



Morna Heights School

November Newsletter

Dates to Remember

Nov. 6	Home and School Meeting 6:30pm
Nov. 5	Picture Retakes
Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Service - 11:00 am
Nov. 10	Home Reports go home
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day - No School for Students
Nov. 13	Parent Teacher Meetings 4:00- 7:00 pm
Nov. 14	Parent Teacher Meetings 1:00 - 3:00 pm- No School for Students
Nov. 14	Eye-Da appointments
Nov. 14 -17	Kindness Matters Week (Anti-bullying)
Nov. 25	Kindergarten Orientation (2015-2016 Kindergarten students) 2:45pm
Nov. 28	PSSC meeting

Saint John Millrats

Thank you to the Morna Heights Home and School, the Saint John Millrats, parent volunteers and staff for a wonderful time on Wednesday, Oct 29th at Harbour Station. The exhibition game was exciting and school spirit was brimming as the Millrats won 108 to 104.

Retakes



Students will have retakes done on Wednesday, November 5th. If your child was absent or if you were not pleased your child's pictures, they will have the opportunity to be photographed again on this day.

Morna Heights Wellness / Fitness

For 5 years two ladies, Tabatha Foster and Tara Safford, have been running a fitness / wellness program out of our gymnasium. They donate all the proceeds to the school. To date, they have raised over **\$25 000** for Morna Heights School. The funds have been used to purchase computers, field trips, items for the classroom, gym equipment, the school banner,

paint for the basketball court, and much more. You can be a part of this wonderful endeavour and get well too. The fitness classes are offered on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30pm and Yoga classes are available on Sunday and Thursday at 6:30pm. For pricing find Morna Fitness on Facebook.com or refer to the bulletin board at the bottom of our main stairs.

Multi-Media Sites



We are asking parents who are taking photographs of their child during any event (such as our Halloween parade) to refrain from posting pictures on multi-media sites unless it is your own child.

Please be mindful and considerate of parents who ask that their children not be photographed.

Thank you for your co-operation.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Our Remembrance Day Ceremony will be held on November 10th at 11:00 am in our gym. Schools will be closed on Tuesday, Nov. 11th for Remembrance Day.

Cold Weather



Parents and guardians should keep in mind that our weather is turning colder, (especially in the mornings.) Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the changing temperatures. Dressing in layers is always a good idea because as the day warms they can take a layer off.

Welcome to KG



On Nov. 25 from 2:45 - 4:15 we will be having our "Welcome to KG" for our new students coming to school in the fall of 2015. 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.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS



Parent-Teacher interviews will take place on Thursday evening (Nov. 13) from 4:00 - 7:00, and again on Friday, November 14th from 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

Report Cards will be sent home with your child on November 10th. 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. 14th.**

Breakfast Program



Our Breakfast Program began the last week of September. Students are given the choice of butter, jam or cheese whiz for their toast.

Toast is offered on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Thank you to Melitta Cobham and Christine Jacobsen for volunteering their time to come into the school to make and distribute the toast.

Fire House



On October 21st our Grade 3 & 4 classes were given a Fire Safety Lesson from the Saint John Fire Department. They were given a classroom lesson along with a visit to the Fire Safety House. This was well received by the students and staff involved.

Fluoride



Our fluoride program is up and running. Each child who participates in the program will rinse with a 0.2% neutral sodium fluoride mouth rinse **once a week**. Permission slips have been sent home. Please make sure your child has returned their form - thank you!

Emergency Evacuation Procedure Information



Anglophone South School District 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 have an Emergency Procedure Plan which include fire drills, evacuation to an alternate site as well as 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.

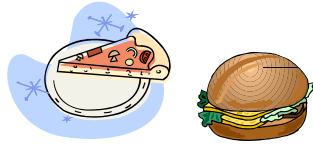
A school lockdown is initiated should a high risk incident involving weapons, hazardous chemical spill, severe weather warning, student/other intruder, etc. occur in the schools or on school property, or if there are circumstances in the vicinity of the school that could endanger the safety of students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

In order for all students and staff to become familiar with the expectations during a lockdown, our school will be 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 at 738-6505.

HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS



Hot Lunch

We hope that the kids are enjoying the new Hot Lunch selections! Following are reminders about the Hot Lunch Program. 1) Please make sure the order forms and payment are received back at the school by the due date on the form. 2) If you have your child filling out the form please make sure their name is on all forms and double check that the selections and totals are correct. 3) If your child is ordering a Pita the Pita Pit order form that is attached to the Hot Lunch form must be filled out as they are specially ordered. If this order form is not filled out the Pita will come plain. Please note the Pita Pit order form is for **Pita Pit only**. 4) Also, please note that you must order milk on the hot lunch form, you **cannot** buy milk on a daily or weekly basis. Thank you for your cooperation.

As the winter months are approaching, credits are only offered on days that school is cancelled or if there is an error with an order. It is up to parents to write the credit on the form.

We are looking for volunteers to distribute Hot Lunch on Thursdays for the winter months (January, February and March). If you can help please call the school at 738-6505.

Dates to remember: November hot lunch orders are due in on **Wednesday, November 19.**

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



Home and School Members

The Home and School is looking for new members. The Home and School this year will pay the cost of annual membership (\$5 per member) which is submitted to the New Brunswick Home and School Association. The Morna Heights Home and School is a member of the Canadian Home and School Federation at the National Level and New Brunswick Federation of Home and Schools at the Provincial Level. As a member you also get to vote on any issues that come up. Becoming a member does not mean you have to attend meetings, membership shows you support us for all we do. All we do is solely provided thru volunteers.

The Home and School provides many things for our children. If you are interested in becoming a member and being involved, please attend our meeting on Thursday night November 6 @ 6:30 pm or contact the school , we would love to have you!



Norcard Fundraiser

Our Fall fundraiser this year is Norcard. All orders and money are due back to the school by Monday, November 3. All our fundraising goes back to the school and students. Thanks to everyone for your support.



Movie Night

Our first Movie Night will be Friday night, November 21. If you can volunteer please contact the school at 738-6505. More information will be sent home soon.



Take time to remember our soldiers on November 11.