

MORRIS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2008

K-6 CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Wednesday, December 17 the Morris School will be having a K-6 "Christmas Turkey Lunch" for all K-6 students beginning at 11:30 - FOR THOSE KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS WHO WILL BE ATTENDING - PARENTS PLEASE MAKE ALTERNATE PICKUP ARRANGEMENTS WITH YOUR DAYCARE FOR YOUR CHILD TO BE PICKED UP BY 12:15.

With the help of donations and many willing hands this will be the first time an event such as this for these grades is being done. A full "Turkey Meal" will be provided!!! The students who regularly have subway day on Wednesday - we will move it to Tuesday of that week. A note, closer to the date, will be going home to confirm this.

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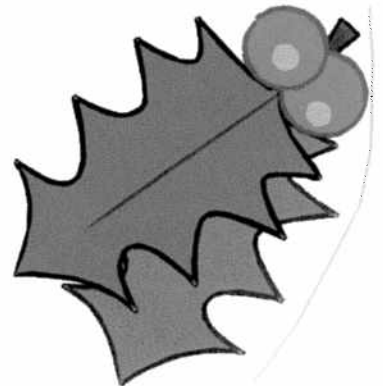
Due to the high number of students wanting to use microwaves at lunch hour and the short amount of time to do so - we are asking that you limit the number of lunches per week that require microwave use.

COMMON LUNCH HOUR

As every year at Christmas time we will be holding our staff lunch on Friday, December 19th from 11:30 - 12:30!! To accommodate this we will be having a common lunch hour from 11:30 - 12:30 for all grades.

SWIM AND GYM FUNDRAISER

This year at the K-8 Christmas Concert the Grades threes and fours will be holding a bake sale to help raise funds for the swim and gym program at the University of Manitoba in the new year.



CHRISTMAS CHEER BOARD

In conjunction with the Morris Lioness Club - Morris School will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items as well as unwrapped toys - collections will take place until Friday, December 12th - If you have a little extra something to share with the less fortunate in our community at this time that would be greatly appreciated - thank you in advance!!

NEWS FROM MRS. DEREWIANCHUK'S OFFICE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - The next MTC night is December 10th - the production is "Medea" - please be at the school by 5:00 PM!! Anyone not riding the bus must have prior permission between Mrs. Derewianchuk and parents.

The next Grad Committee meeting for ALL parents and grads in January 12th at 7:00 in the Morris School Theatre - Your attendance is requested to make this graduation a success!!

NEWS FROM THE BAND ROOM!!

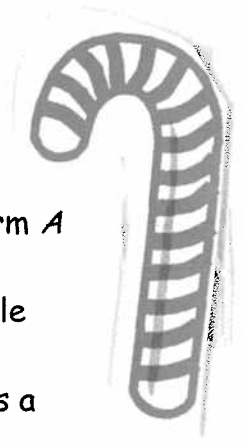
The annual fowl supper in support of the band program was once again very successful. Sincere thanks to the conveners and parents who gave many hours of their time and energy in putting into place this important fundraiser - a big thanks also goes out to all of the people who donated food or raffle items. The profits of \$3,600.00 will go to support the band students on their trips; music scholarships and purchasing instruments. Again, many, many thanks to everyone who supported this very worthy annual event.

A reminder of the Band Concert on Wednesday, December 3 at 7:00 PM.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 17th will feature our Kindergarten and Grade 1/2 choirs. The grades 3-5 students will perform *A Storybook Christmas* musical where Santa's workshop is visited by your favorite storybook characters: the Wolf, the Three Little Pigs and Little Red Riding Hood. But Wait! Little Red Riding Hood owns a health food restaurant, the Three Little Pigs are interior decorators and the Wolf is a gourmet chef? What's next?



Grade 7/8 Drama students will be performing two plays, "*The Excuse Olympics - Their Sport?*" Which student will have the most believable excuse for not completing their chore? "*Captain Commitment*" is a spoof on Superman. Captain Commitment is on the planet trying very hard to convince people to live up to their commitments.

MORRIS SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT

DECEMBER'S MOVIE NIGHT WILL BE DECEMBER 5 - "HORTON HEARS A WHO"

Show times are 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the school theatre.

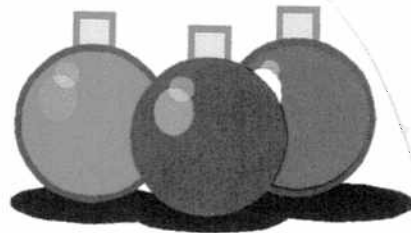
The prices for admission are as follows:

Adults - \$4.00

Students - \$3.00

Preschoolers are FREE

There will be a canteen!!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Grade 6 Leadership students, Mrs. Wedel and Ms Martens joined forces several days during the lunch hour to sort, organize and pack Christmas Shoe Boxes for children in developing countries. The students packed 28 stuffed boxes and collected over \$100.00 from staff and students. This was a fantastic learning opportunity for Grade 6 Leadership students!!

The boxes will be taken to Safeway by the end of this week! There were so many donations from staff and students - thank you so much for your generosity!

Mrs. Susan Wedel



TRACK ATTACK 2008-2009

Once again this year, Morris School will be participating in Track Attack being held at the University of Manitoba. Track Attack is an Athletics Manitoba sponsored indoor series of four track meets. Students from grades 7-9 are encouraged to participate as these track meets offer great exposure to the sport and help build athletic confidence and physical health - the fees for Track Attack are \$5/date. The dates for these meets are:

Friday, January 23rd

Wednesday, February 11th

Monday, February 23rd

If you have any questions regarding Track Attack, please contact MAGGIE SMITH at 746-2612 ext 258.

1/2 Dent's Plastic Bag Roundup

By Kayli O., Brooklynn M., Grace F. and Brianna S. - Miss Dent's class

In October our class took part in Take Pride Winnipeg's Plastic Bag Roundup. First Miss Dent read "Timmy the Tumble Bag" to our class. The story was about Timmy, a plastic bag who wanted to go home with someone so he could play outside. In the middle, an old man took Timmy home and threw him out. At the end, Timmy ended up with a boy who recycled him into a Frisbee and he got to play outside!

We put an announcement out for students to bring in all the plastic bags they could find. We collected them in our classroom. There were a lot of bags and they started to get in the way. We started to sort them by turning the bags inside out and putting them in piles of ten. Then we took our piles to Miss Dent, put them into big clear recycling bags and kept a tally of how many bags we collected. There were 2460 bags in total.

Miss Dent took the bags to BFI in Winnipeg where the people that worked there washed them and sent them to Ontario where they are currently being recycled into frisbees for our school.

To make a frisbee you need 40 bags. Each school that participated will get 50 frisbees for their school. The school that got the most bags gets a prize!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PLASTIC BAGS!

NEWS FROM THE SPORTS CORNER

The Morris Maverick Volleyball teams have had an incredible season. Our 6 volleyball teams, two grade 7/8 teams, junior varsity and varsity teams had a total of 75 athletes participating. The grade 7/8 teams wrapped up their season at the divisional tournament of November 17. While the JV boys ended a little earlier than our JV girls season - it continued with the girls winning the Zone 4 banner. They defeated Winkler, GVC in the final for the second year in a row. The girls' success continued right to the Provincial Semi final game. The girls were first in their pool at provincials and narrowly missed the provincial final with a two point loss to Dauphin in the semifinals. The girls eventually finished fourth, a fantastic result for our young team. On the Varsity front both boys and girls advanced to the Zone 4 final - the girls were defeated however the boys were victorious in winning the Zone 4 banner and advancing to the Provincials in Souris in early December. Although the girls suffered defeat in the final they came back two days later to win the Portage November Classic tournament and bid for a wildcard spot in the Provincials. Our school continues to have strong successful volleyball teams. We appreciate all the athletes for their dedication, hard work and perseverance through the fall season. Also we need to give a special thanks to the parents who so diligently supported our teams by driving, cheering on and encouraging our young athletes. Plus an extra special thank you to the coaches who spent countless hours training our young athletes.

Barb Pettapiece - grade 7/8 boys
Weldon Rinn - Staff supervisor grade 7/8
Roz Edel - grade 7/8 girls
Assistants - Elaine Siemens and Missy Kuntz
Marshall Cox - grade 9/10 boys
Fred Kelesnik - grade 9/10 girls
Derek Caldwell - grade 11/12 boys
Assistant - Barb Pettapiece
Laurie Edel - grade 11/12 girls



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!!

December 3 - Grade 6 - 12 Band Concert - 7:00 PM
December 5 - School Movie Night - "Horton Hears a Who"
December 12 - Final day of Christmas Hamper collections
December 17 - K-6 Christmas lunch
December 17 - K-8 Christmas Concert - 7:00 PM
December 19 - Common Lunch Hour - 11:30 - 12:30 PM
December 19 - Last day before Christmas Holidays
January 5 - First day back to school
January 6 - 9 - Grade 12 ELA Provincial Exam
January 12 - Grade 10 Drama Production - 7-8:00 PM
January 18 - Zone 4 Allstar hockey game - 1:00 PM - Morris Arena
January 23 - Track Attack
January 26 - 29 - Grade 9-12 Exams
January 30 - Grad Photo Day
January 30 - NO CLASSES



**HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY - SEE YOU IN
THE NEW YEAR!!!**

