



# HAVELOCK NEWS



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December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013



## Important Dates

- December 6<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Family Fun Night 6:30 to 8:00
- December 10<sup>th</sup> – CHAT CLUB 's Jewelry Sale (Details below)
- December 13<sup>th</sup> – Children Shopping Event 1:00 to 3:00
- December 18<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Concert @ 10:30
- December 20<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of School before the Holidays – FULL Day
- January 7<sup>th</sup> – This is a **TUESDAY**. First day back for students.



## What We've Been Up To

Since we sent out the last newsletter in early November, we have had time.

- All students participated in the Stack Up Speed Stacking Event. Again this year, they set a new Guinness World with 555 932 students participating worldwide!
- We had a Remembrance Day service with Mr. Chris Piccott speaking to the students as a retired member of our forces. We greatly appreciated his presence and message. The songs of remembrance that the students offered in response were moving and visually beautiful as they used sign language. Everyone is to be commended for their efforts!
- Mr. Chevarie continues to host many events to keep our students physically active. Most noon hours, he has classes "Running Across Canada" and is keeping track of their mileage. We are working east to west, having left from St. John's Newfoundland. Currently, we are traveled 2 243 km and are just on the other side

of North Bay, Ontario, headed towards Thunder Bay where Terry Fox ended his Marathon of Hope.

- All the students participated in a Sports Day in Canada event. They had sporting events and showed their colours wearing jerseys and other sport memorabilia.
- Approximately 40, 3-5 students are being extremely industrious two noon-hours per week, as they manufacture rubber band bracelets for the school's sponsored Ugandan Child, Nakato Catherine.
- Many grade 4 and 5 students participated in the Basketball Jamboree representing our school well, showing good play and sportsmanship.
- The Parent Committee put together a wonderful float for this year's Westside Santa Claus parade with many of the children on the float. We also had students waving to the assembled crowd from the PALS bus.
- While some were at the parade, our school choir was performing at the Empty Stocking Fund. They also presented a cheque from the proceeds of our Charity Pajama Day.
- The Grade 4s visited the Crane Mountain landfill.
- On a cold, blustery day the 3-5 students cheered on two semi-final university men's teams (BC and Alberta) at UNBSJ.
- The Grade 4s had a wonderful opportunity to learn about financial management, compliments of the PALS program.
- The Grade 5 students traveled to Rockwood Park for a "PALS in the Park" program.
- The EYE-DA testing for 2014 kindergarten students was held.
- The Grade 4-5 students participated in the provincial *Tell Them From Me* survey.



### **Details related to the important dates for this Month**

**School Absences:** We appreciate when parents call to let us know that their child will not be at school or will be delayed. This is always a good practice. However, we **MUST** have a written excuse for our records to confirm that the absence is excused. You can send a note with your child or email your teacher with this information. We will print a copy of the email for our records.

**Communicating with Families** - We are in process of compiling the results of our survey related to an email newsletter. Bear with us; it may take a little bit more time to get this up and running. A grade one student's family won the response draw. Thank you for participating in our survey.

**Campbell Soup Labels** - We continue to collect Campbell Soup Labels for the school. You may send them in with your child. This program provides us with points so that we can make purchases from a catalogue that the company publishes. This is one way we can provide equipment for the school.

**Community** - The Y is now operating at St. Mark's United Church, the new home for our west side Y Child Care - providing safe, quality Preschool Programming for children 2 to 5 years of age from Monday to Friday.

Space is also available in the After School Program at Barnhill Memorial School. Children are engaged in arts, crafts, organized games, learning centres and sports. This is an opportunity to play, learn and make new friends at a great facility.

Full time and part time spaces are now available; contact Krystle Hanson @ 646-2111 or [k.hanson@saintjohny.com](mailto:k.hanson@saintjohny.com) for further information.

**Holiday Family Fun Night** – This will be held on Friday, December 6 from 6:30 'til 8:00 in the gymnasium. Crafts, snacks, auction, Santa, and more. If you have items for the auction, the Parents Association is still taking donations. Invitations went out on Wednesday. Check your child's backpack.



**CHAT to the Future**

**Bracelet \$1.00**

**Jewelry Sale Tuesday, December 10 at Noon**

**Necklace/Hairband \$3.00**

Many grade 3-5 Havelock students have been busy manufacturing jewelry from colourful elastic bands to help raise funds to support our CHAT child, Nakato Catherine in Uganda. We would appreciate the support of our fellow students by buying one or more of our pieces. On Tuesday, December 10, we will be selling our stock. If we run out, we will take orders and fulfil these orders before the Christmas holidays. Please help us, help Catherine.



**50/50 draw** – There will also be a 50/50 draw at the Holiday Concert. Proceeds will help the CHAT clubs efforts for supporting Catherine.

**Children Shopping Event - 1:00 to 3:00, December 13.** The Parents Association does not want to disappoint our shoppers next week. They are still looking for beautiful junk for the kids to purchase. “Junk” could include: Giftware, trinkets, games, jewelry, movies, vases, key chains – anything that can be re-gifted. There is a box on the top entrance landing where you can drop off your contributions. Please have your child arrive with some spending money on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Most items are \$1.00 or less.

**Holiday Concert** – The Holiday Concert is at 10:30 on December the 18<sup>th</sup>. **The doors will not open until 10:00** as there will be a rehearsal first thing that morning. Please do not arrive early.

**FOOD BANK** – Please bring a non-perishable food item as your way of saying thanks to the kids for all their hard work. These items will be donated to the Westside Food Bank.

**BEST SEATS in the HOUSE!** This year we will be selling ballots for the two best seats in the house. If you win, you will get a parking spot at the front door and Mrs. King’s and Mrs. Emrich’s deluxe office chairs positioned at the perfect vantage point in the gymnasium. The purchase form is attached to this letter. Cost? 1 Ballot for \$2 or 3 Ballots for \$5. Please fill out the form indicating how many ballots you are purchasing and return it with you child. We will complete the ballots for you.



#### **Staff**

Staff and students at Havelock would like to Celebrate Mrs. Luan Salmon, our music teacher for providing so many ways for our students to learn and show their musical skills.

Astrid, in grade 5, for her stellar performance in SJTCompany’s performances of “Annie”.

To our CHAT Club members for their continued efforts to ensure that our Ugandan child, Catherine has a roof over her head, food in her belly and an education for her mind.

**Havelock would like to celebrate the parent volunteers who have given their time to support students this month with all of the holiday activities they have undertaken.**

**THANK YOU SO MUCH!**



**Have a safe holiday season everyone. See you in 2014!**



## **Best Seats in the House**

**The winner is provided the BEST parking spot (closest to the front door and reserved) plus two plush seats from Mrs King's and Mrs. Emrich's offices at the best vantage point in the gym.**

**Cost \$2 for 1 ballot or \$5 for 3 ballots. Buy as many as you want.**

**Draw will be Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Return this form with your payment and we will do the rest.**

**Proceeds will be used to purchase materials to enhance our students learning.**

### **Best Seat in the House**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like \_\_\_\_ ballots and I have sent my payment of \$\_\_\_\_\_.**