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School Holidays

November 11

December 22 -January 3

April 02—09

May 24

June 24 is our Last Day

Secure Schools

Over the next week we will be visiting your child's class to speak with them about times when we would have to secure our school to limit their access and movement to certain parts of the building. This could be in the event of a medical emergency where we need hallways clear, or in the case of an environmental hazard like an exposed power line. This discussion will then lead to secure school training drills which will be conducted regularly. Our School District Policy on Safe and Secure Schools also requires us to bring this discussion to the level of School Lockdowns, which would occur, for example, in the event of an armed intruder entering our building. Before our discussions and training move from Secure School, to School Lockdown, we will provide opportunities for parents to become better informed and ask questions.

Piano for Sale

Last year we were able to purchase a digital piano because of your support and contributions. This leaves us with two acoustic pianos, one of which we have decided to sell. It will be sold following a tender process with sealed bids. The piano is available for viewing in our main lobby, and the particulars on submitting a bid are also there.

The proceeds of this sale will go directly back into equipment purchases for our school.

A Parking Thank You!

Over the last week we have noticed a drastic increase in the number of parents who are using the appropriate parking lot on Shelley's Road to drop off their children. We want to thank you for your cooperation, and for your commitment to keeping safety first.

Mark Your Calendar!

- * November 2, Kinderstart Session # 2.
- * November 2, Jane Way Jeans Day.
- * November 11, School Holiday.

Thank you to Holly Waye and Emily O'Brien who have been making and selling Jewelry to help make a contribution to the Jane Way Children's Hospital.

Medic Alert

As many of you recall from last year, our school has partnered with several community agencies to offer the services of Medic Alert to our families free of charge. If you missed this opportunity last year, if you are new to the school, or if your child has developed a condition worthy of a Medic Alert over the summer, then please contact us to register for this program.

Important School Bussing Information!

Students are not permitted to change their regular travel arrangements without written permission from home, **and the approval of the principal**. Students are not permitted to switch busses, or to take a bus, if they are not assigned to that bus. Johnny cannot go to Peter's after school to hang out and get a ride to Peter's on the bus, for example. When Cathy has her birthday party, Susie and Judy are not permitted to travel to her house with her on the bus if they are not assigned to that bus. Under special circumstances we will try to accommodate parent requests for changes to student transportation, but it must be done in advance so we can check the capacity of the bus, and assign the student to that bus for that day. An example might be when parents have to be in St. John's for medical reasons and the child needs to stay with his/her grandparents. Another example would include those students with parents who have custody agreements and the children reside with both parents but on different days.

So - if you need your child to change his/her transportation method to or from school, you must send a note a day in advance, and it must be for a reason deemed to be legitimate by the principal.

It's a girl!!!

Ms. Short is now the proud mother of a darling baby girl, Callie. We offer our congratulations Ms. Short and her husband on this special occasion.

Our Cross Country Team traveled to a meet this week and represented our school in an exceptional way. Thank you to Mr. Elliott, Ms. Curtis, and Ms. Pitcher for accompanying the team.

Fundraising Report

Thank you all very much for supporting our recent vegetable hamper sale. The school made 1860.00 on this venture all of which will go into technology. We have ordered several computer projection units, and are currently trying to acquire a drop down screen for our gym.

This week our grade three students participated in a field trip to the farming community of Lethbridge.

A very special thank you to Ms. Elliott and Ms. Butler for organizing this trip, and to all the parents who will help us with supervision on those days.

We are on the web
www.matthwelementary.nl.ca