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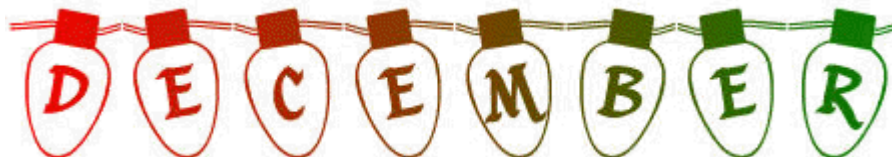
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Christmas Craft Sale & Holly Tea

We are having our fifth annual Christmas Craft Sale & Holly Tea on Saturday, December 3rd from 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. We have 55 tables 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, 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. 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. As well, we are still 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 cherry 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 "Santa's On-Line Adventure" under the direction of Mrs. Hosford and Miss. Hitchman.

This year, our Christmas Concert will be held on Tuesday, December 20th. In an attempt to alleviate the large crowds, this year we are going to have our concert at two different times on December 20th. The first show will be at 10:00 a.m. and the second show will be at 12:30 p.m. Both concerts will be identical so we are **asking parents to choose just one time to attend the concert.** Thank you for your cooperation with this. We know you will love the concert. Students have been working very hard. The storm date for the concert will be Wednesday, December 21st at 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Christmas Concert DVD

We will record the entire Christmas play and will be selling DVDs 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.



Preordering will guarantee you a copy and you will receive it during the week of the Christmas Concert.

Popcorn Wednesdays

Next week we will be sending home a memo in regards to Popcorn Wednesdays. We are going to give parents the option of paying for the remainder of the year instead of sending \$0.50 to the school each week.

Perception Surveys

Parents will receive Perception Surveys soon. **Please return all surveys to the school by December 9th.** The Department of Education would like to have the results to us by January 2012.

Outdoor Rink

We would like to thank Mr. Comeau, Mr. Ryan and all the volunteer dads and grandfathers for spending their day here on November 19th to build our new outdoor rink. Now all we need is the cold weather! If any parents are interested in helping to clean the ice during the winter, please contact Mr. Comeau at the school. The rink will be available for families for after school, evening and weekend skating. We hope you enjoy it!

Home & School News

The next Home & School meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Cafeteria Christmas Dinner

Mrs. Young will be cooking a delicious Christmas Dinner for students on Friday, December 9th. She will be serving turkey, dressing, potatoes, vegetables and a special Christmas dessert for \$5.50. A red meal ticket is being sent home with your child. If they are interested in buying the meal, please send the ticket and payment back to the school by Tuesday, December 6th.

Student Council

The Student Council has two special days planned for students this month: December 21st will be Wear Your Santa Hat/Elf Ears Day and December 22 will be Wear Your Green & Red Day.

Skating

Students in Grade 3, 4 and 5 will be going skating on December 8th and Grade K, 1 and 2 will be skating on December 12th. Times are on the calendar.

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. Also, please remember to label your child's clothing.

Basketball

The basketball season is off to a great start. As always, the players and coaches are having lots of fun. There will be no basketball the week of December 19th-23rd due to the Christmas Concert preparation. Basketball will resume on January 9th. We are still looking for a volunteer to start up our Grade 2/3 Boys Basketball program. If you are interested, please contact the school.

Back to School

REMINDER: Students return to school on Monday, January 9, 2012.

Last Day of School - December 23

December 23rd is scheduled to be an early dismissal. Busses will be leaving Gretna Green at 11:45 a.m. Parents can start arriving at 11:30 to pick up their children to avoid the busses. Students will take their morning bus for this dismissal. If you would rather pick your child up, please indicate on the form below and return to the school.

I will be picking up _____ on December 23rd.

(Student's Name and class)

Parent's Signature

Christmas Concert DVD

Please return to the school with \$7.00 if interested

___ Yes, I would like to purchase a DVD of the 2011 Drama Presentation / Christmas Concert for \$7.00

Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

“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~*