



# Matthew Matters

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## Christmas Concerts!!!

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We are so excited that our concert nights have finally arrived. **The concerts start at seven and doors will not open until 6:30. We do not plan to sell tickets at the door so please get them in advance from the school office.** Please observe the line up if you decide to come early, and please dress your children for the weather if they will be in line with you. We thank you in advance for being patient and courteous as you wait for the doors to open. **Please be sure to let all of your family members know that the doors do not open until 6:30pm. This is very important given the weather that is in the forecast.** At some times in the past we have had nans and pops who have had to wait in a cold and wet line up for longer than they expected. Please remind everyone as well that you are required to stay for the entire show. It is proper etiquette not to leave a show early, and you are coming to enjoy all of our students perform, not just your own.

We ask parents to think carefully about bringing very young children to the show. If you feel they may be disruptive, then please arrange for them not to come. They will be required to sit in their seats for the whole show, and this is as much a safety issue as it is an issue of courtesy. In addition, please remind all of your family members that we work to maintain a scent free environment. Ask nan to go easy on the hairspray as several of our students, and some staff, have life threatening reactions to scents.

### 2009/2010

#### School Holidays

December 22 -January 3

April 02—09

May 24

June 24 is our Last Day

## Attendance

We want to thank all of those parents who continue to ensure that their children are in school everyday. We appreciate that at times it is demanding on families to meet all of their commitments and still have their children in school—but you continue to demonstrate your priority for education. One of the most important things you can do to help your child in school is to make sure they are in attendance.

### Mark Your Calendar!

- \* Christmas Concerts December 9 and 10.
- \* December 21—skating.
- \* December 22-school dismisses early.
- \* January 4-we start again!

## 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.

**All Kindergarten students will attend the full morning session tomorrow, December 9th, 2009.**

## Schedule for Monday, December 21

On Monday, December 21st, we will be taking part in some skating activities.

K to 4 students will be at the stadium from 9:00—10:00, & 5—8 students will skate 10:30—11:30. Afternoon Kindergarten and Pre Kindergarten students are welcome at 9:15 but they must be accompanied by an adult.

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

## Schedule for Tuesday, December 22

On Tuesday 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.**

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

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

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

Thank you in advance to Ms. Chafe and Mr. Elliott, and to all the staff that worked to put this year's concerts together. You make Matthew GREAT!!

A reminder that there is no Kindergarten Monday, December 14th—It is a Kinder Start Day!!!

We are on the web  
[www.matthewelementary.nl.ca](http://www.matthewelementary.nl.ca)