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Christmas Concerts!!!

What a fabulous time we had at our Christmas Concerts. The student performances were excellent and made for a wonderful way to start the Christmas season. A very big thank you to all of our students and teachers who worked so very hard to make these events such a huge success. And, a big thank you to all of you who made the effort to attend and celebrate the talent of our students with us.

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Schedule for Tuesday, December 20

On Tuesday, December 20th, we will be taking part in some skating activities. **K to 2 students will be at the stadium from 9:00—10:00, grade 3 and 4 will be there from 9:15—10:15, & 5—8 students will skate 10:30—11:30.** Afternoon Kindergarten and Pre Kindergarten students are welcome at 9:00 but they must be accompanied by an adult.

Certified Helmets MUST be worn. Bike helmets are NOT suitable!!!

Schedule for Wednesday, December 21

On Wednesday students will be involved in a variety of activities. We are trying to protect our instructional time as much as possible but some large group activities have been planned. We plan to keep all of our students through lunch and then dismiss them at **1:00pm**. Please make sure you adjust your schedule for this early dismissal and that you provide lunch for your child. **Cafeteria services will not be available at all on Wednesday!!**

At this time of year some parents like to send along class treats. Please check with your child's teacher if you plan to do this. Please make certain as well that items sent in for class distribution are free of eggs and nuts, or items that may contain nuts.

**Our first day back after Christmas is
Tuesday, January 3rd, 2012**

2011/2012
School Holidays
April 6—13
May 21
School Closes June 21

Mark Your Calendar!

- * Last day of class for students is December 21.
- * First day of classes after Christmas is Tuesday, January 3rd, 2012.

Now that winter is here we require our students to have winter clothing and footwear to go outside at recess and lunch.

Parent Teacher Interviews were a big success—thank you for attending and being a part of your child’s education.

Please make sure your children bring home all of their personal items before Wednesday. By this time they may have accumulated several items brought from home for class projects, and they likely have coats and boots that need to be brought home.

Thank you to Ms. Lori O’Brien for her endless hours of work and dedication in keeping our breakfast program running—We LOVE her!!!

Matthew Rocks!!!

As Christmas holidays give you some time to relax, please do so knowing that we have the GREATEST school ever!! We don’t often enough take the time to acknowledge all of the positive things that are happening at our school, but we have so much to be thankful for. Our teachers are the best, and they get to work with the most magnificent students. Be proud of the school your child attends—it really does ROCK!!!

On behalf of our students and staff we wish all of our parents and community members a very Merry Christmas. We can’t wait to begin our work again in the new year!!

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www.matthwelementary.nl.ca**