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Family of Learners News

Picture retakes are Nov. 6 in the morning!

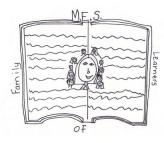
Please call the safe arrival line if your child is going to be absent (466-7477)

Please update the office when your phone # or email changes.

In order to reduce the number of interruptions to instructional time, Mrs. Breault will deliver a notice to all classrooms that includes all changes of dismissal plans for all students.

Please make every effort to let the office know of any changes in your child's plans by Noon each day.

Thanks!



Lest We Forget



The annual MES Remembrance Day Ceremony will be held on Friday Nov.9 at the cenotaph (weather permitting). Students will walk to the Cenotaph, leaving the school at 10:40 AM and will return to the school by 11:30, after the ceremony.

Community members are welcome to attend—in the event of rain, we will hold the ceremony at MES in the cafetorium.

Parent School Support Committee

We are always interested in having new members on our Parent Committee. The committee meets five times/year for about one hour. Our next meeting is:

> Monday Dec. 10 2012 6:30-7:30 PM

Annual Book Fair

Scholastic Book Fair will be here during the week of Nov. 26—students will go by class at a scheduled time on Nov. 27-29 and the community will have opportunity to make purchases during parent teacher conference times on Nov. 29 and 30. Students of the Month Congratulations to the October Students of the Month! Kindergarten— Anthony McGlinchey Grade 1 — MacIssac Marshall Grade 2 — Naomi Way Grade 3 — Alexis Reid Grade 4 — Jason Jeffrey Grade 5 — Gabrielle Bartlett-Vaillancourt Students of the Month received a limited edition MES Student of the Month T-shirt and

edition MES Student of the Month T-shirt and their pictures are on display in the lobby trophy case.

Parent-Teacher/Student-Led Conferences

Parents will receive a notice in mid-November, inviting them to book a convenient time for a parent-teacher conference. Notices of the scheduled time for your family will be included in the Nov.23 report card. Several staff are preparing their students for a student-led conference, where your child shows his/her work and discusses strengths and areas for growth.

The St. Stephen Education Centre storm line is 466-7559.

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MES Home of the

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WITS

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MES is pleased to introduce our community to the WITs anti-bullying program. Using your WITS involves walking away, ignoring, talking it out and/or seeking help. Our students will have monthly literature-based lessons on learning to use their WITs, teachers will engage in on-line training, community leaders will take part in regular visits to our school and families are invited to be involved in learning more about the program by visiting the WITs website:

> <u>www.witsprogram.ca</u> Look for a WITS parent brochure coming home this week!

Dates to Remember

<u>Nov. 6</u> Picture Retakes (AM) <u>Nov. 9</u> Remembrance Day ceremony -10:30 AM <u>Nov. 12</u> No school for staff or students <u>Nov. 23</u> First Term Report Cards go home Nov. 28 Assembly 1:10 PM on Habit #3 Nov. 29 4-7 PM parent-teacher and/or student –led conferences Nov. 30 No school for students/parentteacher conferences/PD Sun. Dec. 2 SSMS– Santa's Helpers 5-7 PM November Focus is Habit #3: Put First Things First!

Santa's Helpers Sun. Dec. 2, 5-7 PM

School Improvement Planning

Each year, the Province of NB expects schools to generate a School Improvement Plan for the purposes of ongoing growth and increases in student achievement.

At MES, we have a Core Leadership Team, which is a representative group of teachers who meet about five times during the year to look at the year's data and perception surveys (May of each year) and from that data to generate targets for our growth as a school.

This year's targets are: writing achievement, consistently responding to student misbehavior, differentiated instruction, student leadership and our WITs anti-bullying initiative.

Once teachers gather in late summer, they generate specific and measureable goals around the target areas and those goals and explanation can be found on our website (www.mes.nbed.nb.ca)