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School Photos!

This year our school photos will be taken on November 6th and 7th. It is our intent that you would get them before Christmas. Grades k-4 will be done on November 6th, and Grades 5-8 will be done on November 7th. We will also be taking appointments for family pictures on November 8th. There is a \$10 sitting fee for family portraits. Please call the school to book an appointment. College students who wish to have Grad pictures completed can book during the family portrait time.

Vegetable Fundraiser

A thank you to all of you who helped out with our vegetable fundraiser. We raised 1676.00.00 to put toward the purchase of a new Smart Board. We are hoping to have the equipment installed before Christmas.

Parking

A thank you to all of the parents who continue to follow our school's parking and drop off policy. We have also installed a fence along the roadway across from our parent parking lot which will help direct students toward the proper cross walk. Please continue to keep safety in mind as you pick up your children. Go Slow—Let our Children Grow!!!

Emergency Closure

That time of year is approaching once again when weather, and other unexpected events, can disrupt schools. In the event that school is closed we will post this information on our school's web site, and we will broadcast on OZ FM. We are also experimenting with a technology called Syner-Voice, which calls every parent on our system when school is closed unexpectedly. We will forward more information on this when it is operational, but we request that you make sure your telephone contact numbers are accurate and up to date.

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School Closures

- November 11
- December 22 -January 4
- February 16
- March 16
- April 10—20
- May 18
- June 25 is our Last Day

Mark Your Calendar!

- * November 6th, and 7th, school pictures.
- * November 3rd, Kinder Start.
- * November 10, Remembrance Day Assembly.
- * November 11, school holiday.
- * Christmas Concerts December 10 and 11

Our next Kinder Start Session is set for Monday, November 3.



Halloween!!

We will celebrate Halloween on Friday, October 31. Teachers will organize activities for their classes and these will take place in the afternoon session only. (Morning Kindergarten is the only exception) **Parents must remember:** that we have students with life-threatening allergies to nuts, and any preparation of food for your child's class should be done in consultation with the classroom teacher; and, in picking a costume for this day, please remember that we are an elementary school seeking actively to denounce violence. Please do not choose costumes that promote violence, and remember that toy guns, knives, swords, and other weapons are not permitted in our school.

Important School Bussing Information!

Students are not permitted to change their regular travelling 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 their 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.

A special thank you to Ms. Penney's grade six class who organized a Thanks Giving Food Drive for our Breakfast Program. It was excellent to see our students giving to such a worthy cause.



Xmas Concert Info

December 10—Grades K, 2, 4, 6, & 8

December 11— Grades 1, 3, 5, & 7

Any parents who would be interested in helping out at the school library should call Ms. Ryder. We could really use your help!!

Our Lunch Menu is available on the school's website!

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