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School Photos!

This year our school photos will be taken on November 5th and 6th. It is our intent that you would get them before Christmas. Grades k-4 will be done on November 5th, and Grades 5-8 will be done on November 6th.

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H1N1 Vaccinations

We have had a number of questions relative to H1N1 and student vaccinations. There is no plan at present to have students vaccinated at our school. Our understanding is that the Department of Health will be setting up a community vaccination center at Discovery Collegiate. A time and procedure will be published by the Department of Health, and parents should follow those guidelines.

Parking

A thank you to all of the parents who have shared their concerns about the condition of our parent parking lot. We hear you. At present the work has been requisitioned and is working through the necessary paper work. It should be completed soon.

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, we will broadcast on OZ FM, and we will activate Syner-Voice, which calls every parent on our system when school is closed unexpectedly. Please make sure the emergency contact information we have on our system is accurate. In the event of morning emergency closures the call system may be activated relatively early, so please make sure that the people you have designated to get emergency calls on behalf of your child are aware of this.

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School Holidays

November 11

December 22 -January 3

April 02—09

May 24

June 24 is our Last Day

Mark Your Calendar!

- * November 5th, and 6th, school pictures.
- * November 2nd, Kinder Start.
- * November 9, Remembrance Day Assembly.
- * November 11, school holiday.
- * Christmas Concerts December 9 and 10.

Our next Kinder Start Session is set for Monday, November 2. No School for Kindergarten on this day.



Halloween!!

We will celebrate Halloween on Friday, October 30. 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 for all of the support we received from our parents and students during our walk to breakfast.



Xmas Concert Info

December 9—Grades K, 2, 5, & 7

December 11— Grades 1, 3, 4, 6, & 8

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