

Mt. Stewart Consolidated School

Parent Bulletin

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Please contact the school if your Parent-Teacher interview time is not suitable or you need to re-schedule.

Wednesday, October 27 - Grades 4-6 to Sports Fair Day at the indoor Soccer Complex in Stratford (10:50 am - 2 pm) Teachers will collect the \$2 admission. Bring your lunch & clean sneakers. Consent forms are needed.

Wednesday, Oct 27th - ART Club begins for all 20 registered participants - details below.

Thursday, Oct. 28th - Parent Teacher Interviews (3:30 - 8:30 pm).

Afternoon Hallowe'en activities for all classes in the gym. Kindergarten will be having a Halloween Party in their own classroom Thursday afternoon.

Children are welcome to bring a small treat to share with the class.

There will be no costume parade, but students are encouraged to wear black & orange on Thursday.

BOOK FAIR 3-8pm: Parent Volunteers appreciated.

Friday, Oct 29th - No School Parent Teacher Interviews (a.m)

BOOK FAIR 8:30-12 noon

Parent Volunteers are appreciated.

School Development in the afternoon.

There is no school here on Friday.

Monday, Nov 1st, will be Day 6

Thursday, Nov 4th - Lockdown Drill during the morning- please see attached sheet.

Thursday, Nov 4th

Home and School Meeting 6:30 pm. All parents and guardians are welcome.

Friday, Nov 5th - Thanks to Mrs. White, the Grade 8 class will be singing "O'Canada" at the PEI Rocket's home game at the Civic Center.

November 10th - 2:15 pm:

School Remembrance Day assembly- all are welcome.

WELCOME:

We would like to welcome 3 new students to our school. Haley-Jane Tuplin (K), Noah Francis (Gr 4) & Lucas Francis (Gr 6). Our school population now stands at 166 students.

BADMINTON CLUB

Junior/Senior Badminton Club begins Monday, November 1st - Junior Club (Grades 7 & 8) is from 6 - 7 pm. Senior Club (adults) is from 7:45 - 9:15 pm. This will run until the end of April 2011 and registration is \$20.00 per person for the year. Registration fee is to pay for equipment for the club.

YOGA CLUB

Will begin Monday, November 1st, for grades 4 - 8 boys & girls. Yoga will run from 2:55 - 3:45 pm.

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM:

Our Monday-Thursday menu will remain the same most weeks, but please note our Friday hot lunch will be changing in November. Volunteers supporting the latest fundraising efforts of the playground committee will be selling spaghetti and a cookie for the price of \$3. Cookies will also be sold separately for .50 cents each. Students will need to pre-order spaghetti on Monday as well as their caesar salads.

Monday: Chicken Burger \$2.50

Tuesday: Turkey Veg Soup \$2.00

Wednesday: Slice of pizza with chicken for \$2.

Thursday: Caesar Salad \$3.50

Friday, Nov 5th: Spaghetti/cookie for \$3.

We always welcome parent suggestions for easy changes to our healthy lunch options. The request has been made to see if students would prefer a slice of "cheese only" pizza instead of "chicken" pizza. If you know your child(ren) would prefer Cheese Only pizza, then please send along a note to the office letting us know and we will base our decision on the responses.

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all our Cross Country participants who participated in the Zone 4 Meet at Southern Kings Consolidated School. We are all proud of the effort you put into your training for this event. The following runners moved on to Provincials which were last Saturday at Millriver:

Thomas Craig - 4th place (pre-novice boys)

Samantha MacSwain - 8th place (pre-novice girls)

Cydney MacSwain - 12th place (pre-novice girls)

Tristan Connors - 3rd place (novice-girls)

Ethan Craig - 2nd place (bantam boys)

Shane Pendergast - 3rd place (bantam boys)

Ryan Snyder - 10th place (bantam boys)

Results from Provincials in Millriver

Ethan Craig - 3rd Bantam Boys

The following all placed in the top 25: Ryan Snyder, Thomas Craig,

Tristan Connors, Sam MacSwain and

Cydney MacSwain. Congratulations

on the excellent runs by all. Your

hard work in training is very much

appreciated!

STAFFING CHANGES:

We would like to welcome Bethany Doyle to our teaching staff. Mrs. Doyle will be replacing Geri Sharkey - Primary Resource (25%) for the 2010 - 2011 school year. Miss Jillian Affleck is now working two extra hours each morning as our school tutor before she begins her Educational Assistant role. Mrs. Georgina Francis has returned from sick leave to join us again. We are excited to have her back with us.

CHRISTMAS CD

Our grade 6 class recorded a song for the Children's Wish Foundation Christmas CD 2010 and all proceeds go towards this worthwhile cause to help children with life threatening diseases have their dream of a lifetime. Please contact the office if you wish to help this fund raiser and order a CD at a cost of \$10.00 each. They will make great Christmas gifts! Thank you!

UNICEF

We will be collecting coins all this week for UNICEF. _____

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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2011 - 2012

Registration for Kindergarten will be the week of November 15th - 19th, from 9 am - 3 pm. You may register by coming to the school to fill out the registration form or by phone. Please bring your health card.

REMEMBRANCE DAY We will be having a Remembrance Day Ceremony here at school at 2:15 pm on November 10th. Family and community members are most welcome to join us as students lead us in this important time of remembrance.

REMEMBRANCE DAY CONTEST

Students entries are welcome for the Legion's Annual Poster & Literary Contest.
 Grades K - 3 are eligible to do a poster.
 Grades 4 - 6 are eligible to do a poster, essay or poem.
 Grades 7 & 8 are eligible to do a poster, essay or poem.
 Students must print their name, grade & school on the back of their work.
 All entries must be brought to school before noon on Friday November 5th.

HOME & SCHOOL

The next regular meeting of our Home and School Association is the first Thursday of November-4th. Please come and bring a friend! If you would like any item added to the agenda, please contact the school.

PLAYGROUND

The playground committee needs your help in fundraising the last little bit of \$\$\$ to finalize all of the necessary cash contributions toward the total cost of our awesome playground. Let's all help them out! There will be cookbooks on sale at the Book Fair and all donations are welcome.
 A big THANK YOU goes out to all of the parents and Eastern School District staff who helped make our new playground area ready to use as soon as it was physically possible. The many extra hours put in by Melvin Jay and Scott Hughes made a big difference. Students are now encouraged to walk carefully on our temporary walkway and to be sure to take quick turns at the most popular sites. Sharing keeps everyone happy!

SPELLING BEE

Mt. Stewart School will be registering in the 2011 Canspell National (free) Spelling Bee program. One school representative will be chosen in late January. The PEI Bee will be held on February 26, 2011 on the UPEI Campus. This opportunity is offered to grades 4 - 8. Please contact Kerry Duggan at 676-3126 if you'd like firsthand knowledge on how this competition operates. The school could arrange noon time spelling bee activities if there is an interest from anyone in competing.

MILLION MINUTE CHALLENGE

Thanks to all students and teachers who celebrated National Library Day yesterday by contributing lots of minutes of reading to the 1 000 000 Minute Challenge. All coins donated for PJ day will be donated to UNICEF. Special thanks to Ms. Baldwin's Grade 1 A class for suggesting that we hold Pyjama Day for UNICEF. Staff dress-down day donations for October will be donated to Breast Cancer research.

LITERACY BIT:**How do I support my child's writing development?**

Focus on ideas first:

- Talk with your child about things he/she is interested in or knows a lot about.
- Encourage your child to write about topics they find interesting.
- Have your child tell his/her story before putting it on paper.

Having a story or idea, that you want to share, is the first step in the writing process.

How do I give feedback to my child about their writing?

Be positive!

- First, talk on the topic, then talk about one thing your child might like to add or change
- Be sure to support her/his creative efforts.

Remember that too many suggestions can be confusing for young writers.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Be sure to put all of your safety smarts to good use and have fun!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE**

A Remembrance Day service will be held at St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church in Mt. Stewart on November 11th at 11:00 am. Following the service, everyone is invited to the Mt. Stewart Community Centre for a social gathering.

INDOOR YARD SALE

An indoor yard sale will be hosted by the youth of Abegweit First Nation. All proceeds raised will go toward future youth activities. Date: Sunday, November 7th, 2010 from 1 - 4 pm at the Admin offices on St. Peters Rd. Youth are also accepting donations for this event. Please drop off donations by November 5th at the Administration building, 11222 St. Peters Road.
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Grand Tracadie Country Craft Fair

Vendors are needed to rent tables at the first annual Grand Tracadie Country Craft Fair to be held December 4, 9-4 at the Grand Tracadie School Centre. Please contact Georgina 672-3261 or Betty 672-2850 to reserve a table by November 15th. \$10.00 a table.

Child Care Facility

The Community of Grand Tracadie is pursuing the option of running a Child Care Facility at the former Grand Tracadie School, if there is enough interest. If you looking for before and/or after school care and/or all day care please call 672-1672 and leave your name and number and we will get back to you.

STEP DANCING LESSONS

Will be offered at the St. Teresa's Community Center under the instruction of Kelly Lea. All levels are welcome. Dates & time to follow. If you are interested please call Michelle Gouthro at 583-2286.