



Memorial Messenger

Memorial School December Newsletter
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Memorial School Believes...

“That at Memorial School we will strive to create a community that values academic excellence, personal responsibility and respect of self, others and property.”

Anaphylaxis - Nut Allergies

Just a reminder to all parents and students, Memorial School continues to be as nut/peanut safe as possible. Please remember when packing lunches and snacks to eliminate those products that contain nuts/peanuts. Also please check labels as many products contain nut/peanut oils or may not be “nut/peanut safe”. Your co-operation will help keep our students as safe as possible.

Breakfast and Snack Program

The Memorial Breakfast Club is open to all students every day from 8:30—8:50 a.m. All students are welcome. We are also trying to “bump up” our food selection in the programs. Our snack program is also open to all students during our first and second breaks.



Christmas Concert

Our Christmas Concert is on Wednesday December 21, 2011. We encourage as many of you as possible to attend our matinee performance at 1:45 p.m. It is not nearly as crowded! We ask that grandparents and other friends or relatives attend this performance. Our evening performance begins at 7:00 p.m. with DOORS OPENING AT 6:30 p.m. Students need to be in their homeroom at 6:45 p.m. (not earlier) to get ready for their performance. There will be no supervision available before that time. Students must be picked up from their homerooms following the concert. You will be able to visit our annual Christmas basket draw/sale during both performances. Parking will be a major problem; you are urged to walk or park on a side street. Admission to the concert is an item (food, item of warmth, item of personal care) which will be donated to Community Care.



Parking Lot Reminders

1. Pull into one of the parking spots
 2. Do not stop your vehicle in the middle of the lot to drop off or pick up students.
 3. Exercise caution in the parking lot.
 4. Never leave your car running.
- Thank you to all families and friends for following the parking lot safety rules.

December Character Trait - Caring

Our character trait for the month of December is Caring. The following description of this trait is as follows:

CARING: is giving love and attention to people and things that matter to you. You can show you care about someone by saying and doing things that help them. Caring about something you are doing means giving it your very best.

Signs of Success

Congratulations! You are practicing caring when you.....

- *Treat others and yourself with care
- *Let people know that what they say is important by looking at them and listening
- *Handle things carefully
- *Be gentle and loving with anything or anyone placed in your care
- *Treat your body with respect



November Stars

ELP1

Josselin Cruz
Rachel Renette
Aiden Turnbull

ELP2

Cooper Rorison
Madelyn Cary

Grade 1

Emily Fraser
Jonna Martin

Grade 1/2

Koben Wilks
Connor Chmay-Smith

Grade 2

Max Dobrowolski
Sophie Fox
Andrew Schneider

Grade 3

Hanna Amero
Isabelle Martin
Aidan Zeglinski

Grade 4/5

Ryan Hexemer
Jacob Cronkwright
Phoenix Norris

Grade 4

Joseph Waterman
Makayla Codrington
Bryn Loewen

Grade 5/6

Alika Wilks
Ermal Tusha

Grade 6

Rachel Raaflaub
Molly Betts



Dress for the Cold Weather

Dressing for the weather is the first important consideration to ensure that students remain comfortable and protected in cold weather. Hats, hoods, scarves and mittens/gloves are particularly useful in keeping the



extremities covered. Also proper winter boots give protection from the cold as well as from slips and falls.

Encourage your child to dress appropriately. The expectation is that students will be outside unless advisories are received from the School Board indicating extreme weather conditions.

Lost and Found

A reminder to all students to check the lost and found for items of clothing. Announcements are made regularly to encourage students to claim their "lost items". Unclaimed items will be donated to a variety of charities including community care.

Memorial Shares

During the month of December, we are collecting items for Community Care. Collected items will be donated to Community Care. Donations may include new items associated with warmth such as mittens, hats, blankets, slippers, sweaters, boots, coats etc. Donations of new items of personal care such as toiletries, baby needs, bubble bath, hair care, toothpaste, combs. And donations of nonperishable food items are welcome.

Christmas Carol Singing

Please join us in the gym for singing on Thursday December 22, 2011 at 11:10 a.m. to celebrate the season.



Weather Warning



AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

There may be times during the school year where inclement weather or other situations could cause transportation cancellations or school closures.

At times when student transportation has been cancelled and schools remain open, the decision of whether or not to have children in school on that day rests with the parent or guardian.

Should you decide not to send your child to school in the event that transportation is cancelled but schools remain open, or if your child is ill or late, please ensure that you call your child's school to inform them of your child's absence.

A key resource in any emergency is the DSBN Emergency Information form that you filled out at the beginning of the school year. Please let the school know of any changes in contact information or procedures you wish to be followed throughout the school year.

Information about transportation cancellations and school closures will be available as soon as it is available through the following channels:

Websites:

www.dsbns.org

www.nstns.ca

Subscription Features:

DSBN Facebook or Twitter

NSTNS Transportation Delay or Cancellation Alerts

Phone:

Niagara Student Transportation Services 905-346-

0290 Voice Auto Attendant

Radio Stations:

CKTB (610 AM) St. Catharines

CHRE (105.7 FM) St. Catharines

CHTZ-FM (97.7 FM) St. Catharines

Television Stations:

CH – Hamilton

CityTV Breakfast Television

CTV Toronto

Cogeco Channel 10

All decisions concerning school closings are made at the Board Office, not at the school. The announcements are made on the local radio stations beginning on the 7 a.m. news. Please listen in the morning if you have weather concerns.

PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL FOR THIS INFORMATION!



Season's Greetings from the PTA

With a chill in the air and Christmas just around the corner, things are getting very busy around Memorial! Our annual Christmas concert will be held on Wednesday December 21 and with that comes our gift basket raffle. Tickets will be on sale during both the matinee and evening performances of the Christmas concert, with the draw being held directly following the evening show (You do not need to be present to win.). The tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

We have many more activities coming in the New Year! We can always use a helping hand!! Please come out and join the fun!

Happy Holidays from the PTA!!!



Holiday Greetings from Memorial!

We wish all of the Memorial families a very safe and happy holiday. We will see you back at school on Monday, January 9th, 2012. Happy Holidays!

