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Soy Butter Products Banned by Eastern School District

Last month we communicated to parents several changes in our policy related to food products and allergies. In that Newsletter we communicated that parents could send Soy Butter Products to school if they followed a specific protocol. Last week, however, Eastern School District made a decision to ban all Soy Butter Products from its schools. Thus, all parents who have made arrangements to use Soy Butter as part of their child's school lunch must make alternate arrangements. We can no longer have that product in our school.

Report Cards and Parent Teacher Interviews

Report cards will go home on December 2nd, and Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on Thursday, December 8th. Interviews start at 11:00am and run through to 4:00pm. Parents should contact the school office to schedule a meeting with their child's teacher.

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School Holidays

December 22 -January 2

April 6—13

May 21

Remembrance Day

Anyone that attended our Remembrance Day Assembly will agree that our students, staff, and community members, did an excellent job. This is an important time of year and we are proud to partner with the Legionairs in helping educate our students. A special thank you to Ms. Ryder and Ms. Chafe for all of their work in organizing this event. And thank you to Ms. Short for her performance at the ceremony.

Mark Your Calendar!

- * .December 5th—No school for students.
- * December 8th—Parent Teacher Interviews.
- * Christmas Concerts December 13 and 14

Learning Session for Teachers on December 5th!

On December 5th teachers will be engaged in a learning session here at the school. **There will be no school for students at all on this day.**

Thanks to everyone who was able to support our Book Fair!!! We really appreciate your help!!!

Weather Closures

It's that time of year!! If school needs to close early, or delay opening, we will inform parents through the radio station Oz FM, through our web page, and through our automatic phone system. If our phone system calls you, please acknowledge the call as directed or the system may keep calling you back.

A Parking Thank You!!

We would like to thank all of our parents who work hard every day to follow our school parking policy. We realize that there will be occasions when some parents do not abide by the policy and that this can be frustrating for those of you that do—but please recognize that we appreciate your cooperation in keeping our children safe!! You are doing the right thing!!! We will continue to monitor the drop off and pick up periodically to help everyone understand and follow the approved procedures.

Jr High Hike

Last week some of our Jr. High Students travelled to Port Rexton to hike the Skirwink Trail. This was a great experience and everyone had a blast. Thanks to Mr. Elliott, Ms. Oldford, and Mr. Abbott for organizing this trip!!!

Christmas Concert Dates

December 13

Grades K, 4, 5, 6, 8

December 14

Grades 1, 2, 3, 7

School Mascot Needed

Last week we circulated information on a contest for students where they will get a chance to design and name a Mascot for our school. Will we be the Matthew Elementary Wild Cats? The Cougars? The Patriots? That will be decided when all entries have been evaluated. Check your child's book bag for the specific contest details.

We are on the web

www.matthwelementary.nl.ca