

GRAND BAY PRIMARY & INGLEWOOD SCHOOL

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



December 2013

It is hard to believe that the staff and students have completed their first term. The students and teachers are anxiously awaiting a well deserved Christmas vacation. I hope that the New Year brings health, happiness and exciting learning experiences for our students at Grand Bay Primary and Inglewood School.

School Website:

*Please visit our school website at either address to see what's happening at our schools:
<http://gbp.nbed.nb.ca> or <http://inglewood.nbed.nb.ca>*

Parent/Teacher Conferences:

Parent/Teacher Conferences had a very successful turnout.

Magazine Campaign:

This year we ran a very successful Magazine Campaign at Grand Bay Primary and Inglewood School. Grand Bay Primary made a profit of \$869.96 and Inglewood School made a profit of \$556.92. Thank you to all who ordered during this campaign.

Future Shop Tech Grant: *Grand Bay Primary received a cheque for \$3,876.00. This money will be used to enhance the technology at Grand Bay Primary.*

Winter Weather:

The winter weather is upon us so we would ask that you ensure that your children are coming to school prepared for those weather conditions. Feel free to send in a change of clothes and extra mittens, but please make sure that the bag is labeled. We would also ask that you please place your child's name in their boots, snow pants, jackets, etc., to eliminate confusion.

Anglophone South School District – Inclement Weather Hot Line - 1-855-535-7669 (SNOW)

Bus/School Parking Lot:

Parents must not park in front of the school as our bus drivers are having difficulty dropping off and picking up students when vehicles are parked within the length of our school building. The staff of Grand Bay Primary would like to thank the parents for helping us with our limited parking space by using the parking lot across the street to drop off and pick up their children.

Author Visit: *Author David Goss did grade level presentations on October 29, sharing his experiences in writing as well as an afternoon writing session with some grade 5 students. The children really enjoyed this enrichment event.*

Empty Stocking Fund Performance:

The Inglewood School Choir did a wonderful job performing in the Empty Stocking Fund. Grand Bay Primary and Inglewood School each donated \$100.00 to this worthwhile cause.

Christmas Bazaar:

The students of Inglewood School enjoyed a fun shopping opportunity as they purchased gifts for family and friends. Thank you to the parent volunteers for providing the wrapping service.

Two Best Seats In The House

Our winners this year were Tracey Taylor, mother of Julia from Grand Bay Primary, and Leigh Jackson, mother of Keagan from Inglewood School.

Christmas Concert:

Congratulations to students from Grand Bay Primary and Inglewood School for their wonderful performance at this year's concert. Students had fun and worked very hard practicing for the concert. They certainly did a wonderful job that we were all very proud of! Thank you to our music teacher Mr. Smith and the classroom teachers for their hard work in preparing their classes for the concert. A special thank you to Grand Bay Baptist Church for their continued support throughout the year.

Thank You To Volunteers:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have been volunteering during the first term. Your time and assistance with the many functions that go on during the school day is greatly appreciated. We are always looking for new volunteers so if you are available, please contact the school or the Home & School.

Thank You To The Grand Bay Home & School and PSSC:

Thank you very much to the Grand Bay Home & School for providing nutritious snacks and lunches. Thank you for providing the various events and activities held throughout the first term. Your hard work and dedication to the students and staff of our schools is very much appreciated. Thank you also to the Grand Bay Primary and Inglewood School PSSC for your commitment to our schools.

Grand Bay Primary – Co-Curricular Activities: Kindergarten and Grade One students visited Rockwood Park through the PALS Program to take part in activities such as rock climbing, adventure games and a bird feeder craft. The grade two classes will have the same opportunity in February. Grand Bay Primary students had the opportunity to take part in a Fire Safety Session with our local Grand Bay-Westfield Fire Department, having vehicles and equipment on site.

Inglewood – Co-Curricular Activities: The students enjoyed a co-curricular trip to Fredericton which included enrichment sessions at the Legislature, Science East and the Beaverbrook Art Gallery.

Inglewood – Extra-Curricular Athletics:

It has been a very busy fall. I would like to thank our Physical Education teacher Mrs. Benjamin and classroom teachers Mr. Millett, Mrs. Edgcombe, Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Myatt for their continued support in accompanying our students to 3 Cross Country Meets, Soccer and Ball Hockey Jamborees. Mrs. Benjamin is also the coach for the local Community Hockey Program which many of our students participate in.

Mad Science After School Program: Students from Grand Bay Primary and Inglewood School are enjoying the opportunities being provided by the Mad Science After School Program on Wednesday's enrichment sessions.

Calendars:

Our 2014 Calendar Campaign was a success. We are very proud of the calendar which features all of our classes!

Second Term:

This is just a reminder that students return to school on **Tuesday, January 7, 2014.**

Merry Christmas:

The staff and students at Grand Bay Primary and Inglewood School would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Sincerely,
M. Elizabeth Lewis,
Principal