

Nackawic Middle School

Winter Newsletter



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Principal's Message

Nackawic Middle School is a great place to be these days! We have received our provincial assessment results and students, parents and staff should be very proud. Both the Grade 7 Literacy assessments and the Grade 8 Math assessments revealed NMS students scoring above the district and the province for the 2013-2014 school year. 73.7% of students scored appropriate or higher in Math and 91.1 % scored appropriate or strong on the Literacy test. The Grade 8 students celebrated with a pizza party. The students currently in Grade 9 who wrote the Math assessment in June were delivered a certificate recognizing their achievement from the Math team and administration. Way to go, NMS!

Christmas is coming and students are practising for the upcoming Christmas Concert scheduled for December 17th at 1:00p.m. Please check your schedule and see if you can attend. Every student in the school will have a part to play and you will be sure to be entertained.

Students will be enjoying a Christmas semi formal activity night on December 11th. That same evening, there will be a meeting of Grade 8 students and parents about the end of year trip and fundraising. To round out the year there will also be a skating/bowling session during the last week of class as well.

We are in the process of updating our website and hope to make this a place for you to find information about our school that is both current and valuable. On behalf of the staff, we would like to wish you a Merry Christmas as you enjoy the holidays with family and friends.

Operation Christmas Child

A huge thank you to our staff and students who contributed to the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Because of your kindness and generosity, children around the world will have a brighter Christmas this year!



Cookie Dough Fundraiser

This year the Cookie Dough Fundraiser was a big success! Congratulations to the top sellers in our school!

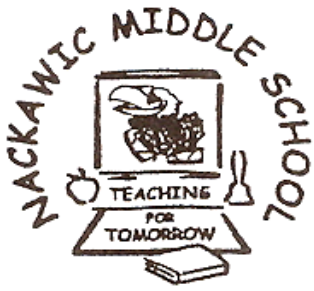
1st Place: Lindsay Graham
2nd Place: Alex Grant



IMPORTANT DATES

December 9th	Science Fair 12:45—2:45 PM PSSC Meeting— 6:30 PM
December 11th	Christmas Semi-Formal 6:30—8:30 PM Grade 8 Trip Meeting 6:30 PM
December 17th	Turkey Dinner for students Christmas Concert 1:00 PM— 2:30 PM
December 18th	Skating/ Bowling Field Trip
December 19th	Last Day for Students





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Breakfast Program

"NMS would like to thank The "Breakfast For Learning" program and our local Nackawic Save-Easy for their support of our Breakfast Program. This allows us to provide nutrition on a daily basis to any and all students. If you would like to contribute items to the breakfast program, please call 575-6036. (Juice, cereal, granola bars, etc).

NMS would like to thank Mrs. Eileen Pellerin for donating her time to assist us with the daily breakfast program and our Meals on Wheels. She has been a huge help!



Helping Hands

NMS Helping Hands, our parent volunteer group, is organizing a bottle drive from January 5th -9th, 2015. Bottles may be dropped off at the back of the Middle School or you may call 575-6010 to arrange for pick up. We will also have drop off locations in Millville and Hainesville for your convenience. All donations are appreciated and proceeds come back to our school to support special projects for our students.

If you would like to join our "Helping Hands" parent group to support special projects in our school which benefit all students, please call Ms. Brooks at 575-6036.

As the saying goes "Many hands make light work!"

PSSC

Plan to join us for the next PSSC meeting on Tuesday, December 9th @ 6:30 PM at the school.



Student Activity Night

NMS Winter Semi-Formal

Thursday, December 11th 6:30 – 8:30PM.

\$3.00 entrance fee

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



A Reminder to Walking Students...

Please remind your child when walking to school to make safe choices like:

- ◆ Always cross the street at crosswalks. Don't jaywalk or cross mid-block where drivers are not expecting to encounter pedestrians.
- ◆ Look and listen for cars and trucks backing out of driveways and exiting laneways.
- ◆ Stay on sidewalks where the ground is level and even. Where there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic and as close to the edge of the road as possible.
- ◆ Walk, don't run, while crossing the street. By running, you risk tripping and falling in the middle of the road.

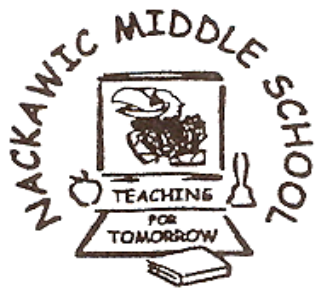


Girls and Boys Basketball

Basketball tryouts will begin for both teams on December 8.



Date	Girls	Boys
Mon, Dec 8th	3:00 – 4:30	4:30 – 6:00
Tues, Dec 9th	4:30 – 6:00	3:00 – 4:30
Thurs, Dec 11th	3:00 – 4:30	4:30 – 6:00



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NMS Christmas Concert

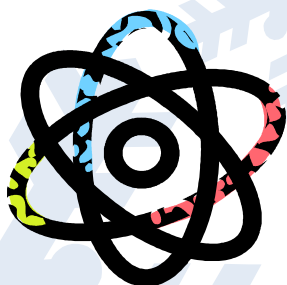
Our Christmas Concert will be on Wednesday, December 17th at 1:00 PM. Plan to join us for an afternoon of festive entertainment that will be sure to put you in the holiday spirit! NMS students have been practising their dance and comedy routines, puppet shows, hand bell and musical performances.

Everyone is welcome. There will be refreshments served during the intermission, and we will be accepting donations to go towards supporting our school music program.



Nackawic Middle School Science Fair

For the last six weeks during our intervention block, grade 7 and 8 students have been hard at work researching, experimenting, cutting, pasting, and writing. This has provided many opportunities for students to complete the majority of their work in school where they could discuss their process with teachers. We are optimistic about the outcome as student work quality and scientific thought has improved. This year our school-wide science fair will be held on December 9. In the morning, selected students will have their work judged; the afternoon (12:45 – 2:45 P.M.) will be open to class and parent/guardian visits.



“Mitten Tree”

It is that time of year when the days are cold. Over the next two weeks, the staff and students of NMS are asked to bring in mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, etc to help us decorate a “Mitten Tree” in our lobby.



Everything we collect will be donated to Christmas Daddies, and will go to families who are in need.

Girls’ Soccer Team

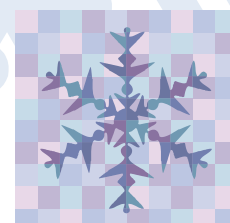
The girls’ soccer team had another fantastic season. With eleven games, they scored a total of 83 goals with one goal against. Almost every player scored at least one goal this season. This is unprecedented. A huge shout out goes to our brave goalies too, Lydia and Leanne, who risked their beautiful looks to fight tough between those posts for two months.

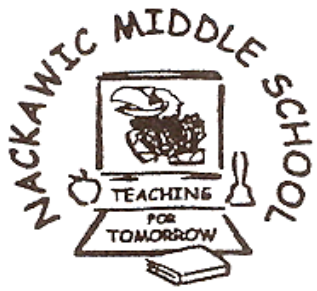
This incredible group of young ladies worked extremely well together, and from the beginning of the season they monopolized every game. Their passing, shooting, and communication were dead on. Certainly, they worked like a well-oiled machine. With two zone NWMSAA banners in two years, this is the strongest performing soccer team to represent Nackawic Middle school in the last decade. We salute you girls!



Science and The Calithumpians

On December 4, from 11:00-12:00 P.M., the Calithumpians will be visiting Nackawic Middle School to present The Permaculture Primer. This is a 45 minute enviro-drama used to encourage students to take action to change their local environment and the world. Three multi-talented university graduate performers, who are long-time troupe members, will deliver typical Calithumpian fare - music, song parodies, and skits with a positive educational message to all students. The three performers will return at a later date to run a series of enviro-drama workshops for a group of grade 7 students, who will write and perform their own skits for our student body. The Environmental Trust Fund supports this program.





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Guidance Corner

A new resource on [Child Internet Safety](#) is available free of charge for download from Public Legal Education and Information Service of New Brunswick (PLEIS-NB):

<http://www.legal-info-legale.nb.ca/en/index.php?mact=News,cntnt01,detail,0&cntnt01articleid=263&cntnt01returnid=63>

PLEIS-NB has worked collaboratively with the New Brunswick Department of Public Safety, Victim Services, to produce these publications. Input and advice were provided by members of the New Brunswick Task Force on Internet Child Exploitation.



Research Shows

Emotions affect Learning, and Relationships affect emotions

- Anxiety shuts off the cortex, can't think, process, pay attention, remember
- Anxiety leads to interactions based on fight and flight
- **One significant relationship** can reduce anxiety, increase belonging and resiliency
- **Supportive social networks** reduce anxiety, increase belonging and resiliency
- **Success** (in social and academic endeavors) reduces anxiety, increases belonging and resiliency

Therefore...

SEL Will Improve Learning, and Well-Being

Meals on Wheels

One of the goals for the NMS students is to become more active in the community and our newest ventures is delivering meals to seniors in the community. We call it "Meals on Wheels" and students cook the meal in the a.m. and deliver to seniors in Nackawic at noon. We have over 60 students participating and they are divided into three groups. Each group takes a turn over a four week stretch. It has been great for the students to call and make cards, visit and prepare a meal for these seniors. I think the benefit is mutual. Mrs. Pellerin has been helping us with this and her expertise has been welcomed.



Potash Corp-New Brunswick

On December 16, NMS will welcome George MacPherson, Chief Mine Engineer Potash Corp-New Brunswick Division, to present mining processes to our students. Mr. MacPherson will offer his 40 minute presentation three times during the afternoon in the teaching theatre. Presentations will begin at 12:40 and run until dismissal. If you would be interested in joining us, please do.



Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner will be served to NMS students on December 17th. The cost of the meal will be \$5.50. This includes a turkey dinner, dessert and milk.



~from the staff of NMS