys and challenges of baby development/parenthood and will be presented at times when either the Guidance Counsellor, Ms Fanning or Mrs. Clark can be available to assist the Roots of Empathy instructor, Angela Baker.

JOIN IN THE FIGHT TO FIND A CURE

Believe it or not, it will soon be time to consider joining the school team for the 2011 Great Strides: Taking Steps to Cure Cystic Fibrosis. Since your pennies will soon be going the way of the dinosaurs = extinct, now is a great time to start collecting them to help fight Cystic Fibrosis. Counting pennies by 10's, 100's and 1000's will be good Math work for all of us, so I wonder which class can gather the most in donations before the May event. Lots of students and staff made an impressive team wearing their team t-shirts last spring.

TIME FOR MORE COMMUNITY SPIRIT

You may have noticed that the Eastern School District removed our aging ball field dugouts while they were here dismantling our

old playground equipment. We will need some true community spirit again in order to replace those dugout structures and possibly add bleachers so that the ball field can remain a true community gathering place. Many years ago, a number of fun and tasty Community Roasts of well respected community members helped raise the dollars necessary to get the ball field operational. Please start considering how you could help this spring and start discussing this community need with your sports minded friends and area carpenters. Thanks!

LITERACY BITS

How can I help my child to value reading in daily life?

Model and talk about your reading.
Let your child see you reading.
Talk about what you are reading.
Enjoy a good magazine together.
Talk about how people use reading in many different ways everyday.

CONTACT US - Feel free to contact Beaudah or Roberta at 676-7990 or email

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DO YOU HAVE YOUR \$10 TICKET YET?

If you haven't already purchased a \$10 ticket to try and win the Cystic Fibrosis March hockey/basketball trip for two in 3 cities for 5 days, then please consider doing so in the next week. The winner will receive flights and Delta hotel accommodations, VIP tickets for 2 people to all 4 games (three NHL games & one NBA basketball game in Montreal, Toronto, & Ottawa) 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. The draw date is in January, but the trip will be taken March 15th - March 19th, 2011.