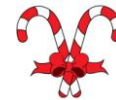




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MR. PETER HAWKEY, PRINCIPAL

DECEMBER 2011

WORK HARD..... HAVE FUN..... DO WHAT'S RIGHT

It's December, already, the Progress Reports have gone home and parent-teacher interviews are done. It has been a busy term, with the staff participating in many workshops concerning curriculum, enhancing student achievement and Six Pillars character building for students.

I would like to invite everyone to attend Meadowvale's Holiday Concert on December 19. We will be using the auditorium at St. Catharines Collegiate, again, this year. The arrival of December also marks the beginning of the holiday season. At Meadowvale School there are lots of activities to be a part of. We have the Concert, Community Cares donating, Joy Day decorating, carolling at the school, cookie dough and poinsettia sales, skating and, of course, Santa's visit.

Here's to wishing you a safe and happy holiday! We've had lovely Fall weather, so let's hope it continues. We all look forward to the gifts that Santa brings, but always remember, it is the time with our friends and family that is the best gift of all.

P. Hawkey

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

This year's Christmas Concert will be held on Monday, December 19, 2011 at St. Catharines Collegiate Secondary School on Catherine Street. There is plenty of parking and ample comfortable seating. Please bring your children directly to the school at 6:15 p.m. on the evening of the concert. The concert will begin at 6:30 p.m. It would be greatly appreciated if all students and parents remained for the entire concert. The concert is planned to last about an hour.



SKATING



Do you have questions about the skating program? The dates before Christmas are December 9, 16 and 22. All the information is listed under Programs/Activities on our website - www.dsbns.org/Schools/Meadowvale.

SIX PILLARS OF CHARACTER-TRUSTWORTHY WINNERS

Kindergarten a.m. - Abbygayle, Karys p.m.- Hannah H., Emma
 Gr. 1 - Sherridan, Sophia, Benjamin Gr. 2 - Christian, Grace, Sanna Gr. 3 - Lauren, Evan
 Gr. 4 - Dalton, Emily, Breanna, Taylor Gr. 5 Nathan Gr. 6 Megan SEBE - Jordan

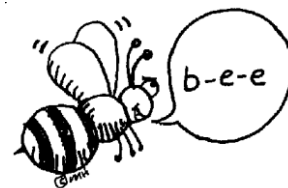
AVONDALE STORE ON SCOTT STREET

Don't forget to visit the Avondale Store on Scott Street during the holidays. The proceeds from the Nevada box at the Avondale are donated to Meadowvale School. We have been able to purchase many classroom items with these funds and truly appreciate their ongoing support of our school.

SPELLING COUNTS!

On Tuesday, November 22, Meadowvale hosted a school wide spelling bee in the Grade 3 to 6 classrooms. As the final words were spelled, two representatives were chosen to represent their grade at our school competition. The following students were the top spellers for their grade: Gr. 3-Raiden and Seth; Gr. 4-Marie and Dalton; Gr. 5-Esther and Hannah; Gr. 6-Owen and Jarett.

On Monday, November 28 our school competition was held. It wasn't until round 6 that our school champion was crowned. Owen spelled the most words correctly and Jarett was our runner up. The boys will represent Meadowvale School at the DSBN Spelling Bee on December 8. Congratulations to the boys and to all of our spellers! You did a G-R-E-A-T job! Coach: Mrs. Halfyard



WINTER DRESS

A reminder that as winter weather conditions approach, it is very important that children come to school wearing all the necessary "warm things". Please be sure that your children have hats, gloves, or mittens, a warm coat and waterproof boots as our fitness breaks will continue to be outdoors, even when it's cold and snowing. Also, all students need a pair of indoor shoes to wear for physical education and in their classrooms.

SNOWBALLS . . . Snowballs can be dangerous and so we have a "THROW NO SNOW" policy. Students throwing snowballs will receive a letter to parents and further consequences at school. Please remind your children of the dangers of throwing snowballs or playing in ditches and on snowbanks as they walk to and from school, too.



FRONT DOOR USAGE

Please remind your children that they are to enter the school through their regular doors. If you are walking your children to school, please walk them to their door and not the front doors. Unless they are late enough to require a late slip, they do not need to be entering through the front doors. Thank you for your cooperation with this school policy.

2011 MUSTANGS VOLLEYBALL

GIRLS



Congratulations to the Girl's Volleyball Team whose **First Place** regular season finish has earned them home court advantage for the upcoming playoffs!! Congratulations to Michelle, Brittany, Esther, Maddy, Jesalyn, Payton, Alissa, Emily, Caitlin, Emma G, Cassandra and Megan.

Dec. 5 - Meadowvale vs. Woodland at home. **GOOD LUCK!**

Dec. 16 - DSNB Volleyball Championships-our participation depends on the outcome of the playoff games. Results will be posted on Meadowvale's website.

Dec. 17 - Jr Volleyball Co-Ed Tournament

Coaches: Mr. Lewis and Mrs. Foote

BOYS



The Meadowvale Boy's Volleyball season was very successful this year. The regular season competition consisted of four other schools. (St. Davids, Edith Cavell, Carleton and Woodland). Our regular season record of 13 wins and 3 losses, earned us a bye in the 1st round of the playoffs. In the 2nd round, we hosted St. Davids. An overtime tie breaker was required to decide the victor in this match. Fortunately, that turned out to be Meadowvale. Our season came to a dramatic end against Gracefield. After dropping the first two games, they battled back to win the 3rd game. They also forced the 4th game into overtime but eventually succumbed by a score of 27 to 25. A big thank you goes out to all 12 boys: Kody, Rashone, Dawson, Owen, Matthew, Kolby, Isaac, Raymond, Mackenzie, Nathan D., Nathan W. & Nathan L-S.

Coaches: Mr. Fournier and Mr. Pawlik

DENTAL SCREENING

A Public Health registered dental hygienist is scheduled to visit our school on Thursday, December 8 to provide dental screening to students in grades JK, SK, 2, 4 and 6.

During this time the registered dental hygienist will perform a visual inspection of each child to determine his/her dental needs. Parents will be contacted if their child requires immediate dental care. Public Health dental programs may financially assist children who do not have access to required dental care. Please contact the Public Health dental program for any of the following:

If you do NOT wish your child to participate in the dental screening.

If your child is not in one of the targeted grades and you would like him/her to participate.

Call the Dental Health Information Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399 or email dental@niagararegion.ca.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Did you know that Canadian children/youth ages six to 19 spend an average of 8.6 hours per day, or 62 per cent of their waking hours, being sedentary?

Here are some ways to help your children meet the recommended 60 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity each day:

- Limit recreational screen time to no more than two hours per day
- Encourage children and youth to play outdoors
- Play outside with your children:
 - Go for walks, hikes, build snowmen, go tobogganing
 - Introduce your child to skates or skis so they can learn to slide
 - Play catching games using a wide range of soft objects

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For more information go to www.activehealthykids.ca or www.participation.com

Woodend

The Living Campus

There has been a lot of excitement surrounding Woodend The Living Campus over the last few weeks. We are launching our NEW Woodend website which will contain all the information that staff, students, parents and community need. Please visit www.dsb.org/Woodend and take a look.

Parent Involvement Committee NEWS

Thank you to all who have ordered gift cards through our FundScrip program! We raised \$470.60 to support our children and provide them with additional tools to succeed. The PIC plans to do another FundScrip order in the Spring of 2012.

Also, a huge thank you for supporting Community Care. Your generous donations will make times easier for those that sometimes struggle. Meadowvale parents and students have shared items and placed them under the tree however, our tree is in need of a little love too. We are looking for a donation of an artificial Christmas tree for future use. Should you be interested in donating one please e-mail us at meadowmailcouncil@gmail.com

Save the date!

Meadowvale Night at Cheeky Monkeys' Indoor Playland on Wednesday, December 14 between 4:00-7:00 p.m. 30% of the evening's sales will be donated back to our school. A great opportunity for a play date with all your friends!



On Monday, December 19 we will have the opportunity to see our children perform in the annual Christmas Concert at St. Catharines Collegiate High School at 6:30pm. The PIC team will be selling 50/50 tickets upon arrival. The PIC would like to assist our community and neighbours. All proceeds will be donated to Hospice Niagara.



Wishing you all the best this Holiday Season
Our PIC Team

Peter Hawkey, Andrew White, Amanda Hall, Mirella Colantoni, Karen Fletcher, Kerri Rogers, Krstina Dickinson, Sue Hunt, Claire Gregory, Dawn McDonnell, Lori Jaques, Wanda Bolhous, Cheryl D'Costa, Stanley Pawlik
(Not available for photo- Stephanie Whalen, Lisa Dilts & Brock Dickinson)

