

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Dates to Remember

- Nov. 2 PSSC Meeting - 6:30
- Nov. 8 Picture Retakes
- Nov 10 Earth Rangers presentation
- Nov 10 Remembrance Day Service - 1:00
- Nov. 11 Remembrance Day - No School for Students
- Nov 15 District 8 Education Council Public Consultation Regarding Proposed Reorganization of Morna Heights, Grand Bay Primary and Inglewood
- Nov. 24 Grade four visit to landfill.
- Nov. 25 District PD (AM) Parent Teacher (PM) - No School for Students.
- Nov. 26 Empty Stocking Fund for Choir Students
- Dec. 1 French Second Language Public Consultation at School District 8

REMEMBRANCE DAY



Our Remembrance Day Ceremony will be held on November 10th at 1:00 in our gym.

Lunch Information for Parents



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Healthy Lunchbox Lunches

with Johanna MacLeod, RD

Wednesday, November 24th

7pm @ Main Street Baptist Church

211 Main St (Please use parking lot entrance)

Are your kids complaining of boring lunches already?

Looking for healthy alternatives? What's the best way to

pack their lunchbag? Come and get some answers.

Door prizes * Recipes * Healthy Lunch Tips

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS



- Thursday, Nov. 24th from 4:00 - 7:00
- Friday, November 25th from 1:00-3:00

Report Cards will be sent home with your child on Monday, Nov. 21st. Please keep the report card and send the envelope back after each reporting period.

Parents should contact the school secretary, Brenda, to sign up for an appointment. A reminder to parents and guardians that there will not be any school for students on Friday, Nov. 25th. Teachers are attending PD in the morning and parent teacher meetings in the afternoon.

Earth Rangers School Presentation November 10th



Earth Rangers will be presenting "Bring Back the Wild" on Thursday, November 10th. The presentation educates students on the challenges facing biodiversity today by focusing on four animals that we are helping to protect: The Monarch Butterfly, Plains Bison, Spotted Turtle and the Newfoundland Pine Marten.



During the presentation topics such as the Monarch Butterfly's incredible migration from Canada to Mexico, the legend of the Pine Marten and First Nations people in Canada, as well as an inspiring story from a passionate young scientist name Meghan who is helping save the Spotted Turtle from extinction.



The Animal Ambassadors will be the stars of the show and will introduce students to some amazing members of the Earth Rangers family such as; Cosmo, a ring tailed lemur that will amaze students with his leaping ability and Echo, the Barn Owl who will thrill audiences as he swoops silently overhead.

Public Consultation

Public Consultation Regarding Reorganization of Schools

District 8 Education Council will hold their second public meeting on Tuesday, November 15th at 7:00. This is an opportunity for public comment. As well, formal presentations may be made. All groups or individuals wishing to make a formal presentation to council are asked to advise the Superintendent's Office by calling 658-5325 or e-mailing to Tina.Valis@gnb.ca so that you are scheduled to do so.

If you would like more information please contact Morna Heights PSSC Chair Lori Nason at clnason@nbnet.nb.ca

Important Information for Parents/Guardians:

Special Needs Children Q & A

- There will be a Q & A session for parents of children with special needs entering kindergarten in September 2012 - Nov. 23 7:00 at District Office
- Kevin King, Learning Specialist for Student Services, will be there to answer questions you may have about Educational Assistants (EAs), Assistive Technology, Transportation, Special Education Plans (SEPs).

Canada Learning Bond

- Get \$500 from the government toward an RESP for qualified families (Gross family income of 41,000 or less)
- Only 15% of eligible Saint John families take advantage
- No family contribution necessary
- Community partners are trying to get the word out!
- Sign up blitz to be held at the SJ Boys and Girls club Nov. 19 10:00-3:00

CHOIR



Our choir will be performing at this year's Empty Stocking Fund on Saturday, November 26th at Saint John High School. Further details will be delivered to you at a later date.

Reminder to Parents/Guardians:



For the safety of our students once again we are reminding parents and guardians of a few items.

1. When they are dropping off their child/children to please **drop them off on Chalmers Drive** - On the road in front of the school. (This avoids you from entering the school yard where the **buses are arriving!**)

If you have to come into the school to pick up a child or to drop something off - **please park your car in the designated parking area and come into the school office.**

2. **Teacher supervision starts at 8:15.** Please do not drop your child off before this time.

3. Sign -in and Sign -out - If you are picking your child up or dropping them off during the school hour, please sign your child in or out. **This is our record of tracking the students in or out of our building.**

REMINDER: WE ARE A SCENT FREE SCHOOL

Emergency Evacuation Procedure Information



School District 8 and Morna Heights School has a primary responsibility to ensure the safety of students and staff inside school buildings and while on school property. As a result, all schools in the district will be developing and practicing Emergency Procedures which include evacuation to an alternate site, external and internal lockdown procedures.

In the event that a school must be evacuated, the children will be taken to the KBM Club House and remain there until the situation has been assessed. If we are unable to return to the school we will contact all parents. Buses will operate from the KBM and walkers will be sent home.

A school lockdown is initiated should a high risk incident involving weapons, hazardous chemical spill, severe weather warning, student/other intruder, etc. occur in the schools or on school property, or if there are circumstances in the vicinity of the school that could endanger the safety of students and staff.

In order for all students and staff to become familiar with the expectations during a lockdown, our school will begin practicing emergency lockdown procedures on a regular basis, as we do with fire drills. During these drills there will be signs posted on the entrance doors indicating that the school is in lockdown. The doors will be locked and no one will be permitted to enter or leave the school during these exercises. This is the same procedure that will be followed in a real situation.

Teachers will talk to their students and practice before we do a school wide exercise. These lockdown procedures only take a few minutes to practice.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at any time.

HOCKEY



Our hockey season is up and running. Morna Heights School is teaming up with St. Rose School for this school year. We had our first practices on Wednesday, Oct 12th and 19th. We still have room if anyone is interested in playing.

French Second Language Public Consultation Meeting



There will be a Public Consultation Meeting reviewing the entry point of early immersion on Thursday, Dec. 1st beginning at 6:30 in the lower conference room. If you wish to pre-register for this consultation session, please phone 1 - 855-453-8158.

The New Seven Wonders of the World

As you are aware, the Bay of Fundy has been selected as the only Canadian destination among 28 finalists in the international New7Wonders of Nature campaign.

The choice of these new wonders will be determined by vote. Other finalists include such prestigious natural attractions as the Grand Canyon, Australia's Great Barrier Reef, the Amazon, and the Galapagos Islands. In order to maximize the chances of our New Brunswick destination being chosen as one of the New7Wonders of Nature, we are encouraging the staff, communities, and students of this school district to participate in the voting. **We have until November 11th!**

Success in this endeavour is equivalent to inviting the entire world to come and explore all that New Brunswick has to offer. Follow this link for information about the Bay of Fundy <http://www.votemyfundy.com/about-bay-of-fundy/> .

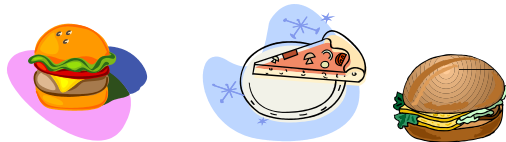
You may participate in this collective effort by using any of the following options:

1. Vote online at <http://www.new7wonders.com/vote-2?lang=en> (English) or <http://www.new7wonders.com/vote-3?lang=fr> (French).
2. Text FUNDY to 77077 (\$0.25 per text vote).
3. Follow the campaign on Twitter <http://www.twitter.com/BayofFundy> (use the #votefundy hashtag when retweeting).
4. Click on "Like" on the campaign's Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/BayofFundyTourism> .
5. View the Bay of Fundy campaign video at <http://www.youtube.com/fundybay> and encourage others to watch it and vote.
6. Add this 7 Wonders voting footer to your email messages: *VOTE for Canada's Bay of Fundy in the global New7Wonders of Nature campaign: online at votemyfundy.com or text FUNDY to 77077 (\$0.25/text).*
7. Designate a day to invite the school community to vote for the Bay of Fundy.

This campaign has many curricular links in both official languages for New Brunswick schools. For example, students from kindergarten to Grade 12 might write to other schools across the country to persuade them to vote for our country's chance to be recognized. More suggestions for school participation can be found in the New7Wonders of Nature vote - <http://kidsandschools.new7wonders.com/> and in the document *Promoting the Bay of Fundy New7Wonders of Nature Campaign – In Schools* at http://www.votemyfundy.com/wp-content/uploads/New7Wonders_for_schools.pdf

This is a fantastic opportunity to recognize one of the splendours of our province. Thank you for the time you are able to commit to supporting this important initiative.

Home & School News



Hot Lunch

Our Hot Lunch Program started the week of October 17. We are offering Hot Lunch 3 days a week - Chicken Snackers/Hamburgers on Tuesday, Pizza on Wednesday and Deli Subs on Thursday. We are alternating Tuesdays that we offer the Chicken Snackers and Hamburgers. Milk is offered all 5 days. Our suppliers this year are Chef Frank (he does the River Valley Middle School lunches) who is supplying us the chicken snackers, hamburgers and pizza. Subway is our supplier for the Subs.

Hot Lunch orders are processed monthly. All orders/money must be in by **9 am on Wednesday morning of designated date on the form.** Payment can be made by cheque, please make it payable to "Morna Heights Home and School". If you are paying by cash, you must have correct amount of money, no change will be provided. If you have more than one child in the school you

can send in one payment but, please make sure the orders are sent in separate baggies/envelopes as orders are collected by class, thank you.

If you can volunteer to distribute the pizza on Wednesdays (time 11:30) or to tabulate and count the orders, please contact the school office or Leslie McKinley.

Thanks to all parents for your support of our Hot Lunch program.

Norcard Fundraiser



Our Norcard Fundraiser was a huge success, thanks to students and parents for your support. Our profits will be used to add items to our new playground as well as any other school activities for the children. We will advise by voice mail when orders are received.



Fruit Program

We will be offering apples to the children once a month during recess starting in November.

We wish everyone a Happy and Safe Halloween!!!!

