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**Principals Report Jan23- Feb 20, 2017**

**7th Annual MNS Physical Education Festival**

The afternoon of Monday, February 27thwill be our 7th annual MNS Physical Education Festival. Various fun and challenging activities have been booked for your children. Students will select one of the following activities, Bowling, Swimming, Skating, Outdoor Survival Camp, Nature Hike or Snowshoe, UNBSJ Athletics Field House. Students will eat lunch from 11:20am- 11:40am. Students and staff will depart MNS at 11:50am and return to school by 2:30pm.

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**MNS Winter Fest 2016-2017: See calendar of events**

MNS Welcome Ms. Nanaan Li as Chinese Language and Culture teacher. Ms. Li will be working at MNS Monday, Wednesday and Friday until the end of the school year. Ms. Li has been hired by the Department of Education and is spending the year teaching Chinese throughout numerous NB schools.

**2016-2017 New Brunswick Elementary Student Wellness Survey**

The *New Brunswick Student Wellness Survey* is a provincial initiative of the Department of Social Development – Wellness Branch*,* in partnership with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and the New Brunswick Health Council (NBHC). The elementary portion of this initiative, the *New Brunswick* ***Elementary*** *Student Wellness Survey*, began in 2007-2008 and was repeated in 2010-2011 and in 2013-2014. The survey gathers information from **students** in grades 4 and 5 and **parents/guardians** of students in grades K to 5. It surveys attitudes and behaviours regarding healthy eating, mental fitness, bullying, physical activity and tobacco use.

By taking the time to complete this survey, students and parents can contribute to their school’s improvement plans and student wellness activities. On February 27th, 2017 our school will be participating in this survey, as we aim to improve the health and wellness of children in our community. If you would like more information on this survey, please call the New Brunswick Health Council at 1-877-225-2521.

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Thank you to the MNS parent community for celebrating staff during Staff Appreciation week. Your kindness and generosity was appreciated.

It Takes a Village to Raise a Teen

The four Saint John area high schools joined forces a year ago to provide their parents with information sessions on a variety of pressing topics that are facing youth today.  Because we feel this information is very important to hear and impacts our young people regardless of which school they attend, we wanted to extend the invite to other high schools within our region to our upcoming Drug Awareness presentation.  We have also had interest from several parents of middle school students so we decided to extend our invite to parents of this age group as well.  If you feel this session will be of interest to your parent community, please feel free to share our event with them.  We are confident your parents too will find the evening’s speakers interesting, informative and see the importance of us being proactive in understanding the effect drugs are having in our community and the risk to our youth.

It Takes a Village to Raise a Teen:

DRUG AWARENESS - What Parents Need to Know!

Date: Monday, February 27th , 2017

(Snow Date: Thursday, March 2nd)

Time: 7:00pm (Doors open at 6:30)

Location: St. Malachy’s High School Auditorium

Refreshments will be served.

Topics:

• **The Drug Environment in Saint John**: What is out there, what does it look

like, what does it do?, etc. - Community Services Unit, Saint John Police Force

• **What Happens to the Brain?** Marijuana use and its affect on the developing

youth brain - Dr. Tunde, Psychiatrist specializing in youth addictions

• **A Personal Story**: The journey from drug dependancy to recovery - Nathalie,

a 2015 graduate of Portage Atlantic, a drug rehabilitation centre

**World Read Aloud Day took place at MNS** on Friday, February 17th. Students and staff participated in a variety of different reading aloud initiatives at school. Our Middle School students buddied up with Elementary classes to participate in peer to peer reading while other classes participated in readers theater activities and other students participated in audio recording students reading stories. Later in the day on Friday, Saint John Deputy Mayor, Ms. Shirley McAlary visited our elementary students where she read a story to the children.

**Canadian Math Kangaroo Contest:**

For the past few years, MNS students have had the opportunity to participate in the Canadian Math Kangaroo Contest (New Brunswick Region).  The Mathematics contest is being organized again by Dr, Mo Hamdan and the  Department of Mathematics at UNBSJ.   Registration for the contest is now open and additional details are included.

Because the district is not funding this event and the contest date of March 26 falls on a Sunday, we ask that parents’ of interested and capable math students have the information so they can make all the necessary arrangements, such as registration and transportation.   For further information, please contact Dr. Hamdan by e-mail [hamdan@unb.ca](mailto:hamdan@unb.ca)

The MNS Elementary **Christmas Concert** took place on Dec 21st in the main gym from **11:15 am- 12:15pm .** The concert was very well attended again this year.

Question? What are parents thoughts of having separate days for concert and Christmas Dinner?

**School Raffle**: Our Major Fundraiser of the year took place in November. The lucky winner of the $ 1000 was Mr. Dave Loten. Our raffle raised $ 7,607.00. Thank you to everyone who supported our efforts this year. Our top seller was Angelina Tiffin in 8 Nelson. More than 30 individual prizes and classes were celebrated at our assembly last week for the hard work that went into making this a success again this year. Many thanks to Mme. Price for overseeing the initiative.

Dates to Remember:

Next PSSC Meeting: March 20, 7pm

Professional Learning Day: Feb 24, 2017- No classes for students

Report Cards- Monday, March 27th

Parent Teacher; Thursday, March 30, 2017 4pm-7pm & Friday, March 31 1pm -3pm