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Upcoming Dates:

Feb. 5 th	Newcomb Jamboree
Feb. 5 - March 19	Mad Science after School Program (Tuesday's)
Feb. 7 th	Sweater Day
Feb. 14 th	Valentines Day
Feb. 14 th	100 th Day of School
Feb. 25 - March 1	Winter Carnival Week
Feb. 18 th	French Cultural Presentation (Grade 5)
March 4-8	March Break



Valentine's Day

Your child's teacher will send home information regarding this fun day.

Attention Parents/Guardians:



We are asking parents and guardians to please drop children off on Chalmers Drives. **DO NOT drive into the schoolyard to drop them off.** If you need to come into the school for any reason, please park your vehicle and come into the office.

We are requesting this again as the safety of our students is our main concern and we are still having children dropped off at the door.

The entrance must be clear for buses and emergency vehicle's at all times.

Also, please be sure to sign your child in or out. The sign in/out book is located just outside the office. Thank you!

100th Day Quilt



Morna Heights students are making a 100th Day Quilt.

Please watch for your child's quilt piece which will be coming home with them soon, We are asking students to make their number, very large, on the clean side of the square and then decorate it. They are asked to return the square to school, in the baggie, by Monday, Feb. 11th.

Our anticipated 100th day will be Thursday, Feb. 14th, (this would change if there happens to be a snow day.)



Winter Carnival Activities

For the week of Feb.25th - March 1st we will be celebrating "Winter Carnival Week." We have something fun scheduled for every day! We are asking students to donate .25 cents for each day this week. All proceeds will go directly to school activities for the students.

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| • Monday, Feb.25 th | Gum Day |
| • Tuesday, Feb. 26 th | Crazy Hair Day |
| • Wednesday, Feb. 27 th | Hat Day/Winter Fun Day |
| • Wednesday, Feb. 27 th | Pink Day - Students are asked to wear pink along with a hat. |
| • Thursday, Feb. 28 th | PJ'S and Pancake Day
(Bring your favorite book and teddy!) |
| • Friday, March 1 st | Favorite Team Day |

Skating



Our students are enjoying their weekly skate at the Peter Murray Arena.

Parents are reminded that skates and a helmet are necessary for students and parent volunteers.

The schedule for February/March is as follows:

Feb. 1	3-5
Feb. 8	K-2
Feb. 15	3-5
Feb. 22	K-2
March 1	3-5

Hockey News



Following is a schedule of our upcoming School Hockey Games which are held at the River Valley Arena in Grand Bay - Westfield.

Wednesday, January 30	6:25 pm
Wednesday, February 6	4:10 pm
Wednesday, February 6	4:55 pm
Wednesday, February 13	6:25 pm
Wednesday, February 20	6:25 pm
Wednesday, February 27	4:55 pm

Sweater Day



It's that time of year again! It's time to get Sweatered! Join WWF-Canada, and people across the country, in **Sweater Day**, Thursday, February 7, 2013.

WWF-Canada invites you and your students to take part in this important day. It's easy, fun, and educational! Simply turn down the thermostat and encourage everyone to wear a sweater to school.

Enrichment Clusters



Our Enrichment clusters started on Wednesday, January 23rd and will run for the month of February. The students had the opportunity to sign up for exciting sessions offered by our parents, community members, District Mentors and staff. Some of the sessions being offered are Science, sports, photography, construction, board games, creative writing, technology, and healthy snacks. Our students and staff are very excited. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help.

Health Curriculum



Morna Heights School continues to support healthy eating. As part of the Health Curriculum, most classes are discussing healthy eating habits for snacks and meals.

If possible, please keep this in mind when preparing lunches and snacks.

Mad Science After School Program



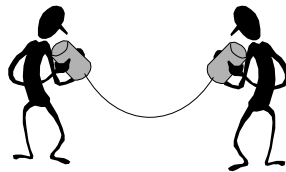
Our Mad Science after school program will begin on Tuesday, Feb. 5th. This program will take place at the school on Tuesday's for six weeks. Children will learn to uncover the science involved in gathering evidence, they will discover the science and technology behind burglar alarms, learn to decode messages, use a metal detector, experience night vision glasses and more!!

A registration form was sent home with your child. If you would like your child to participate, please complete the form and send into the school as soon as possible (along with the payment.) The cost of this program is \$65.00.

Grades K-2 will be able to go home on the 3:15 bus however grades 3-5 will have to have alternative arrangements for transportation. (This information must be provided on the registration form.)

Please contact the school for further information at 738-6505.

Messages



Morna Heights School communicates to parents and guardians with a monthly newsletter and sometimes, memos. We also send frequent voice messages and talk mail messages. **If you are NOT receiving any of the above, please notify the office at 738-6505.**

Fitness Fundraiser



Fitness Fundraiser has allowed us to offer many opportunities to our students. Over the past few years the money raised has covered cost for:

Cross Country/ Track & Field/ Jamboree/ Choir Shirts
Audio Equipment for the Gym
Library Renovations
Interaction Theatre Performances at the Imperial each Spring
Technology Support
Funds to purchase Classroom Material
School Banners

Bus Expenses
Stencil Games for the Court Area

Fitness Fundraiser has just started its 4th year !!! We have had a wonderful group of instructors including:

Alexandra Sullivan
Maria McGraw
Kathy Gilmore
Joel Thomas
Terre Hunter
Nawal Doucette
Laureen Craft
Lori Lofstrom
Gina Simpson
Krista Hawkes

We have had amazing participant support from the west side and Grand Bay communities with over 200 people attending our classes over the last 3 years.

We average around 30 people per night right now with a wide variety of ages (approx. age 15-75) and athletic ability. Our instructors have many years' experience and are able to modify any exercise to fit your ability.



You are welcome to drop-in & try any class.

We are currently doing a rotation of Kick-boxing, Boot Camp & Tabata.

If you are on facebook, please join our facebook page "Morna Heights Fitness Fundraiser"

If you would like more information, please contact Tara @ 738-3544

Classes are on Monday & Wednesday nights from 7-8pm

Cost is \$5./class and if you have them, please bring weights, an exercise mat & water

We have also expanded our classes within the community offering Friday night classes at the KBM Community Center from 6:30-7:30. Same instructors & still only \$5.00!

HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS

Hot Lunch



A reminder that March hot lunch orders are due in on Wednesday, February 20.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week



The week of February 11 - 15, 2012 is Teacher/Staff Appreciation week. Teacher Staff Appreciation week was initiated by the Canadian Home and School Federation in 1988. The purpose of this week is to recognize the personal and professional contributions that our teachers and school staff make to children and their education.

We want our staff to know that we appreciate them thus, the Home and School will be providing them with a luncheon on Thursday, February 14.

The Home and School wishes everyone a very Happy Valentine's Day and a Great March Break!

