



Newsletter

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*What the mind can conceive
and the heart can believe
you can achieve!*

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Today is Friday, and it is Day 2

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Nov 4: Picture Retakes

Nov 6: Remembrance Day Assembly

Nov 7: Inside – Outside Day for Autism

Nov 7-8: Parent-Teacher Conferences
(No School Nov 8)

Nov 11: Remembrance Day (No School)

Nov 12: Home & School Meeting 6:30pm

Nov 15: Magazine Campaign Award Assembly
(1:45)

Nov 18-21: Kindergarten Registration

Nov 22: Collaborative Planning Day (No School)

Dec 3: Report Cards

Dec 9: Home & School Meeting 6:30pm

Dec 10: Christmas Concert (K-3)

Dec 20: Last Day of Classes 2012

Jan 2: First School Day 2013

ALL SCHOOL DOORS (EXCEPT FRONT DOORS) ARE LOCKED @ 8:30A.M. - 2:30P.M. THEREFORE, ANY STUDENTS ENTERING THE SCHOOL AFTER 8:30A.M. MUST USE THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF THE SCHOOL. ALL VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL ARE ASKED TO REPORT TO THE OFFICE.

SCHOOL NEWS

LITERACY BITS

MAKE READING AND WRITING FUN – Reading aloud to your child is the best way to get him or her interested in reading. Not only is it fun for the whole family, but it will also help your child to learn what reading is about. Encourage your child to write also. Here are some things you can do to help make reading and writing fun for your child; Read all kinds of materials – stories, poems, informational books, magazines, newspaper articles and comics; Read stories aloud with drama and excitement! Use different voices for different characters in the story. Use your child's name instead of a character's name. Make puppets and use them to act out the story: Re-read your child's favorite stories as many times as your child wants to hear them, and choose books and authors that your child enjoys; Read stories that have repetitive parts, and encourage your child to join in; Discuss the themes of a story, and ask questions about the characters. Ask questions that make your child think about what might happen next or what he or she might do in the same situation; Discuss the ideas in an informational piece, such as a newspaper article; Encourage your child to write lists and to write cards or send e-mail messages to friends and relatives. (Source: The Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat)

NEWSLETTER ONLINE ONLY

The school newsletter has moved to a printer friendly online version as we are trying to be environmentally friendly and save on school paper and duplicating costs. If you do not have access to the internet please inform your child's teacher and a hard copy will be provided.

REMINDER TO PARENTS

Lunch/Snacks: We encourage parents to send healthy lunches and snacks to school with your children. Healthy foods promote the development of healthy bodies and healthy minds ready for learning. Peanut/Nut Restricted School: Due to a number of students with life threatening food allergies in our school, we are a peanut/nut product restricted school. Parents are asked to **NOT** send peanut butter sandwiches, cookies, or other snacks containing **nuts**. ***If you child has peanut butter at home for breakfast, please make sure they wash their hands before coming to school.*** Restrictions include any product that may be contaminated by nuts. Please watch for the phrase **"May contain nuts"** on the package. If in doubt, please do not send it.

FOUND

Found on playground, child size Mountain/Trail bike. Please contact the office if it belongs to you.

PICTURES RETAKES

Life Touch will be here on **Monday, Nov 04th** to do picture retakes and pictures of students who missed our original picture day. They have asked that students who are getting retakes bring their first picture proofs with them: Please send a note to your child's teacher if you would like them to have their picture taken on Monday.



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

We look forward to our conversations next week concerning your child's progress during the first part of the school year. You should have received a Parent/Teacher Interview time that you will need to confirm with your child's teacher. **There is no school on Friday, November 8th**. We offer one parent/teacher interview time per student. If two interview times are an absolute necessity you are asked to contact Ms. Mais Murphy with your request. Reminder that schools are Scent Free Environments. Parents are asked to refrain from wearing scented products.

HALLOWEEN DANCE

The Halloween Dance was a huge success again this year. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped out, those who donated juice and chips, and all of you who showed the spirit of Halloween by carving pumpkins and getting dressed up in some truly amazing costumes. Thanks for making this a great annual event for our school community!

INSIDE –OUTSIDE DAY FOR AUTISM

We will be supporting the Autism Society of PEI on November 07th by hosting an Inside-Outside Day. For a loonie donation to a great cause we will encourage students and staff to wear their top inside out for the day.

LIBRARY NEWS

Our first **Scholastic Book Fair** will be held this year from **Monday, November 4 - Friday, November 8th**. On Monday and Tuesday of that week students will **"view"** the books at the Fair to create a "wish list" and then on Wednesday and Thursday the students begin to **"buy"** their books. Please be aware that we **do not accept cheques** so parents will need to send **cash** to school with their child in a baggie. If the book their child wants is sold out, not to worry, I do re orders and they arrive at the school the following Wednesday or Thursday. The **Fair is open on Thursday evening until 8 P.M.** during interviews so parents are able to come by and see the Fair at that time. When there, parents fill out a ballot and both their child and their child's teacher have a chance to select \$25.00 worth of books each from the Fair! On **Friday morning** I am once again open but only **until 10:00 in the morning** as I need the afternoon to close up the Fair, do the business part of the Fair and get the library back into shape for Monday morning.

I have requested a **wireless device for parents to use to purchase books using either Visa, Master Card or debit**, however, please be aware that it does not always work so if you only have debit I will not be able to put through your purchase, however, I can still do Visa/Master Card as they always send a "swipe" tool for those cards. So please have both cards on hand.

I will have a Class Wish list set up outside the library door with books that your child's teacher would like to have in his/her class and if you wish to support this effort to build up classroom collections please check out the books that they have written down.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Fair during the week so please pop by for a visit.

Karen MacKinnon Teacher Librarian

2013 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten Registration for students entering Kindergarten in September 2014, can occur **prior to or during the week of November 18-21, 2013** at the school between the hours of 8:00am – 3:30pm. Children who reach the age of five years on or before December 31, 2014 are eligible to begin Kindergarten in September 2014. **Proof of age is required at the time of registration** (health card or birth certificate). Parents' will also **be required to provide verification of parent's home address. (Drivers License)** Dates for the parents and children to attend the Annual Welcome to kindergarten sessions will be announced in the spring of 2014. If you know of anyone in the West Royalty area who has children eligible to enter

Kindergarten in September, please inform him/her of the registration information.

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

To start with, a few Thank-Yous! First of all thank you for the great response I received to my announcement that I will be beginning Sharing Groups again this Fall. Over 25 students have signed up to take part in a Sharing Group! I will be running two Groups dealing with Anxiety and Worrying (one group for students in Grades Two and Three and one group for students in Grades 4, 5 and 6). I will also be running one group for students dealing with Grief; one group for students dealing with a family Separation or Divorce: and one group for Grade Six girls on the topic of Self Esteem and Transition into Junior High. There will be an opportunity for students to sign up for these same groups in the Winter for those who did not return their permission forms on time.

A second Thank you goes out to the members of this year's Peace and Development Club. Over 35 Grade Five and Six students signed up for the group and almost all of them were able to take part in our first assembly celebrating Thanksgiving. Great job to all members. Immediately we will be beginning to prepare for the Remembrance Day Assembly, coming up on November 6th.

Chess Club is now well underway. We have 6 to 15 participants out regularly taking part in Chess play at noontime on Wednesday. If any parents are interested there are regular Chess Tournaments held at Colonel Gray High School one Sunday per month. These tournaments have an entrance fee requirement and medals are awarded every Sunday. In addition, Chess Camps are available several times throughout the school year. Please contact me if you'd like more information.

Those students who would like to join the Chess Club but do not know how to play, are asked to listen for announcements concerning Chess Lessons which will be offered this Fall at the school. Contact Ms. Gallant for more information. Ms Gallant, B.A., B.Ed.,M.A. School Counsellor

REPORT CARDS

Report Cards will be going home on Tuesday, December 3rd. We encourage the students to open those reports in your presence, so a supportive discussion can take place.

MORNING DROPOFF

Each morning we facilitate 50 to 60 vehicles dropping off students for the school day. Many thanks to parents for following our established school procedures. If you need to enter the school building with your child please park in the school parking lot. **Do not leave your car unattended in the drop-off lane.**



EARLY CLOSURE INFORMATION

In September we asked you for information to give your child's teacher direction on the plan you have for your son/daughter should we have a mid-day closure. As we approach the winter season and closer to this possibly, we ask you to review the plan with your child and inform us immediately if you must make changes. Thank you!

STUDENT CLOTHING

With the colder weather here, it is important for students to dress warmly. Please ensure that your child has warm clothing. It is also important that your child's clothing/boots be labeled.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

We invite parents and family friends to join us for our Remembrance Day Assembly on Wednesday, November 6th. We have scheduled two assemblies in our gymnasium 11:20am – Grades K&1; 1:30pm – Grades 2-6. The assemblies feature our school choir and Peace and Development Club.

HOME & SCHOOL UPDATE

The regular monthly meeting of the Home & School Association is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12th at 6:30 PM - everyone is welcome to attend.

GRADE 6 FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The grade 6 fundraising for the end of year activities is well underway! All proceeds go toward covering the cost of year end activities for our grade 6 students. Thanks you to the many families who supported our first initiative by visiting the Haunted Hallway at the Halloween Dance. Plans are in the works for the sale of school crested clothing with orders to be placed early in November, just in time for Christmas gift giving. Details and order forms to follow shortly!

THE DENTAL PREVENTIVE CLINIC

The Dental Preventive Clinic will be operating at West Royalty School starting late November, 2013.

Purpose of Dental Clinic: Screen children to assess risk of oral disease; provide oral health education, topical fluoride, scaling/polishing and sealants, according to your child's individual needs. **Screening:** All children will be seen



for a two-minute screening to determine their risk of oral disease. If you do not wish your child to have this dental screening, please notify the school secretary or classroom teacher. **Consent:** After the screening, all children will be given a consent form which will be necessary for you to complete and return before services are provided. **Fees:** There is no cost involved as the preventive services are covered by the Children's Dental Care Program. **Contact:** If you have any questions about the program, please contact the dental staff at the School or the Dental Public Health Clinic in Charlottetown at 368-4918. Further Information: Please note that only preventive services will be

provided and the screening is not a substitute for an annual dental examination. It is strongly recommended that parents take their children to a dentist for regular examinations and treatment. The Children's Dental Care Program assists with the cost of basic dental care delivered in private and public dental offices for children from ages 3 - 17. For more information, please visit <http://www.healthpei.ca/dentalhealth> and click on the following link for the program brochure http://www.gov.pe.ca/photos/original/HPEI_dentalprg.pdf

CHRISTMAS CONCERT - 2013

December 10th – Grade K & Grade 1 at 1pm, Grade 2 & Grade 3 at 6:30pm.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Holland College Day Camps

November 8th - Canes Camp Mini Olympics, Grades K-6, Holland College Centre for Community Engagement
8am-4pm, \$30 or \$35 with lunch provided.

November 22nd Canes Survivor Camp, Grades K-6, Holland College Centre for Community Engagement
8am-4pm, \$30 or \$35 with lunch provided.