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Welcome Back & Thank You!

Welcome back! We wish everyone a Happy New Year and look forward to fun days ahead. We would also like to thank everyone who sent in goodies, presents and best wishes for the season to our staff. Your generosity is appreciated.

Basketball

Basketball will start again January 9th. Upcoming games will be posted on the school website for the Gr. 4/5 teams. Thank you to our coaches, Mrs. Gallant, Miss Matheson, Mrs. Gardiner and Mrs. Trevors.

Home & School

- Our Home & School meeting will be held on January 24th at 6:30 p.m. in the media room. We will be discussing our upcoming P.J. Literacy Party that is being held on Thursday, January 26th. Staff members and Home & School members will share their favourite stories with the children. There will be cookies and milk in the cafeteria following stories. Students must be accompanied by an adult.
- Gretna Green Bracelets are still on sale for \$2.00 each. These are available in the office or from Mrs. Morehouse.
- We are pleased to offer parents the opportunity to purchase Gretna Green Elementary School clothing online. Below is the link. A portion (10%) of the cost will be sent directly back to the Home & School for fundraising purposes. Also, local companies can order through this site and Gretna Green will also receive 10%.

http://yourschoolgear.ca/gretna_green_elementary_en/

School Fundraiser for December

We would like to congratulate Lima Hallihan, grandfather of Tristan and Tyra DesRoches, on winning the cherry Storage Bench and assorted crafts that was raffled off at the Christmas Concert. We would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets and donated crafts to this worthwhile project.

EYE-DA

Pre-Kindergarten EYE-DA testing (Early Years Evaluations - Direct Assessment) will take place on Thursday, January 19th for children entering Kindergarten in September 2012.

Motivational Speaker

Katie Weatherston, Canadian Hockey Player, will be giving a motivational speech to our Grade 3-5 students on Tuesday, January 10th.

Come in Character Day



To mark Family Literacy Day, we will have a "Come in Character Day" on Friday, January 27th. Students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite character from a good book on that day. Characters in Robert Munsch books are usually a fun and easy way to dress up without having to spend a lot of money. Your child's class will be participating in the fun literacy activities with their buddy class.

Parents or grandparents are invited to visit the school this week to read to a class, a small group or individual. If you are interested in this, please call Mrs. Simmons or Mr. Comeau at 778-6099 to make arrangements. Children love to hear their favourite book being read to them.

Skating

Thank you to Mr. Comeau and our "Dads" who have been working hard on our outdoor rink. We will be skating on in soon. Because of this, we will not be skating at the Civic Centre for the remainder of the winter. Gym classes will be skating on our outdoor rink. Notice will be sent home prior to any classes going out to skate so students can be prepared for that day.

Important Reminders

- ! We want to remind parents to **please stop for the red flashing lights on the school busses** when entering the school parking lot before and after school. Also, please do not drop your children off at the school before 7:50 a.m. for Gr. 3-5 and 8:45 a.m. for Gr. K-2. No supervision is available until after this time. Your cooperation with these matters is greatly appreciated.

Storm Line Phone Number

This is a reminder that District 16 has a "Snow Line" you can call if you are wondering about school cancellations during inclement weather; call **778-SNOW (7669)**.

Christmas Concert DVD



We still have the 2011 Christmas Concert DVDs available for anyone interested in purchasing one. The cost is \$7.00 per DVD. Please send a note to your child's teacher if you are interested or contact Mrs. Clark at the school.

Grade 5 Bottle Recycling



Just a reminder to take your recyclable bottles to Hebert's Bottle Exchange in Chatham. The Grade 5 class has an account set up with Hebert's that will allow friends and family to donate their money from their recyclables to help the Grades 5s with their end of the year trip to Moncton. Thank you for help!

Popcorn Wednesday

This is just a reminder to sign up for prepaid Popcorn Wednesdays if you are interested.

Popcorn Wednesdays

Cost: \$0.50 x 21 weeks - \$10.50/child (effective Wednesday, Jan 11th). If you sign up after Wednesday, Jan. 11th subtract \$0.50 per week for your total amount paid.

Child's Name	Teacher's Name	Paid - \$10.50/child

Remember to check out our website for updates, notices, class pages, calendars, newsletters and daily announcements!

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