**October 21-25, 2013**

**The grade 7 students will be writing their Grade 7 Provincial Literacy Assessment on Monday, Oct 21st and Tuesday, Oct 22nd in the morning .** This is an assessment of students’ literacy abilities based on the *Atlantic Canada English Language Arts Curriculum Outcomes* (Grade 6) and the *Provincial Achievement Standards in Reading and Writing* (end of Grade 6).  It is comprised of Reading Comprehension Component and Writing Component. Please ensure your child gets a good night’s rest in preparation for the assessment.

**Guidance News**

Mrs. Wendy Cornfield is our school Guidance Counselor again this year for Grades 3-8. Character Education, Friendship/Relationships, Study Skills, Conflict Resolution and Career Planning and Awareness remain the focus of the classroom portion in addition to the Responsive Services, Program Support and Individual Planning that comprise the Personal Development and Career Planning curriculum. Guidance Services are meant to be a short-term intervention and may include referral to other agencies.  Referrals are accepted from parents, administration and teachers as well as self-referrals by the students. Mrs. Cornfield can be reached by calling 721-8733. Students are

**School Raffle:**

Our School Raffle continues this week at Millidgeville North! The purpose of this draw is to support the many activities and programs offered by our school community. The draw will be conducted on October 25th and the winner will be awarded $1000.00. Thank you for supporting this very important fundraiser!

**EMNS Food Bank Drive for October**

The Home and School association in conjunction with Students and Staff at EMNS are collecting non-perishable food items for the local food bank during the month of October. Based on recent feedback from food bank volunteers, the following food items are in short supply at this time. However, all non-perishable food items will be accepted at school this month. Here is a list of items in short supply. Canned milk, Peanut Butter,,Mac & Cheese, Canned Soups,,Canned Tomatoes ,Cereals , & Toiletries. We are challenging homeroom classes to collect and build a creative design with the food they collect. We will photograph the most creative designs at the end of the month. A great way to Pay It Forward at EMNS.

**Santa Claus Parade**

The Home and School Association is busy securing materials and a flat bed truck for this year’s entry in the Santa Claus Parade. A group of parents led by Debbie Higgins is working with staff and students to construct “The Polar Bear Express” this year. Construction and Painting will begin this week with Mr. Corey’s Tech Students and a group of painters under the direction of our Art teacher, Mrs. Heidi Patullo. Debbie is in need of help attaining some exterior strings of white lights and we will be looking for some simple costumes as well. If you are able to help out with this initiative, please e-mail Debbie Higgins at debreese@nb.sympatico.ca

**Middle School Halloween Dance**

There will be a Middle School Halloween Dance on Thursday, Oct 24th from 6:30pm-8:30pm. The cost is $5.00. Costumes are not required and face masks will **not** be permitted. Our school Dress Code and Scent Free Policy will be reviewed with students this week in preparation for the dance.

**Elementary Sock Hop**

There will be an Elementary Sock Hop on Thursday, Oct 24th at noon. The cost will be $1.00 and all proceeds will go to the Food Bank.

 ***Girls******and Boys Soccer***

The boys and girls soccer teams have enjoyed a fun and successful regular season and look forward to a challenging playoff run.

Girls Soccer playoffs begin this week with games on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday while the Boys Soccer also begins playoffs this week with games on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday. Play Hard Stars!

**Cheerleading**

There will be a Cheerleading Practice on Monday and Tuesday this week.

**Middle School Cross Country**

The Middle School Cross Country team participated at the Anglophone South Cross Country Finals on Wednesday, October 16th. Congratulations to everyone who participated. Thanks are extended to Ms. Erika Nelson for her work with the team.

**9th Annual J.D. Irving Elementary School Cross Country Meet**

A record 700 Elementary runners participated at the Southern NB Invitational Meet recently. Congratulations to everyone from Millidgeville North who participated. As a team, we did very well! Our **Grade 3 girls** team placed 6 out of 20. Numerous students won individual honors at the meet as well. Congratulations are extended to Lauren Adams who came in 1st place out of a field of 143 runners.

**Grade 3 Boys Division** : Chris Allan came in 2nd place out of field of 111 runners. Our Grade 3 boys team placed 6 out of 12 teams.

**Grade 4 Girls Division:** Erin Vringer placed 1st and Kate Leblanc placed 3rd out of 116 runners.

**Grade 5 Girls Division:** Clair Wilbur placed 2nd out of 116 runners and our Gr.5 girls team placed 3rd out of 11 teams.

Grade 5 Boys Division: Ethan Adams placed 5th out of 105 boys and our Gr. 5 Boys team placed 3rd out of 13.

Thanks to coaches Rachel Dempster, Carol Gatien and Mr. Mark Bigney for their work with the team this season.

**Elementary Soccer Jamboree:**

Our Elementary soccer players took the field on a rainy Wednesday afternoon last week at Hazen White field. The wet weather didn’t dampen the spirits of our Stars! Great effort everyone. Thank you to Ms. Gatien for working the players.

**Grade 7 Immunization Clinic**

A reminder that grade 7 Immunization Clinic will take place on Friday, Oct, 25th. Please return the parent consent forms to your child’s homeroom teacher.

**Bus Safety**

EMNS students participated in Bus Safety sessions on Wednesday, Oct 16th. Safety procedures and protocols were reviewed by District Bus Drivers. Our students received rave reviews by the Bus Instructors this year. They commented on how respectful, well-manner and attentive all of our students were. Great job Stars!

**Grade 8 Educational School Trip**

École Millidgeville North School is planning an educational trip to Ottawa for eligible grade 8 students. The tentative dates for the trip are June 11th – June 15th 2014. Although the itinerary is not yet set our usual list of activities include: guided tour of Ottawa, visits to Parliament, the Supreme Court, Byward market, science museum, war museum, museum of civilization and much more! All meals, accommodations and tours are included in the price of the trip.

The final cost of the trip depends on the number of students interested and the success of fundraising efforts. A final cost will be determined by November 29th. The cost is typically under $600 and payments are taken in installments between October-May.

A $100 non-refundable deposit is due before November 1st with the return of the permission form in order to secure your child’s spot on the bus. Receipts will be issued for all payments. Please make cheques payable to École Millidgeville North School.

The first fundraising activity started last week with an opportunity to sell Kiwanis calendars to offset the cost of the trip. Thanks are extended to Ms. Gignac, Ms. Michelle Price and Ms. Kirkpatrick for organizing this activity.

**Quote of the Week:**

“If you can dream it, you can do it.”- Walt Disney

*Michael Whelton*