



Matthew Matters

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Babysitters!

This weekend past sixteen of our students participated in the St. John's Ambulance babysitting course. Our students were very excited about this program, and it is clear that they learned a tremendous amount of material. A big thank you to Emily for organizing this event!!

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School Council

We now have a new School Council in place which will serve the needs of our school for the next three years. The Council members are: Julie Oldford, Stephanie Chaulk, Melanie Gray, Marian Reid, Janet Fisher, Wendy Maloney, Leigh-Ann Ryder, and Dave Whitten. The Council has established three goals this year which will see them focus on developing learning sessions for parents, assisting our school in developing a mascot and motto, and assisting our school with the development of a parking policy for

School Close Out February 2nd!

Parents please mark your calendar!! School will be closed for students on February 2nd as teachers will be attending a PD session on assessment.

2010/2011

School Holidays

April 22—29

May 23

June 23 is our Last Day

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 are some parents who 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!!!

Mark Your Calendar!

- * February 2nd, School closed for students.
- * February 14th is Janeway Day.

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On February 14th we celebrate Janeway Day. We are asking students to bring along one dollar as a donation toward this worthy cause.

Kindergarten Grad Pictures and School Picture

**Retakes will be done
on Monday, January 24th.**

Girl's Volleyball is up and running. Thanks to Ms. Jefford for giving her time for our students!

Acting Out is Okay!!!

We now have a school drama club up and running for students in grades 7 and 8. We can't wait to see them perform and we want to thank Ms. Curtis, Ms. Pitcher, Ms. Porter, Ms. Lewis, Ms. Murphy, and Mr. Norman for giving their time to help out with our students in this way!!

Violin Club Starts!!

This month, some of our students will be introduced to the violin as Ms. Chaffe works to organize a group interested in this instrument. At this point we have more student interest than we have instruments but we hope to increase the size of the group as the program develops. We can't wait for Spring Concert time!!

Winter Clothing!

Just a reminder to make sure your children have the proper clothing for playing outside in the snow. It might be a good idea for them to keep a pair of lined splash pants in school, and please make sure they have their mittens and hats.

Floor Hockey Grades 4 to 6!!

We want to thank Mr. Elliott for continuing to work with the Floor Hockey Club for grade 4, 5, and 6 students. Keeping children active is an important part of this program and our students love it!!

Matthew Rocks!!!

The Arts have always been a strong focus for our school and every year we have endeavoured to attract funding partners to expand on the program we offer. We have again this year been successful in attaining a partnership with Art Smarts. This partnership brings in excess of \$5000.00 to our school and allows us to have recognized artists work with our children. We want to thank Ms. Ryder who works very hard to make sure our school's application to this program is competitive and successful. In fact, many schools that compete for this funding now use our model as a framework for their own schools. They know what we know—Matthew ROCKS!!!!

January 27th is Family Literacy Day
Keep watching for a schedule of events!!

We are on the web
www.matthwelementary.nl.ca