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Christmas Craft Sale & Holly Tea

We are having our fourth annual Christmas Craft Sale & Holly Tea on Saturday, December 4th from 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. We have quite a large number of crafters attending the event and it is sure to be even bigger and better than previous sales. We look forward to seeing you there! Earlier this week we sent home a memo asking for donations of sweets and sandwiches for our tea. K-2 students are asked to donate sweets and 3-5 students are asked to donate sandwiches. <u>We would appreciate it if all sweets sent in were peanut/nut free as our school is a peanut/nut free environment and we do have students with severe allergies</u>. As well, we are looking for runners and helpers to assist us during the sale. To help with our fundraising, we also sent home two books of tickets to sell on a beautiful oak storage bench filled with crafts and gifts from our crafters. We are hoping you can sell them all!! Thank you all so much for your help with this worthwhile project. All proceeds go to our Student Council.

Christmas Concert / Drama Club

The Drama Club's presentation this year is part of our Christmas Concert. They will be performing "Survival Santa" under the direction of Ms. Sheasgreen and Ms. Bransfield.

This year, our Christmas Concert will be held on Wednesday, December 15th from 12:00-1:00 p.m. The children have been working hard to prepare for this performance. We are hoping that by running through noon hour, it might be easier for parents to arrange work schedules. We ask that you stay for the whole performance. All students will be brought out at the end of the concert to sing together. If school is cancelled due to weather on the 15th, the concert will be held from 12:00-1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 16th.

Christmas Concert DVD

We will record the entire Christmas play and will be selling DVD's for \$7.00 each. If you would like to purchase one, please fill in the form on page 4 and return it to the school with the payment.



CDs will also be on sale at the Christmas Concert for the same price. Preordering will guarantee you a copy and you will receive it during the week of the Christmas Concert.

Home & School News

Check out the link on the Gretna Green Webpage for Home & School. You can read the minutes from the general meetings and find out what the committee is planning for our school. If you are unable to attend a meeting and you would like something added to the meeting agenda, please email the committee secretary at <u>natalee.morehouse@nbed.nb.ca</u> and she will be sure it is discussed at the next meeting.

The next Home & School meeting will be held on Thursday, December 16th in the Library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Cafeteria Christmas Dinner

Mrs. MacLean will be cooking a delicious Christmas Dinner for students on Thursday, December 9th. She will be serving turkey, dressing, potatoes, vegetables and ice cream for \$5.25. A red meal ticket is being sent home with your child. If they are interesting in buying the meal, please send the ticket and payment back to the school by Tuesday, December 7th.

<u>Student Council</u>

The student council has planned two special days for the students in December. On Wednesday, December 22nd, students can wear a Santa Hat and on Thursday, December 23rd, students can dress in red and green to celebrate this festive time of year.

Dress Warmly



This is a reminder that children go out most days at noon hour. We ask that you bundle them up warmly so they enjoy the outdoors. All students should wear hats, mittens, scarves and boots. We are happy to help with "bundling", and thank you for dressing your child warmly.

Morning Drop-Off

Again, we must remind parents that Grades 3-5 students should not be dropped off at the school until 7:50 a.m. as there is no one available to supervise students until 7:50 a.m. Grade K-2 students can't be dropped off until 8:45 and teachers are not available to supervise until that time. Thank you again for your cooperation with this matter.

<u>Basketball</u>

Gr. 2/3 Boys basketball is cancelled on Thursday, December 9th.

The basketball season is off to a great start. As always, the players and coaches are having lots of fun. It is super to have the gym full every day after school. Basketball ends on December 9th because the stage will be set up the week of the 13th. We will start back up again after the break.

Back to School

REMINDER: Students return to school on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>January 11</u>, <u>2011</u>. Teachers will be at meetings on Monday, January 10/11.

<u>Important Dates</u>

- Dec. 4 Craft Sale & Holly Tea 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- Dec. 4 Transition to school meeting 10:00 a.m.
- Dec. 13 Skating (see calendar for schedule)
- Dec. 15 Christmas Concert 12:00-1:00 p.m.
- Dec. 16 Storm Date for Christmas Concert
- Dec. 16 Home & School Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 22 Santa Hat Day
- Dec. 23 Green & Red Day
- Dec. 23 Last day of school before Christmas Break
- Tuesday, Jan. 11 First day back to school for students



Christmas Concert DVD

Please return to the school with \$7.00 if interested

____ Yes, I would like to purchase a DVD of the 2010 Drama Presentation / Christmas Concert for \$7.00

Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

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"Maybe Christmas," he thought, "doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas...perhaps... means a little bit more."

The Grinch from How The Grinch Stole Christmas by Dr. Seuss









We want to take this opportunity to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas!

The staff at Gretna Green is blessed year round with the gift of your children to educate. Gretna Green students are happy, bright, and well mannered children. They are kind to each other and are very respectful of our staff. We treasure each day we have with them.

Children are what bring the magic to Christmas. We are very fortunate to be surrounded by these young children every day. They bless us by sharing the magic of the season and helping us to become children again ourselves.

May peace and happiness be your gift this Christmas.

Happy Holidays,



The Staff of Gretna Green

"The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other. ~**Burton Hillis**~