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NEWSLETTER

CLASS EXCURSIONS - We are very excited to be invited by our PALs at Hampton Inn and Suites to their hotel for a tour. They have also arranged for the classes to go to Indigo Book Store to do a craft and share some books before heading to Starbucks for a cup of yummy hot chocolate. These excursions will occur on a Monday morning, then, at the end of that same week, the class that went will be treated to pizza from East Side Mario's. So far, we have had two classes go for a visit. As the year goes on, each class will have this opportunity. So if you haven't gone yet, your turn is coming! Special thanks go out to Mr. MacPherson from the Hampton Inn and Suites and to all his community partners for arranging this special day for our students.

VISITORS - **All** visitors coming in to Bayview School must report to the main office to get a visitors pass, as per Anglophone South School District policy.

PARKING - There is to be **NO PARKING OR DRIVING** at the front of the school as this is the drop off and pick up for buses **ONLY**. Please drop off students at the side of the building by the sidewalk to ensure their safety. Drive into the driveway by the basketball court and continue to drive out the driveway by the gym. **Please do not drop off your children on the main road it is very dangerous, as it's a very busy street.**

PROPER FOOTWEAR IN THE GYM - As the snow prepares to fly, and the winter boots start to come out, I just wanted to remind parents to ensure that their child has a pair of sneakers to wear for all gym classes. Also, many students are coming to class with laces, however are not able to tie them. My main concern is for the safety of the child, and having shoes that are properly attached to their feet is very important. If your child has "tie shoes," please take time to practice the skill with them at home, as many students lose time away from activities waiting for me to tie the shoes. Also I have noticed that some students have clips on their laces to save tying them. These clips pose a great safety concern as they do not stay tight and leave little tails, which cause students to trip. Please ensure your child arrives with appropriate sneakers for class to allow them to get the most out of being active.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT - Our Christmas concert will be on Tuesday, December 18th at 9:00am, all parents are welcome to attend. **We will gladly accept canned and non-perishable food items to be donated to the East Saint John Food bank.**

HOLIDAY TREE - We have our holiday tree set up in the front hallway. There are some wrapped boxes that are currently empty under our tree. It is our hope that each student will bring in some non-perishable food items to fill up our boxes. We will be delivering these items to our local food bank which services many students in our own community. Thank you in advance for your support.

HOT LUNCH/MILK - Our hot lunch and milk programs last day will be Friday, December 14th, please ensure your child has a lunch for the last week of school.

PLEASE NOTE: HOT LUNCH WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY, JANUARY 14TH, THEREFORE PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS A LUNCH ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9TH UNTIL FRIDAY, JANUARY 11TH, THANK YOU.

HOLIDAY BASKET DRAW - The students have been bringing home tickets on a Christmas Basket which will be drawn at the concert on Tuesday, December 18th. You are encouraged to sell as many tickets as you can. Feel free to take them to work too! If you have any contributions you would like to send in for you basket, that would be much appreciated. This basket is filling up and is always wonderful to receive at this time of year. If you need more tickets, just send a note with your child or call the school and we will send them home with your child. Thank you in advance for helping with this event. Please sell those tickets!

The last week before our Christmas Break is very busy. The 18th will be our Christmas Concert. The 19th will be the day that Irving Volunteers come and do cookies and crafts with our students and then on the 20th, Irving will be providing breakfast for our students in the form of fruit trays and muffins. We are very thankful to the Irving Oil Refinery and all their volunteers for all they do for the students here at Bayview.

LAST DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS BREAK - Friday, December 21st will be the last day for students before the holidays. **This is a full day!** Students will return to school on **Wednesday, January 9th, 2013.**

D.A.R.E - Our grade five students have completed their course on Drug Resistance Education. They will be heading to Saint John High School on Wednesday, December 5 for their ceremony. Congratulations to all our Grade Five students on the completion of this very important course.

STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 2012.