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Thank You To Our Scholarship Sponsors!

A very special thank you is offered to the many businesses and individuals who donated funds to make our Annual Awards Assembly possible. Community support for our school is extensive all year long, but we especially appreciate this opportunity to help reward students for their efforts and talents.

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Class and Teacher Assignments.

Your child's teacher for September 2009 will not be known with certainty until the first day of school in September. When he/she arrives on that important day, the class lists will be posted by the appropriate classroom.

Are you Moving Away?

Please advise us as soon as possible if you will be moving away and transferring your child or children from our school. This will assist us greatly in constructing our class lists for September.

Mark Your Calendar!

- * September 8—School Opens for Teachers.
- * September 9—School Opens for Students.
- * October 12th—Thanksgiving Holiday

What Talent!

Our talent show was awesome again this year. It always proves to be fun and exciting and the students really enjoy it. A thank you to all the parents who came out to watch, and to the staff and students who participated.

A very special thank you to Ms. Lori and all of the Breakfast Program Volunteers. Your help was very important to us.

School office reopens September 1st, and the first day back for students is September 9th.

Art Show News!!

Wow! What a beautiful display of our children's work! This certainly was one of the best years ever. Our students need to be commended for the time and effort they have put into their individual and class projects and please make sure any family that visit this summer get out to view our work.

Ms. Ryder has been instrumental in organizing this event which was funded by local and outside agencies to the tune of nearly 10 000.00!! Her work is greatly appreciated! We would also like to thank Rosalind Ford and Jason Holley for their tremendous work, and for sharing their artistic craft with our teachers and students. And, a very big thank you to the Newfoundland and Labrador Arts Council, a major contributor who continues to support Art Education in our schools.

School Footwear and Dress!!

As you know, students are expected to change their outdoor footwear immediately after arrival at school. Please be sure that any footwear purchased for school has a non-marking sole. If you inadvertently purchase shoes that leave marks on the floor they will not be able to be worn in school. We remind you as well that **sneakers with wheels** are not allowed at school. For those parents who might have a student starting Kindergarten next year, remember not to buy all of their new "school clothes" at once. Experience has shown us that by Christmas many of them have out grown clothes bought in August. And please do not forget our school dress code which prohibits the showing of bellies and backs, clothing with offensive symbols or writing, and very short skirts.

What Did You Think of Your Child's Report Card?

If you have questions about your child's report card, teachers will be available at the school from 1:00pm—3:00pm on Thursday, June 25, and from 10:00am-12:00pm on Friday, June 26. Please call the school to discuss your questions with us or to schedule a meeting with a teacher.

Keep Them Reading

Please make sure you keep encouraging your child to read over the summer.

Buy magazines with them for rainy days, visit a bookstore together, have them read about places you plan to visit, and pick up flyers on such things as the new snowmobile line for 2010. Take time to read to your child, and make an effort to let them see you reading. Your influence at home can make a big difference in your child's continued success.

Check us out on the web all summer:

www.matthwelementary.nl.ca