

WMS NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2014

Important Dates

- December 4: School Dance (7:00pm-9:00pm)
- December 5: Mental Health Awareness-DOTS New Brunswick
- December 5: Gum Day-Grade 7 SS Fundraiser for "Operation Smile"
- December 6: Bake Sale at Carleton Mall (9:00am-3:00pm)-Grade 8 FI Quebec Trip Fundraiser
- December 8: PSSC Meeting (6:00pm)
- December 10: Christmas Dinner in the Cafeteria
- December 12: Cupcake Sale at Noon-Grade 8 FI Quebec Trip Fundraiser
- December 17: WMS Senior Band Christmas Concert (7:00pm)
- December 19: Christmas Variety Show
- December 19: Last Day of School Before Christmas Break (Full Day)
- January 5: Professional Learning Day (No School for Students)
- January 6: First Day Back to School for Students After Christmas Break

Peeler Discount Card Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Peeler Discount Card Fundraiser a success. Woodstock Middle School raised a total of \$5741.88. These funds will go toward extra-curricular activities.

Grade 8 French Immersion Quebec Trip Fundraisers

On Saturday, December 6, students from our grade 8 French Immersion classes will be hosting a bake sale at the Carleton Mall from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Cupcakes will also be sold in the cafeteria during lunch break on Friday, December 12, for \$1.00 each.

Christmas Dinner

The ladies in the cafeteria will be selling Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, December 10, for \$6.50. The meal includes sliced roast turkey, mashed potatoes, vegetables, cranberry sauce, stuffing, gravy, a Christmas cookie, and milk or juice.

WMS Senior Band Christmas Concert

The Woodstock Middle School Band will be performing in a Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 17, at 7:00pm in the school gymnasium. Come and enjoy an evening filled with wonderful music!

Drama Club

WMS is getting ready for our spring drama production. We plan to do the play "Into the Woods" in April. There will be a rehearsal schedule for January through April for participants as soon as roles are chosen. For your information, practices will be held primarily on Thursdays in the months of January and February, and in March and April they will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Starting at the end of January, practices will be held at the Townsview School. The auditions will take place at WMS in the art room on December 2 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Students need to see Ms. Antworth for the audition packet and to sign up for a half-hour spot. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Nowlan, Joanne Lenehan, or Angel Antworth.

Christmas Shoe Boxes

Many of our classes accepted the challenge to fill shoe boxes for the organization "Operation Christmas Child". The response and generosity of our students was overwhelming. The boxes were quickly overflowing with school supplies, hygiene items, toys, and other gifts. Our school donated 32 boxes to this wonderful cause! The students of Woodstock Middle School have made a difference for many less fortunate children this Christmas!

Grade 7 Social Studies Fundraiser for Operation Smile

Our grade 7 Social Studies classes are learning about **empowerment** (feeling like you can make important decisions and changes in your life and the world around you). To collectively make a positive change in the world, the students decided to try to raise

money to cover the cost of surgery through **Operation Smile**; an international children's charity that provides free surgical procedures for children and young adults born with a cleft lip, palate or other facial deformities. The cost of surgery is only \$240.00, and can take as little as 45 minutes. The students decided to do a bake sale in an effort to raise funds for Operation Smile. Many students helped to organize, advertise, make and bring in goodies, set up, clean up, and run the bake sale stand. The sale took place on November 20 and November 21, and \$403.80 was raised. There will also be a "Gum Day" on December 5 to support this cause.

Winter Weather

Winter weather is fast approaching. All students should have indoor shoes and should not be wearing outdoor boots to class. Please remind your child to dress appropriately as it is getting much colder out and with a 20-minute outside break at noon they need to be dressed warm.

School Closures

All school closure notices will come from ASD-W Office of the Superintendent. They will communicate school closures via the local radio station or the ASD-W website at www.asd-w.nbed.nb.ca. You may also call the ASD-W phone line at 1-888-388-4455 (toll free) or 453-5454.

Student Fees

Students are asked to pay a \$30.00 student fee (maximum of \$70.00 for families of 3 or more) which covers the cost of consumables for technology, the student agenda, and a lock for lockers. If the student fee presents a financial hardship to your family, please contact Administration or your child's homeroom teacher. We appreciate your support.

Donations to the Breakfast and Lunch Program

WMS offers a program that ensures that no child goes hungry. There is a "grab and go" type breakfast, and if your child forgot his/her lunch or they are unable to bring a lunch to school, he/she may ask the teacher on duty in the cafeteria for something to eat for lunch.

If you or an organization that you know would like to support either of these programs by donating, please contact the school. Other than food items, WMS is also in need of plastic spoons, forks, and heavier paper plates.

Leaving During the School Day

Any student who needs to leave during the instructional day for an extra-curricular activity, with someone other than their parent and/or guardian, must give the office a signed note from home before leaving. The person who is picking up the student must sign him/her out at the office.

Noon Break

Walking students who wish to go home for lunch (within reasonable walking distance) must bring a note from the parent/guardian indicating permission to do so. **No other student(s) may leave the school grounds at noon unless accompanied by their parent/guardian.**

Volunteer Family Services Donations

WMS will be collecting donations of new mittens, gloves, scarves, and hats for Volunteer Family Services. Any donations can be placed on the Christmas tree in the WMS lobby until Friday, December 12.