

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



Upcoming Dates:

Dec. 3	Welcome to KG for students entering school in September 2013
Dec. 3rd- Dec. 13	Students will be selling "Best Seat in the House" tickets
Dec. 13	Christmas Bazaar
Dec. 14	All tickets and money due back for "Best Seat in the House"
Dec. 17	Christmas Dinner at KBM 11:45 - 12:45 (Best Seat in the House Draw)
Dec. 17	New Brunswick's Anti-Bullying Day
Dec. 17-21	Accepting Non-perishable food items for the Food Bank
Dec. 19	Gingerbread Houses K-2 - 1:00
Dec. 20	Christmas Concert- "It's a Season of Fun."- 12:45
Dec. 21	Last day for Students (Full day)
Jan. 7&8	Professional Learning days for Teachers - No school for Students
Jan. 9	(Wednesday) First day for students
Jan. 11	Skating for K-2

A Reminder to Parents, Guardians and Visitors:



We are asking parents, guardians and visitors to please stop at the office when entering the school.

We want to avoid any unnecessary interruptions to classroom instruction time, therefore if you are dropping a child off or picking a child up - go directly to the office. If you are dropping off a lunch or a forgotten article or for any other reason - you must also stop at the office.

All volunteers coming into the school must sign the sign in/sign out book just outside the office as this helps us monitor who is in the school.

Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Thank you

Welcome to KG

On Dec. 3rd from 3:00 - 4:30 we will be having our "Welcome to KG" for our new students coming to school in the fall of 2013. Both children and parents will participate in learning centers related to school readiness skills, listen to stories, have a snack and meet the KG teacher from their school. At the end of this event each child will receive a "Welcome to KG" bag filled with materials to help prepare for kindergarten.

Empty Stocking Fund

The choir students of Morna Heights School performed in the Empty Stocking Fund on Saturday, Nov. 24th. The students made a donation of \$250.00 from money raised during "Hat Day" and "Gum Day." Great job done by all!

Thank you to Mrs. Molloy for your dedication to this worthy cause!!

Christmas Bazaar



Our Christmas Bazaar will be held on **Thursday, Dec. 13th**. We are looking for volunteers again this year to help with the setting up, working the sale and the clean up. If you are able to volunteer in any way - please give the school a call at 738-6505. We are accepting donations of "new" or "gently used" items for the sale up until Dec. 4th. (A reminder to all volunteers - a current Criminal Record Check must be on file in the office.)

Christmas Dinner



Once again we will be hosting our Christmas Dinner for the students at the KBM. Dinner will be served at 12:00 noon on Dec. 17th. Your support last year was overwhelming and we anticipate this year will be much the same. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers who help us get ready for this event. We could not do it without you.

If you are able to donate any of the following items, please call the school at 738-6505. (Please drop donations off by Friday, Dec. 14th)

- A small bag of potatoes
- A small bag of carrots
- A bag of Frozen peas

If you can help with the preparation of the dinner, please give the school a call at 738-6505.

Gingerbread Houses



Our KG - 2 will be making their own gingerbread houses on Wednesday, Dec. 19th at 1:00. Please watch for information on this event coming home soon.

Christmas Concert



Our annual Christmas Concert ("It's a Season of Fun") will be held on Dec. 20th at 12:45. Parents and Guardians are welcome. We are asking family members to **remain seated after the concert** to allow students to exit the gym in an organized, safe manner. We will be accepting non-perishable food donations for the Food Bank at the concert. Thank you!

Best Seat in the House



For our Christmas Concert we will be having a draw again for "The Best Seat in the House." The students will be selling tickets starting Dec. 3rd until Dec. 13th for \$1.00 each or 3 for \$2.00. Our Christmas concert will take place on Thursday, Dec. 20th at 12:45.

We will make the draw for the seat on Dec. 17th (At the Christmas Dinner) and we will inform the winner on that day. The prize will consist of a luxury reserved seat in the front row, two reserved parking spots in the front parking lot and refreshments!!

Thank you!!



Morna Heights School would like to thank Breakfast for Learning, President's Choice Children's Charity, and the Atlantic Superstore - Somerset Street in Saint John for their donation to our breakfast program. Another great supporter of our school and our breakfast program, has been the Co-op. Without the help from these generous supporters we would not be able to run a breakfast program. Our volunteers also make this program a possibility for our students so a big thank you to Loretta Goguen and Melitta Cobham for donating their time on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Skating



We will be skating beginning January 11th to March 1st at the Peter Murray Arena. (The students are bused to and from this event.)

If you are able to assist with skate tying, please let your child's teacher know. Parent volunteers can meet at the rink on the days that they can help. (A reminder that all volunteers require a current criminal record check on file in the office.)

A policy stresses the fact that any child or adult will not be permitted on the ice if they do not have skates and a helmet on. First of all, it is a safety issue. Secondly, ice contamination is a concern.

Please call the school if your child does not have skates or if you have any skates at home to donate.

Schedule for Skating

Jan. 11	K-2
Jan. 18	3-5
Jan. 25	K-2
Feb. 1	3-5
Feb. 8	K-2
Feb. 15	3-5
Feb. 22	K-2
March 01	3-5

Reminder



If you are picking your child up after school, please park your car on Chalmers Drive. (Please **DO NOT** park near the exit on Chalmers Drive when there are snow banks due to the fact that the school buses need the extra room to turn.) Children will be dismissed once the buses leave. All students must be signed out.

If you have an appointment and your child needs to leave before the buses, please call the school in advance and the school will have your child ready in the office.

Scent Free School

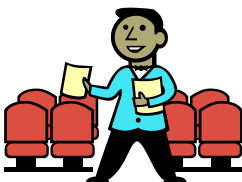
Please keep in mind that we are a "**SCENT FREE**" school and choose not to wear perfumes and scented sprays. We appreciated your support!!

Lost and Found



We have numerous items in our Lost and Found that were not picked up during our parent teacher interviews. If you are missing any items, please ask your child to check. We will display the clothing once more during our next assembly. All remaining clothes will be packed up by the Christmas break and sent to the Salvation Army.

Movie Night in Martinon



Where: Martinon Community Center

When: Friday, December 14 6.00-8.00

Who: Children ages 5-12



This holiday season, if you're shopping at Indigo or are going to buy a gift card for a loved one, consider purchasing an Indigo e-gift card first through Adopt-a-School.

For every e-gift card sold, Indigo will give a book to Morna Heights. To buy an Indigo e-gift card, just [login](#) to the Adopt-a-School site today.

Anti-Bullying Awareness Day



December 17th is "Anti-Bullying Awareness Day" in New Brunswick. Students are asked to wear either blue or pink to recognize this day.

Harbour Lights



Mrs. Ruigrok's class will be doing a project to support CBC's Harbour Lights Campaign. The Harbour Lights campaign raises money each year for food banks in Southern New Brunswick. Port Saint John has a giant Christmas tree made of hundreds of lights near the Saint John harbor. Each \$2 donation lights a bulb and as the month progresses, the bulbs are lit for everyone to enjoy. The class will be making Christmas cookies for all of the children to enjoy and they are asking for donations for Harbour Lights. These donations will be accepted on Friday December 15th. Thank you for your support of this project.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO PARENTS / GUARDIANS

ANGLOPHONE SOUTH SCHOOL DISTRICT

(formerly School Districts 6, 8 & 10)

SCHOOL CLOSURES DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

Anglophone South School District is committed to the safe and efficient transportation of students and recognizes that it may be necessary to cancel a bus run(s), close school(s), or delay school opening to ensure students are not endangered by hazards brought on by poor weather or road conditions.

The following options are considered when deciding what to do during inclement weather situations:

1. Schools are open as usual in which case no announcement will be made.
2. All schools are closed for the day with an appropriate announcement being relayed to:
 - the local radio stations prior to 6:30 a.m.,
 - the District website (www.asd-s.nbed.nb.ca)
 - follow us on twitter http://twitter.com/ASD_South
 - the District Information Phone line (toll free: **1-855-535-7669 [SNOW]**).

Parents are encouraged to access the above noted methods early in the morning, particularly on days when the weather is inclement.

3. Schools are closed by Education Centre:
 - Hampton Education Centre (formerly District 6)
 - Saint John Education Centre (formerly District 8)
 - St Stephen Education Centre (formerly district 10)

Schools within an Education Centre may be closed depending on conditions.

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4. School bus routes are delayed one hour. **On these occasions, all schools will open at their regular time to receive students. Students arriving late will not be penalized.**
5. Schools may be closed early on days when the weather conditions are anticipated to deteriorate significantly during the day. Every effort will be made to notify parents via the radio or by telephone for students in Kindergarten to Grade 5. Parents are reminded of the importance of ensuring alternate arrangements are in place for their child(ren) in cases when they or another adult will not be available to be home.

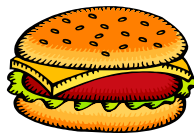
During the winter months, there may be occasions when the condition of a particular road along a bus driver's route is hazardous. Individual school bus drivers have a responsibility to recommend to their supervisor either the cancellation or delay of their individual bus runs should they have a safety concern. Whenever possible, notice of a late bus or a cancelled bus run will be announced on the radio and posted on the Website.

While the loss of valuable instruction time is always a concern, the safety of students is paramount. The decision to close schools is always made with this in mind. **If schools remain open, and as a parent/guardian you feel that conditions in your area are not conducive to your child going to school, then ultimately, you have the final decision whether or not to send your child to school.** Absences on these days will not be a factor in a student's attendance record.

District Information Phone Line: 1-855-535-7669 [SNOW]
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District Website: www.asd-s.nbed.nb.ca

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Superintendent
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Home & School News



Hot Lunch

Last day of Hot Lunch is Thursday, December 20, 2012 and it will resume Wednesday, January 9, 2013. All Hot Lunch Orders for **January** are to be in by **Wednesday, December 12, 2011.**

Thank you.

Christmas Bazaar



Our annual Christmas Bazaar will be held on Thursday, December 13. We are accepting donations of Wrapping items, "New and "Gently Used" Items, please **no stuffed animals, footwear or clothing**. Can you please send into the school by Monday, December 3. We are looking for volunteers again this year to help with set up (Wednesday night, December 12(@ 6:30 pm), working the sale and cleaning up. If you are able to volunteer in any way - please give the school a call at 738-6505. (A reminder to all volunteers - a current Criminal Record Check must be on file in the office.)

Please remember to send in \$2 with your child that day and also 2 Large gift bags. Thank you to all parents for making this a fun day for the children.



The Home and School would like to take this opportunity to thank all students and parents for your support in 2012. We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy 2013!!!!

