

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



Upcoming Dates:

Nov. 29 th	PSSC & H&S Meetings 6:30/7:15
Dec 5 th - Dec. 15 th	Students will be selling "Best Seat in the House" tickets
Dec. 1	Welcome to KG for students entering in September 2012
Dec. 15	All tickets and Money due back for "Best Seat in the House
Dec. 16 th	Christmas Bazaar
Dec. 19	Christmas Dinner at KBM (Best Seat in the House Draw)
Dec. 20	Gingerbread Houses K-2 (PM)
Dec. 22	Christmas Concert - 12:45
Dec. 23	Last day for Students (This is a half day)
Jan. 9	District PD - No School for Students
Jan. 10	First day for Students
Jan. 13	Skating for K-2

November



As you are aware for the month of November we have been accepting non-perishable items to donate to our local food bank. The students have been very dedicated and successful and have collected over 400 items in the hopes to keep Mr. Clark and Dan from shaving. Hurray for the entire school, they have succeeded!!!

This experience has taught our students the importance of helping and supporting our community. The gift of giving is the greatest gift of all!!!

Mr. Clark and Dan have been wonderful participants during this entire event. They will now be able to get cleaned up by shaving!!

Thank you to both Mr. Clark and Dan!!

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. 1st from 3:00 - 4:30 we will be having our "Welcome to KG" for our new students coming to school in the fall of 2012. 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. 26th. The students made a donation of \$100.00 from money raised during Hat Day and donations that came into the school.

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

Gingerbread Houses



Our KG - 2 will be making their own gingerbread houses on Tuesday, Dec. 21 in the afternoon. Please watch for information on this event coming home soon.

Christmas Concert



Our annual Christmas Concert will be held on Dec. 22nd at 12:45. Parents and Guardians are welcome!!

Hockey News:



Our School Hockey season is well under way. They have demonstrated a great team spirit in the previous games.

Skating



We will be skating beginning January 13 thru to March 2nd 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 new 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. 13	K-2
Jan. 20	3-5
Jan. 27	K-2

Feb. 03	3-5
Feb. 10	K-2
Feb. 17	3-5
Feb. 24	K-2
March 02	3-5

Christmas Bazaar



Our Christmas Bazaar will be held on **Friday, Dec. 16th**. 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.)

Update on School Improvement Perception Surveys 2011

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has been conducting school improvement surveys for several years. These have included all parents, all teachers, and students in grades 4-12 in all schools. The surveys focus on characteristics of schools that are related to school effectiveness and are used for planning and improvement for schools, districts and the department.

This year, the Department will begin a new survey cycle whereby all schools will receive the full set of three surveys every two years. Teacher surveys will continue annually. In addition, schools participating in the provincial school improvement reviews (15% of schools chosen at random each year), will also receive all three surveys.

For our school, this means parents and student surveys will be distributed next school year.

The most current results for our school can be found at:

http://www.gnb.ca/0000/results/index_e.html alongside the school's provincial assessment results.

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.



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

Crib Boards



We are looking for "crib Boards" for our students. If you have a spare one at home which you would like to donate or lend - please send it into the school. Thank you.

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.

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.19th. 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. 16th)

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

We would also appreciate any parent or guardian who can help with the preparation of the dinner. If you can help please give the school a call at 738-6505.

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. 5th until Dec. 15th for \$1.00 each or 3 for \$2.00. Our Christmas concert will take place on Thursday, Dec. 22 at 12:45.

We will make the draw for the seat on Dec. 19th (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!!

Goodbye



Miss Kane will be leaving us on December 23rd. She has been working in our Kindergarten class with Miss Robichaud since the beginning of the school year. Miss Kane has been a

wonderful asset to the class and students of this school. She will be missed greatly. Best Wishes to your future as a teacher!

SCHOOL DISTRICT 8

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO PARENTS - *SCHOOL CLOSURES DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER*

School District 8 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 radio announcement will be made.
2. All schools are closed for the day with an appropriate announcement being relayed to radio stations prior to 6:30 a.m. Parents are urged to listen to the radio early in the morning, particularly on days when the weather is inclement.
3. Some schools in the District are closed with appropriate radio announcements being made.
4. All school bus routes are delayed one hour. **On these occasions, all schools in the District 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. Parents are reminded of the importance of ensuring alternate arrangements are in place for their child (children) in cases when they or another adult will not be available to be home when students arrive.

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 cancellation, delay or late bus will be announced on the radio.

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 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.

PLEASE NOTE: School District 8 has implemented a telephone line with a recorded message to inform the public of school closures due to inclement weather. You are encouraged to use the **INFORMATION LINE** and can do so by dialing **643-7669**.

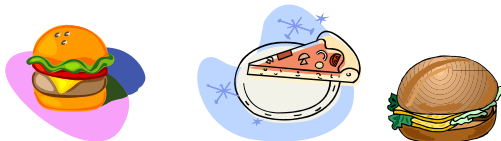
PSSC NEWS



Parents and Guardians:

There is still time to communicate to the DEC via email. The email address is on the website. Thank you at all who attended the meeting!

Home & School News



Hot Lunch

Last day of Hot Lunch is Thursday, December 22 and it will resume Tuesday, January 10, 2012. All Hot Lunch Orders for **January** are to be in by **Wednesday, December 14, 2011.** Thank you.

Norcard Fundraiser



Our Norcard Fundraiser has arrived and can be picked up during the day at the school office. If you have any discrepancies to report with this fundraiser please do so by calling the school by Wednesday, November 30, 2011. This fundraiser was a huge success!

Thanks to all the students, parents for your support.



Christmas Bazaar

Our annual Christmas Bazaar will be held on Friday, December 16. 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 Friday, December 2nd. We are looking for volunteers again this year to help with set up (Thursday night, December 15 @ 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.)

The Home and School would like to take this opportunity to thank all students and parents for your support in 2011. We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy 2012!!!!



HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS!