**October 28th-Nov 1st , 2013**

**School Raffle:**

The School Raffle draw was held on Friday. Congratulations to the students, staff and families who made our fundraising efforts a success. We exceeded our goal of $5,000 today with a final total of $8,888.00 monies raised. The students enjoyed seeing Mr. Whelton duck taped to the gym wall for exceeding our goal. Fun was had by everyone at today’s assembly.

Congratulations to Ms. Irene Chen who won the $1000.00 PRIZE ! Her ticket was sold by Sophie Cao in Ms. Lambs class.

The top selling Elementary Class this year was Ms. McLaughlin's class and the Top selling Middle School class was Ms. Lamb's class. Students will be awarded a Pizza Party for their efforts.

Kaden Paris was the top selling student this year and he won a 5th generation Ipod Touch. Kaden sold 52 books of tickets. Thanks to the Future Shop for sponsoring the device.

Brandon Chiasson and Jason Xie won $50 Itunes cards for 2nd and 3rd sellers respectively.

Overall, our Raffle was a success!

**Mathematics Benchmarks**

Grade 4 & 6 Math Benchmarks will be implemented throughout Anglophone South School District between Oct 31 and Nov 14.

**Reading and Writing Benchmarks**

Students in Grades 3E, 5EFI, and 6 will participate in reading and writing Benchmarks during the month of November.

**MNS Food Bank Drive for October**

The Home and School association in conjunction with Students and Staff at MNS are collecting non-perishable food items for the local food bank during the month of October. Based on recent feedback from food bank volunteers, the following food items are in short supply at this time. However, all non-perishable food items will be accepted at school this month. Here is a list of items in short supply. Canned milk, Peanut Butter,Mac & Cheese, Canned Soups,,Canned Tomatoes ,Cereals , & Toiletries. We are challenging homeroom classes to collect and build a creative design with the food they collect. We will photograph the most creative designs at the end of the month. A great way to Pay It Forward at MNS.

**Halloween Sock Hop for Elementary Students**

There will be an Elementary sock hop on Thursday, Oct 31st at noon. A $1.00 donation or a non-perishable food item will be collected for our local food bank.

Halloween Costumes will be reserved to the festive Orange and Black clothing for students and there will be no costumes, face paint, or masks worn at school on Oct 31st. Our Monthly Character Celebrations and Pat on the Back recognition will take place and Students will receive a little MNS treat for Halloween as well.

**School Lockdown Drill**

We will practice our school Lock Down procedure with students and staff on Friday, November 1st. We completed a slow motion drill in September with the whole school and this is a refresher.

**Green Team**

We are lucky to have some responsible, hard-working and environmentally conscious Middle School students at our school this year.  Here are the members of this year's Middle School Green Team.  These students work hard every week to make sure that the paper and bottle recycling gets done at MNS.  Way to go Green Team!

Keaghan Keddy

Justin Kennedy

Noa Scott

Brandon Barriault-Debow

Brooklyn Clarke

Sydney Irish

Jordan Foster-Gibson

Makayla Regenbogen

Natalia Fylypchuk

**Picture Re-Takes**

Picture Re-Takes will take place on Monday, Oct 28th at 9am.

**Choirs**

Our MNS choirs are very busy preparing for several upcoming performances.  Firstly, we will be singing at the Remembrance Day assembly on November 8th in our gym.  We are registered to sing on the Empty Stocking Fund on November 23rd, then we will be singing at the Kennebec Manor nursing home on Tuesday, December 17th.  Next, we will be participating in the Elementary concert titled "December 'Round the World" at 10:45 AM in our gymnasium.  We have a very dedicated group of singers who are coming out for practices, and we look forward to a successful fall of performances and presentations.

**Millidgeville North Band Program**

Our band Director at MNS this year is Ms. Cynthia Munn. Did you know that Beginner band starts in grade 5 or 6, intermediate band is for second year players and senior band is for 3rd year players or higher? Presently we have 34 students enrolled in the program at MNS. Band classes are held on Tuesday morning and Thursday at lunch. There are many benefits to playing a musical instrument: increases the capacity of your memory, refines your time management and organizational skills, boosts your team skills, teaches you perseverance, enhances your coordination, betters your mathematical ability, improves your reading and comprehension skills, increases your responsibility, exposes you to cultural history ,sharpens your concentration, fosters your self-expression and relieves stress, and creates a sense of achievement to name a few benefits.

**Parent Teacher**

November 28th- 4pm-7pm

November 29th – 12:30pm -3pm

 **Quote of the Week:**

"Having a positive mental attitude is asking how something can be done rather than saying it can't be done." - ***Bo Bennett***

*Michael Whelton*