

Mt. Stewart Consolidated School

Parent Bulletin

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Principal

Beaudah VanWiechen
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Vice-Principal

Today is Tuesday, September 14, 2010; Day 6

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 16th - Meet Eat & Greet, 6:30 pm.

October 1st - School Development Day - **No School**

October 7th - Home & School Meeting

October 11th - Thanksgiving - **No school**

October 12th - Picture retakes

October 14/15th - Annual Convention - **No School**

CLIP & SAVE

Thurs. Sept 16, 6:30pm

Meet Eat & Greet

Everyone welcome!

Each family is asked to please bring evening lunch munchies.

Home and School Nominations

Nominations from the parent community and voting for the new **2010-11 Home and School** Executive positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary will also take place on September 16th.

Lunches Available:

Monday - Kristie's

\$2.50 Chicken Burger

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\$2.00 turkey veg soup + crackers

Wednesday - Domino's

\$2.00 Pizza slice with toppings of cheese and chicken

Thursday - Kristie's

\$3.50 Caesar Salad* (must be *pre-ordered each Monday)

This Friday -

\$1.00 Boiled hotdog in a bun
Parental assistance is welcome.

Canteen

A number of nutritious items are available for .75 cents in the canteen on a daily basis.

They consist of cereal bars, fish crackers, granola bars, cheese & crackers, frozen yogurt and animal crackers.

fruit cups .50 cents

Ice Cream

Available only on Fridays:
ice cream sandwiches \$1.00
sundae cups .50 cents.

Juice machine

Water and 100% fruit juices are available for \$1.00

Welcome everyone to our 2010-11 school year! All of our teachers have been very busy working together as a great team of professionals dedicated to helping your child(ren) *Be The Best You Can Be!* With Kindergarten through to Grade 8 in our school, one of our biggest scheduling changes is how we have divided our playtime and eating breaks so K-4 can play together while Grades 5-8 eat in the cafeteria. We have also structured our day so that every child is in their own home-room at the end of each day to help make sure there are NO excuses about not knowing what is for home-work or forgetting what needs to be packed for home. Our biggest physical change will certainly be the new playground equipment once it is all in place. Thanks to everyone involved! Please see attached letter.

Get Well Wishes:

Three of our staff members are currently out on sick leave. We wish a speedy recovery to Mary Affleck, our 8 hour Custodian, Mrs. Georgina Francis, our Abegweit First Nation Liaison Support Worker and Geri Sharkey, our 25% Primary Resource teacher.

Custodial Work:

A big thank you must go out to Tammy Gardiner who filled in as custodian for Shirley Myers while she was out on leave this summer. Mary and Tammy had the school sparkling and clean for the return of students and staff. Our custodial hours have been reduced by four hours as of September 1st so it will be really important that everyone assists in keeping our school clean.

New Staff:

A warm welcome goes out to our new staff members:
Ms. Beaudah VanWiechen, Administrative Assistant
Mss. Kimberley Wood, Teacher-Librarian (50%)
Ms. Susan Baldwin, our home-room teacher for Grade 1 A (87%)
Mrs. Shauna MacLauchlan and Ms. Cindy Adams our Kindergarten teachers
Mrs. Dianne Ostridge, Resource

Mrs. Lori Nicholson, 5 hour Educational Assistant
Miss Jillian Affleck, 3 hour Educational Assistant

Bussing:

Bus drivers have been busy transporting your child(ren) to and from school safely. They have been taking extra time to ensure all of the young new students are trained and well protected while boarding or leaving the bus. After a few more days, the timing of our bus runs should be more accurate. The bus operated by Melvin Jay is fully loaded so student transfers onto that bus can not be given. A reminder to all students that chewing gum, eating or drinking is not allowed on any bus; the possibility of choking is a major safety issue.

445 - Walter Mullen

475 - Melvin Jay

482 - Leonard Mullen

Abegweit First Nation -
Shawn Francis

Vehicles dropping off/picking up students MUST use the drop off lane located between the teachers' cars and the bus lane. Guest parking is located directly in front of staff parking. The buses will be dropping off and picking up students along the side walk at the front of the school. For safety reasons, no other vehicles are allowed to park in the bus area!

School pictures:

School pictures were taken on September 9 & 10th. For those who missed getting their pictures taken, will be able to do so on the re-take date, October 12th. Mr. Wayne Crouse from Morell was the photographer for these pictures.

Terry Fox Fund-raising:

Students and staff will be participating in Terry Fox activities this month. Friday Sept 17th will be Hat Day and Friday, Sept 24th will be "Fancy Friday". For each \$1 donation, students receive a ballot for special prizes.

Professional Development:

Our staff enjoyed two very successful Professional Development Days on Thursday & Friday, September 2 & 3rd. This session centered around ways to promote Character Development among our student population. Improving Literacy and Numeracy skills, as well as Character Development, will be our new School Development goals for the 2010-11 school year.

Equity program:

The Morell High Equity Program began yesterday, **Monday, September 14, 2010 (Day 5).**

Grade 7: Days 2 & 5

Grade 8: Days 1 & 4

Grade 8 Equity begins tomorrow. Be sure to catch the high school bus.

Early morning supervision:

Students are welcome to enter the school at 8:40 am. We ask that students do not arrive before this time. Prior to this time, teachers are busy preparing for the day's work and supervision is not guaranteed.

Student and Parent Handbook:

Copies of the 2010-11 handbook will be made available on Thursday September 16th.

Child late or absent:

If your child is going to be late or absent from school on any day, please contact Beaudah at the school office, 676-7990.

Staff Dress Down Days:

Each Friday our staff members have the opportunity to donate money to a charity in return for dress down privileges. This month the charity of choice is the Alzheimer's Society. Any families wishing to make a donation may do so. Later this month, we will be planning Terry Fox fund-raising activities.

Fire drills / lockdowns / bus evacuations:

We will be having practice evacuation and lockdown drills throughout the year.

Do You have extras?

Teachers would appreciate the donation of any extra cribbage boards you might have at home as well as any extra magazines suitable for school. e.g. Health, family etc.

Grade 1 & Firefighters: Gr. 1 would like to thank Melvin Jay for coming to visit and teach them about being a firefighter.

Gr. 1 is currently learning about the roles and responsibilities of people in their community. Seeing all the equipment on the Rescue truck with its lights and

sirens was especially exciting.

Thanks for making learning come alive, Mr. Jay.

Forms going home:

Please return all forms sent home last week with your child(ren).

Cans and bottles:

We hope you will ask all of your neighbors, friends and work places to consider dropping off their empty beverage cans, juice packs & bottles (anything that holds juice or water) to the rear door of the school or to MacDougall's Bottle Exchange so we can continue this important school fund-raiser. Thank you for your support.

Community Notices:**- Soccer try-outs**

There will be soccer try-outs for the Morell High Midget Boy's Soccer Team on Monday and Wednesday of this week from 3:30 - 5:30 pm, at the Morell Soccer Complex. If you can't make a practice, you can contact Andrew McAdam 961-3466

agmacadam@edu.pe.ca

Midget Girls - Soccer try-outs

Today at 5 pm & again on Friday at 3:15 at the Morell Soccer Complex.

- Before & after program:

Merv McNally in Pisquid has spaces open for before & after school. Call 676-2391. **Please note** - Unless you are already a student on Melvin Jay's bus #475, there is no room for transporting other students from school.

- Minor ball registration:

The Charlottetown Tigers minor basketball registration will take place Saturday, Sept. 18 from 9 - 12 and Wednesday, Sept. 22 from 6:30 - 8:00 at West Royalty Community Centre. The program is open to boys and girls from grades 1 - 9. For more information regarding cost and times, visit the website at www.tigersbasketball.ca.

Stepdancing: Classes will be offered at the Tracadie Community Center. Registration is Monday, Sept 20th, from 6 - 7:30 pm. For more information, call Linda Craig at 620-4855.

4-H Dunstaffnage-Marshfield

club: Registration is Monday Sept 27th, from 7 - 8 pm at the Dunstaffnage Community Center.

Mount Stewart Consolidated's Instructional Staff:

Roberta Clark (100%): Principal, teacher of Gr 3 Math and Grade 6 Language Arts

Kindergarten Home-room:

Cindy Adams (100%)

Shauna MacLauchlan (100%)

Grade 1A Home-room: Mrs. Lisa

Beals (100%)

Grade 1 B Home-room: Ms.

Susan Baldwin

(teaching 87% each day)

Grade 2 Home-room:

Miss Melissa MacKinnon (100%)

Grade 3 Home-room: Mrs. Susan

Keizer (50 % Gr 3 + 50%)

Reading Recovery

Grade 4 Home-room:

Ms. Claire Currie (100%)

Grade 5 Home-room:

Ms. Dana Barron (100%)

Grade 6 Home-room: Anne White

(100%)

6 Math, 6 Health and Music K-6

Grade 7: Steve McQuaid (100%)

Site Tech Contact/Computers

Grade 8: Jill Burry, VP (100%)

Miss Sheila Bell:(100%) Phys Ed

K-8 and Grade 7-8 support

Miss Olivia Milligan: (100%)

French 4-8 daily and Grades 5-8

support

Mrs. Dianne Ostridge (100%)

Resource teacher

Geri Sharkey (25%)

Primary Resource

Miss Kimberley Wood (50%)

Teacher Librarian

Ms. Bev Fanning Guidance

Counselor 50%.

Educational Support Staff:

Jimmy Collins, Kristine Crann, Lori Nicholson, Jillian Affleck, Nathan Yeo & Georgina Francis.

Literacy Bit:

Good readers form mental pictures in their minds as they read. To improve your child's comprehension, read a book or magazine story to them without letting them see the pictures. Ask your child to guess what the illustrations look like. As you compare your child's ideas to the illustrations in the story, you can discuss which ones you like best. Encourage your child(ren) to treat reading as a daily assignment, not just something that gets done the evening before a test. Reading is a great homework habit!

