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School Holidays

May 23

June 23 is our Last Day

Mark Your Calendar!

- * May 16—School Closed for teacher PD.
- * May 23rd—School Holiday.
- * May 25—Spring Concert-March.
- * June 3rd—School closed for teacher PD.

Parking Problems!!!

Over the last couple of months it appears that more and more parents are failing to follow our School Parking Policy. In some cases parents are parking in our Bus Loading Zone or right in the main parking lot. Over the next couple of days we will be contacting parents who are not complying with our policy and we ask all of our parents to make sure that anyone who picks up their child knows that they must use the parent parking lot for drop off and pick up.

Spring Concert May 25th!!

Our Spring Concert will go ahead on May 25th. Tickets will go on sale Tuesday, May 17th. **The concert will start at seven and doors will not open until 6:30. We do not plan to sell tickets at the door!** Please observe the line up if you decide to come early, and please dress your children for the weather if they will be in line with you. We thank you in advance for being patient and courteous as you wait for the doors to open. **Please be sure to let all of your family members know that the doors do not open until 6:30pm.** It is proper etiquette not to leave a show early, and you are coming to enjoy all of our students perform, not just your own. We ask parents to think carefully about bringing very young children to the show. If you feel they may be disruptive, then please arrange for them not to come. They will be required to sit in their seats for the whole show, and this is as much a safety issue as it is an issue of courtesy.

We would also like to thank you all for your support through this time of year and specifically for the monetary support from the purchase of concert tickets. **Concert Tickets will cost \$4.00 each.** Our challenge is to allow space for everyone on one night. To that end we will sell only two tickets per family for the first week of sales. If you want a ticket please get it then. We do require that young children have a ticket if they are attending.

Tutorials Help!

As we near the year end, more and more teachers will be scheduling tutorials and help sessions in an attempt to accommodate our students. As tutorials are scheduled, please do what you can to make sure your child attends these sessions. And, please do not view it as a detention or punishment! It is not! These help sessions represent teachers giving of their own time to help our students, and that is an excellent thing!!!

School will be closed for students on May 16th and June 3rd for Staff Professional Development Sessions.

Matthew Students Travel to St. Pierre!!

Next week 39 of our grade seven and eight students will be representing our school on a field trip to St. Pierre. The planning for this event has been ongoing since November and the students are very excited about the upcoming venture. A very special thank you to Ms. Curtis, Ms. Oldford, and Ms. Pitcher for working to organize this opportunity for our students.

All in a Day's Work—Heritage Fair 2011

Our school Heritage Fair was a tremendous success again this year. Almost 70 students entered our school fair and 10 of those were selected to represent our school at the Regional Fair on May 10th. Congratulations to Adam Ryan, Brady Stringer, Nicolas Abbott, Hunter Gibbs, Veyan Ibrahim, Daley Ricketts, Jacob Chaulk, Lucas Tremblett, Samantha Linthorne and Emily Faulkner who were all selected to attend the Regional Fair. A very big thank you to all of the parents and classroom teachers that helped our students prepare for the Fair, and to Mrs. Hewitt for all of her work organizing this at our school.

African Children's Choir Visiting

We are very pleased to announce that The Grace Pentecostal Church has helped us secure the Watoto African Children's Choir to perform in our community. The group will hold a concert at our school on the evening of June 1st at 7:00 pm. This choir is made up of children selected from impoverished communities and educated such that they can return to their villages and make a difference. The community concert will start at 7:00 pm. There is no admission but an opportunity will be provided during the concert for you to make an offering. Please make an effort to see this group perform—They are Awesome!!!!

Benefit Collection for Matthews/Cole Family

All of us are aware of the devastating fire that impacted a family in our school community. This week we have been doing what we can to reach out to the family and to provide whatever assistance we can as a school community. We also want to do something more formal and to that end we will be holding a collection for the family on Tuesday, May 17th. On that day we encourage parents to send along a monetary donation in aid of the Matthews/Cole Family and we will deposit it in the trust fund that has been set up for them.

Matthew Rocks!!!

We are not sure how many of you had the opportunity to see our Drama Club perform at the Drama Festival, but they were absolutely AWESOME!!! This was our first time ever as a school entering the Festival and we stole the show!!! The judges agreed -WE ROCK!!

We are on the web

www.matthwelementary.nl.ca