



Morna Heights School

December Newsletter



Upcoming Dates:

Multi- age ornaments with staff throughout December

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| Dec.9 | Students begin selling raffle tickets for classroom baskets (on display in the lobby) |
| Dec. 9 | Students will be selling "Best Seat in the House" tickets. |
| Dec. 18 | All ticket money due |
| Dec. 5 | Christmas Dinner at the Church of the Resurrection. |
| Dec. 6 | Christmas Family Dance (Begins 6:30) |
| Dec. 11 | Grade 4/5 going to Craine mountain 9:00 am |
| Dec. 13 | Christmas Bazaar |
| Dec. 17 | Gingerbread Houses K-2 at 1pm |
| Dec. 19 | Christmas Concert - 1:00 pm |
| Dec. 20 | Last day (full day) |
| Jan. 7 | First Day for Students |

A Reminder to Parents, Guardians and Visitors:

We are asking parents, guardians and visitors to please stop at the office when entering the school. We want to avoid any unnecessary interruptions to classroom instruction time, therefore if you are dropping a child off or picking a child up - go directly to the office. If you are dropping off a lunch or a forgotten article or for any other reason - you must also stop at the office.

All volunteers coming into the school must sign the sign in/sign out book just outside the office as this helps us monitor who is in the school.

Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

Congratulations!!



We are happy to announce that the winner of the Google Home Mini was Lisa Carter. Thank you to everyone who supported the cause by purchasing tickets. A \$200.00 cheque was written to the Empty Stocking fund and was presented by McKenzie Harding and Lily Dow. We would also like to congratulate Addyson Mahar-Poirier for being the winner of a \$25.00 gift card at Best Buy for selling the most tickets. Great job done by all!!

Christmas Bazaar



Our Christmas Bazaar will be held on **Friday, Dec. 13th**. We are looking for volunteers again this year to help with the setting up, working the sale and the clean up. If you are able to volunteer in any way - please give the school a call at 738-6505. We are accepting donations of "new" or "gently used" items for the sale up until Dec. 6th. (A reminder to all volunteers - a current Criminal Record Check must be on file in the office.)

Christmas Dinner



Once again we will be hosting our Christmas Dinner for the students at the "Church of the Resurrection." Dinner will be served at 12:00 noon on Dec. 5th. Your support last year was overwhelming and we anticipate this year will be much the same. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers who help us get ready for this event. We could not do it without you.

If you are able to donate any of the following items, please call the school at 738-6505. (Please drop donations off by Friday, Nov. 30th)

- A small bag of potatoes
- A small bag of carrots
- A bag of Frozen peas

If you can help with the preparation of the dinner, please give the school a call at 738-6505.

Gingerbread Houses



Our KG - 2 will be making their own gingerbread houses on Tuesday (pm), Dec. 17th at 1pm. Please watch for information on this event coming home soon.

Christmas Concert

Our annual Christmas Concert will be held on Thursday, Dec. 20th beginning at 1 pm. Parents and Guardians are welcome.

We are asking family members to **remain seated after the concert** to allow students to exit the gym in an organized, safe manner.

Thank you!

Best Seat in the House



For our Christmas Concert we will be having a draw again for "The Best Seat in the House." The students will be selling tickets starting Dec. 2nd until Dec. 16th for \$1.00 each or 3 for \$2.00. Our Christmas concert will take place on Thursday, Dec. 19th at 12:45pm.

We will make the draw for the seat on Dec. . The winner will be notified on that day. The prize will consist of a luxury reserved **seat in the front row, a reserved parking spots** in the front parking lot and **refreshments!!**

Thank you Volunteers!!



We would like to thank the following ladies for helping with our breakfast program, fluoride and hot lunch. We appreciate all you do!!

- **Leslie McKinley**
- **Katie Harding**

Reminder



If you are picking your child up after school, please park your car on Chalmers Drive. (Please **DO NOT** park near the exit on Chalmers Drive when there are snow banks due to the fact that the school buses need the extra room to turn.) Children will be dismissed once the buses leave. All students must be signed out.

If you have an appointment and your child needs to leave before the buses, please call the school in advance and the school will have your child ready in the office.



Social Emotional Learning

SElect Tip of the Week: Restorative Circle

Restorative Practices can be effective in the early years as shown in this [video](#). Watch as Grade 2 students go through a restorative problem-solving process using a restorative circle to work through the issue of being “left out”. Students witness and practice essential SEL skills as well as build a sense of community in their classroom.

SCHOOL CLOSURES DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER



Anglophone South School District is committed to the safe and efficient transportation of students and recognizes that it may be necessary to cancel a bus run(s), close school(s), or delay school opening to ensure students are not endangered by hazards brought on by poor weather or road conditions.

The following options are considered when deciding what to do during inclement weather situations:

1. Schools are open as usual in which case no announcement will be made.
2. All schools are closed for the day with an appropriate announcement being relayed to:
 - the local radio stations prior to 6:30 a.m.,
 - the District website (www.asd-s.nbed.nb.ca)
 - follow us on twitter http://twitter.com/ASD_South
 - the District Information Phone line (toll free: **1-855-535-7669 [SNOW]**).

Parents are encouraged to access the above noted methods early in the morning, particularly on days when the weather is inclement.

3. Schools are closed by Education Centre:
 - Hampton Education Centre (formerly District 6)
 - Saint John Education Centre (formerly District 8)
 - St Stephen Education Centre (formerly district 10)

Schools within an Education Centre may be closed depending on conditions.

4. School bus routes are delayed one hour. **On these occasions, all schools will open at their regular time to receive students. Students arriving late will not be penalized.**
5. Schools may be closed early on days when the weather conditions are anticipated to deteriorate significantly during the day. Every effort will be made to notify parents via the radio or by telephone for students in Kindergarten to Grade 5

Parents are reminded of the importance of ensuring alternate arrangements are in place for their child(ren) in cases when they or another adult will not be available to be home.

During the winter months, there may be occasions when the condition of a particular road along a bus driver's route is hazardous. Individual school bus drivers have a responsibility to recommend to their supervisor either the cancellation or delay of their individual bus runs should they have a safety concern. Whenever possible, notice of a late bus or a cancelled bus run will be announced on the radio and posted on the Website.

While the loss of valuable instruction time is always a concern, the safety of students is paramount. The decision to close schools is always made with this in mind. **If schools remain open, and as a parent/guardian you feel that conditions in your area are not conducive to your child going to school, then ultimately, you have the final decision whether or not to send your child to school.** Absences on these days will not be a factor in a student's attendance record.

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