



Matthew Matters

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Curriculum Night!

A special thank you to all those parents who visited us on Curriculum Night. As was communicated during that event, it is very important that you develop a positive relationship with your child's teacher. Exchange email addresses, drop by regularly, or make frequent telephone calls. This sends a message to your child that you are working together, and that education is important to you.

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Fundraising Reports.

Don't forget to pick up your vegetables on Thursday.

We also ask parents to arrange to pick up any hampers that they have sold to other individuals. As was communicated earlier, our Fall Fundraisers will provide funding needed for our resource center. We are still finalizing these ventures and will provide a financial report to parents in an upcoming newsletter. Your support is always appreciated!

Mark Your Calendar!

- * October 11 — Thanksgiving Holiday.
- * October 26—Kinderstart session for parents.

School Council

The final meeting of our current School Council will be held on October 19th, after which we will need to elect some new Council members. Our School Council acts as an advisory committee to the School and to the School District and includes both Community and Parent representatives. Nominations for new Council members are now being accepted and can be submitted in writing to the office, or by email to danielobrien@esdnl.ca. We ask that you get consent from any person you might put forward as a candidate. The deadline for nominations is Friday, October 22.

School Photos

Our school photos will be taken on November 4th and 5th. Kindergarten to Grade 4 will be done on November 4th, while Grade 5 to 8 will be completed on November 5th. Preschool pictures, or other family pictures can be done on November 4th by appointment only. Please call the school to book an appointment if you wish to avail of this service.



Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!!!

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.

Giving Thanks!

As you take time over this coming weekend to reflect on the things for which you are thankful, please make sure to highlight for our children how lucky we are to have a school like Matthew Elementary. We are thankful for the students we have, and for the fabulous teachers that work with them everyday.

Emergency Closure

That time of year has arrived 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.

Email List

Our school does use a parent email list for sending out notices and newsletters. If you would like to be on this list, please contact us. If you were on the list last year but your email information needs updating, then please let us know.

Our Choir and Band Programs have started up—Ms. Chaffe is busy preparing for our first performance.

Our Jr. High students are eagerly awaiting their trip to the Environmental Center in Salmonier Line. We want to thank their teachers for making this happen.

**Kinderstart Session for parents is on
October 26, 6:30 pm.**

