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### **Kudos To You:**

● Congratulations to Phillip Udalay, 8-D, who became a Canadian citizen on October 28th. This is a proud moment for Phillip and his family and we are happy to share this occasion with Phillip and his family.

● Congratulations to our student athletes and their coaches who conducted themselves so well this fall season. Our boys soccer team completed the threepeat by defeating EWS in a shootout to claim the gold medal. Austin MacKenzie scored the decisive strike to help propel the team to victory, while Liam Bitar did double duty by both scoring and stopping shots in the shootout. Our girls soccer and field hockey teams were narrowly defeated in their championships games and claimed the silver medal in their respective sports.

A big thank you goes out to Josh Doran and Phil Enserink for their efforts with the boys teams, Mr. Greg Campbell with the girls soccer team, and to Ms. Kellie Steele, Trish Walsh, and Stephanie Holmes for their work with the girls field hockey team. We really appreciate your contributions to our sports teams

● Kudos to Mr. Mark Rooney who propelled not only himself, but also his two boys, in a stroller around the 10 km race that was part of the recent Island Marathon. This is an excellent demonstration and modeling of the value of physical fitness and we applaud Mr. Rooney for his efforts in this regard.

● **Parent-Teacher Conferences** – Thanks to parents for your participation in the recent parent-teacher conferences held here at the school. These are valuable sessions that provide the opportunity for parents to learn about their child's progress at school. We thank you for making the time to attend and for filling out the follow-up survey. We will be collecting that information and using it as part of our analysis of this pilot format. We will be doing the same following our next conferences in February.

● **Math resources for students and parents** - For parents looking for additional math resources, you may want to check out the following sites: [www.aaamath.com](http://www.aaamath.com), [www.mathfun.com](http://www.mathfun.com), [www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com), and [www.mathcentral.uregina.ca/findex.html](http://www.mathcentral.uregina.ca/findex.html)

**Honours Criteria:** Just a reminder to students and parents about our criteria for honours. Students who have achieved a minimum average of 80% in each of their subjects at the end of each reporting period shall receive "honors" for that

reporting period. Students who have achieved a minimum average of 90% in each of their subjects at the end of each reporting period shall receive "honors with distinction" for that reporting period.

● **School Literacy Team** – This year, as part of the Eastern School District's Literacy Action Plan, our school has formed our own literacy team. Members are: Melanie Belik, Kim Lyons, Sylvia Henderson, and Sue Geddes. This team will be spearheading work on a literacy goal for our school. We will be keeping you abreast of future developments with this committee.

● **Library News** - The library has been busy with the Scholastic Book Fair and the Million Minute Challenge this month. The book fair raised over \$1000 for our library as well as connecting students with books. Thanks to all who made this book fair a success.

● The Million Minute Challenge was held on Monday, October 25th as the 25th which was National School Library Day, a day to recognize school libraries and the vital role they play for our students. The winning house was Grade 7 as they read an average of 203 minutes per student during the school day. Grade 8's logged 159 minutes per student and the grade 9's 168 minutes per student. The top intermediateschool on PEI was Birchwood Intermediate.

● Literacy is a very important part of daily life – whether we are reading signs, information on computers, grocery lists, newspapers, books or the back of cereal boxes. It takes practice to be a successful and independent reader. To students it means that school is easier, self-esteem is higher, and life success is greater. With this in mind, encouraging your child, reading with them, reading to them, or taking them to the library or book store is an important aspect of life.

With literacy in mind, coming up in November is our annual Read In. Students in our language arts classes will be reading for four days as well as completing literacy activities related to their reading. Students get prepared for the Read In beginning November 25th.

● **Magic Bullets** - Mr. Stratton in the Foods-Technology Course is looking to procure 6 new or almost new sets of the very popular Magic Bullet Food Processing Set (as seen on TV info-commercials). The Magic Bullet sets are the common ones with the 4 cups and colored rings. These sets are a great way to introduce students to

homemade healthy drinks (smoothies) and fresh dips. Please contact Mr. Stratton at the school or at [sgstratton@edu.pe.caif](mailto:sgstratton@edu.pe.caif) you are able to help out in any way.

● **Grade 9 Health Fair:** The annual grade 9 Health Fair will be held on Tuesday November 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> in the school library. There will be presentations on addictions, mental health, nutrition, sexually transmitted infections, possible health risks related to piercings and tattoos, and a discussion about blood pressure.

Parents should note that there will be information available to students on sexually transmitted infections which will include pictures of infected genitals. These pictures will be used to help students identify the physical symptoms of these infections.

### **Physical Education/School Sport Update**

● With the conclusion of our successful soccer and field hockey seasons, we would ask all student athletes to return their uniforms to their respective coaches by the end of this week.

● The boys and girls volleyball teams are still in the hunt for provincial gold! The volleyball provincials will be held on Nov. 12 & 13. Location TBA.

● The boys and girls basketball "AA" try-outs will officially begin on Monday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. The boys will be coached by Trent Whitty and the girls will be coached by Mrs. Steele. The schedule for practice times will be posted in the gym next week and times will be announced on the morning announcements. If enough interest is shown in terms of the number of athletes and a suitable coach is in place, we will consider entering "A" teams in the PEISAA league. All students regardless of basketball experience are invited to try out.

● Our Physical Education classes will once again have the opportunity to travel to the C.A.R.I. pool as part of our PE activities. We will attempt to send each class at least one time and all students are encouraged to participate as the facility offers something for every swim ability. If students are unable to participate they are still expected to attend school and take part in regular classes. The cost of the swim is \$2.00.

● Any girls interested in participating in Hip-Hop Dance sessions after school are asked to sign up by Mrs. Steele's office.

● For students who signed up for tennis, we will be trying to get this going in the spring. Stay tuned at that time for details.

● Golf– Our school golf team was finalized recently. On the boys side, Luke MacAulay, Ryan Legault, Jordan Birt, and Connor Shea, secured themselves spots on the team. Alternates for the team are: Sebastien Cormier, Colin Koughan, Kody Doyle, and Patrick McGuigan. Members of the Girls Team are: Karleigh McEwen, Kathryn Woods, Veronica Stratton, Victoria Trotter. These teams will participate in the ESD tournaments in the Spring. Thanks to all who tried out for the team and best of luck next year.

● **Website information** - Students and parents can find much useful information on our website. The weekly schedule for our cafeteria menus is posted along with information on meal cards as well. Our school sports team schedules are also posted. These schedules will continue with our Winter and Spring sports teams as well. Information can also be found re: early school closures under the "Notice to Parents" section.

● **Notes for bus passes** - Students and parents are reminded that when students are looking to get a bus pass, they must provide an administrator, preferably their grade level VP, with a note by noontime in order for the bus pass to be issued.

● **Breakfast program update** – We are pleased to inform you that we will be having a breakfast program, starting on Monday November 1<sup>st</sup>. Shawny Ross, a Holland College student will be the Co-Ordinator for this year. She, along with Jason McGuigan and Neil McIntosh, will form the committee that will oversee this worthwhile project. To start with, we will only be offering the program on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. We are still in need of volunteers to work the Tuesday and Thursday shifts. If people are interested in providing donations, food vouchers, money, or volunteering for one shift per week, we ask that you call Neil McIntosh here at the school.

● **Drug Presentation:** Charlottetown Rural Home and School Association is hosting an information session on substance abuse on Wednesday, November 3 at 7PM in the CRHS Lecture Theatre. Presenting is Ms. Jennifer Cairns-Burke, Provincial Prevention Coordinator, and Ms. Lisa Donovan, Early Intervention Specialist with the Department of Social Services and Seniors. Parents are reminded that we will be re-offering our own "Kids And Drugs" sessions in the future. Stay tuned for details, time and location.

● **Farmers Helping Farmers** - The Farmers Helping Farmers Club have created greeting cards for their next fund raiser for Ithanji School. The cards are photographs of Ithanji Primary students, and the cost is five cards for ten dollars. They would make wonderful Christmas cards! If you would like to purchase some, have your son or daughter see Ms. Carmichael (grade nine) or Ms. Westphal (Art Room). Thanks for your continued support of our twin school in Kenya!

● **The Edge hockey clinics** – The Edge Hockey Program has ice-time booked for active kids who would enjoy affordable clinics on PD days and holidays. This group is awaiting confirmation from a few surrounding rinks but will have the times confirmed at Cody Banks arena. The cost is \$15 per player.

● **Cody Banks Schedule**

November 11 - 12:15pm to 1:15pm (2<sup>nd</sup> year peewee/Bantam)

January 3 - 12:15pm to 1:15pm (2<sup>nd</sup> year peewee/Bantam)

February 21 - 12:15pm to 1:15pm (2<sup>nd</sup> year peewee/Bantam)

Any questions, feel free to contact Joey Robbins at Cell: 314-4713 or visit the website at <http://www.theedgesports.ca>

● **Adult Tutor Program:** call 368-4695 or 800-348-7323 outside Charlottetown. Tutors are free, work on what you need to know, and meet when you are available, one-to-one. This service is confidential. If you, or someone you know, wants to read better, call PEI Volunteers for Literacy for information.

**Upcoming Dates to remember:**

● **Wednesday November 3rd** - Take Our Kids to Work Day. No classes for Grade 9 students.

● **Thursday November 4th** - Our first Student Social Night, from 6:00 - 9:00. Admission is free, but students must bring at least three non-perishable food items for the food bank. Come on out and enjoy the fun, and support a worthwhile cause at the same time.

● **Wednesday November 10th** - Remembrance Day Assembly in the morning for our students. This will also be the day for our Ice Cream Party for the magazine campaign

● **Thursday November 11th** - No classes - Remembrance Day.

● **Tuesday and Wednesday November 16th and 17th** - Grade 9 Health Fair in the library.

● **Wednesday November 17th** - Home and

School meeting in the library at 7:00. All Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

● **Monday November 22nd** - Insectarium visits our school for our Grade 7 students. The exhibit will be open at noontime in the Games Room for limited visitation by students in other grades.

● **Thursday November 25th** - Our annual "Read-In" begins. It will run until Wednesday December 1st.

● **Friday November 26th** - No classes - Provincial PD Day.

● **December 1st, 2nd, and 3rd** - Grade 9 graduation photos will be taken at the school. All Grade 9 students, **whether they are buying a package or not**, will have to have their photos taken at the school this year, if they want their photo included in the year end composite picture of all Grade 9 students who will be moving on to high school next year.

● **Monday December 6th** - Our first report cards will be going out.

● **Magazine Campaign** - We would like to thank all students, parents, relatives, and friends for their support during our annual magazine campaign. This event always helps us to provide quality supports for our students and to make purchases that we otherwise would not be able to afford. There is lots of activity going on in a short period of time, but it's lots of fun and for a good cause. We will be wrapping things up shortly with our major prize draws and ice cream party.