

## Fall Newsletter



Nackawic Middle School 50 Landegger Drive Nackawic, NB E6G 1E9 (506) 575-6010

### **Principal's Message**

The staff and I are so pleased with the great students with whom we are privileged to work here at NMS this year. They are hard at work and the Grade 6 students are settling in nicely as they adjust to the changes, new routines and procedures here at the middle school level. We are happy to welcome Mrs. Dawn Scarbro as our librarian and Mrs. Sarah Grant as our new administrative assistant. They are a great addition to our team here at NMS.

Grade 7 students will be travelling to Fredericton this week to explore the Forestry Center, go to Science East to get some hands on exploration at Ducks Unlimited. The cookie dough fundraiser is still going strong and I hope you continue to encourage your child to promote the sale as this is our major campaign for the year. There will be a Remembrance Day ceremony on Friday, November 7th at 10:30AM. Feel free to join us as we remember our veterans and peacekeepers. Also, a book fair will be held in our library during the week of November 10th—14th, 2014.

The first progress report will go home with your child on November 5th . You will get an update on how your child is progressing and if there are any concerns with behavior, attitude and work habits. Please feel free to book an appointment to see your child's teacher(s). Thursday evening, Nov.6th, from 6:00 -8:30pm or Monday, November 10th, from 9:00am—noon are available for your appointments.

Our school website is also being continually updated. If you need to see what your

child has for homework, many teachers are keeping a personal page on this site with that information. Please feel free to call or drop by with your concerns or ideas.



## **IMPORTANT DATES**

October 28th PSSC Meeting 6:30 PM

October 30th Picture Retakes

Activity Night 6:30—8 PM

**Home & School Meeting 7PM** 

November 5th Progress Reports

November 6th Parent Teacher

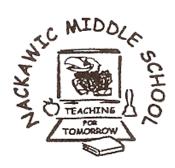
Evening (6:00—8:30 PM)

November 10th "No school for students"

AM- Parent Teacher

PM- Teacher PD Training

November 11th ~No school for students~ Remembrance Day



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#### **Nackawic Middle School Code of Conduct**

Jayhawks show RESPECT

Join together to solve problems

Always take responsibility for your choices

Youth as leaders of today and tomorrow

**H**onor the school rules

Appreciate each other's differences

Work hard in all areas of life and school

**K**eep others' rights and feelings in mind

**S**ay no to bullying

#### **Student Fees**

Student fees are due. If you have not yet paid your child's \$35 student fee, please send it in to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

#### **Bus Changes**

Please remember the bus changes that are in place; students are allowed a primary drop off and one alternate drop off. The school must have 24 hours notice if using the alternate drop off.

#### **Drama**

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The Drama Club at NMS has started practising its fall production, the musical, "The Sound of Music". This year, the club is excited to be working with "Standing Ovations Drama Theatre". Students from NMS as well as WMS will be taking part in this production. Students work diligently each Sunday from 1:30 to 3:30 every week. It is coming together beautifully with fabulous costumes, fantastic voices and dramatic actors!

The set crew has started working on the backdrops and props as well. We normally meet on Mondays and Wednesdays after school.

The production will take place on November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm at Nackawic Elementary School. Tickets will be available in November. Hope to see you there!

#### **Student Activity Night**



Halloween Dance October 30th from 6:30 – 8:30PM.

The cafeteria and gym will also be open for student's use. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase.

We are looking for parent volunteers to help out with this event as well. If you are available to help, please let us know!

Students with costume—\$ 3.00

Student without costume- \$ 5.00



NMS is a closed campus. This means that students are expected to remain at the school unless picked up by a parent/guardian or relative. This does not apply to students who regularly walk home for lunch.



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#### **NMS Art Department**

The Art Department has been working on owl art, figures and shapes with some print-making, and soon watercolour! When you are into the school, drop by the Art Gallery in the hallway to the shop to check out the incredible masterpieces.

OWL naming time! The Art Department has a Great Horned Owl on display and it is time to name the creature. We will be asking all students to make a choice for a name. Each student will get one vote.

#### **Breakfast Program**

We provide toast and juice each morning to all students. Please feel free to donate your time, food items (apple/orange juice, cereal, fruit, yogurt) or money to enable us to offer our students a healthy start to their school day. We currently serve 4-5 loaves of bread daily so there is a need. Thank you!

Contact Ms. Brooks 575-6036 if you would like to have more information on how to help with this program.

#### **Arts & Crafts Club**

So far the Arts & Crafts club has made a turkey craft for Thanksgiving and we have done some Owl Art too! We are working on a couple of murals for Halloween in the cafeteria and the games room. In November we will be starting a knitting project for Christmas.

#### **Cross-Country**

We had a fantastic season this year in cross-country, surpassing Mlle. LaFrance's wildest coaching dreams! Last year, we had a solid team of beginners, but were unable to crack the top ten placings at the Fredericton meets. This year, we consistently made the top ten in several races and had great placings in other races as well! Maya Clearwater had several 9th place finishes, Kasee had several tenth placings, Kaitlin had some 9th placings and Liam had one 5th place finish! Other runners also had excellent placings after the 10th place mark. Since the races included up to 25 runners, these were fantastic results, especially for a small school competing against the massive capital area schools.

#### Our runners this year were:

Gr. 6 Boys: Reno Provenzano, Larsen Harding, Josh Stiven

Gr. 6 Girls: Kaitlin Thornton

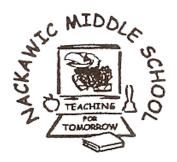
Gr. 7 Boys: Kolby Moreau, Liam Crawford, Ryan MacQuillan

Gr. 7 Girls: Maya Clearwater, Kasee Moreau

It was great to see some runners training on their own team with the Fredericton/Nackawic team and really getting into the sport. The MVP and Rookie of the Year of the team will be announced at the October end-of-the-month assembly! Great season, everyone!



Members of the Art Club showing off their turkey creations!



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#### **Terry Fox**

This year's Terry Fox School walk was a great

success. Students and staff were very generous with their donations to the Terry Fox Foundation. We

were able to raise



\$270 by collecting Toonies for Terry, selling ice cream sandwiches at noon, and selling tickets on Pies for Terry. Last Friday, staff members lined up waiting to see if they would be chosen to receive a pie in the face from a student. The lucky recipients were Mrs. S-A, Mrs. Anderson, and Mrs. Wilson. Those chocolate pies were so yummy! Mr. Crawford was feeling a bit left out when he did not get pied so he got a "special" pie in his face! Lots of laughs were share among the students and staff of N.M.S.!

#### Soccer

Nackawic Middle School Soccer teams are doing very well this season. Both teams are undefeated so far and



advance to the semi finals on Friday. The winner of the games Friday will advance to the finals Monday, October 27th.

#### **PSSC Meeting**

The 1st PSSC committee meeting will be on October 28th at 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

#### **Progress Reports/ Parent Teacher**

Progress reports will be sent home with your child on November 5th.

Parent/ Teacher Interviews are scheduled for:

Thursday, November 6th from 6:00—8:30 PM,

Monday, November 10th from 9:00—12:00 PM.



Please contact the office at 575-6010 to schedule a time for your interview.

#### **Home & School Association**

NMS Home & School will be having its first meeting on October 30<sup>th</sup> (Activity Night) beginning at 7:00. Please come out and lend a hand in making Nackawic Middle the best for all students. Contact Ms. Brooks if you are able to help.



#### **School Clothing**

We will have school clothing available to order for Christmas delivery from November 3rd—17th Order forms will go home on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and sample sizes will be available here at the school to ensure a proper fit. Contact Ms. Brooks 575-6036 for more information.