

Dates to Remember

December 7..... Report Cards go Home

December 12.....Early Release Day

Students Will Be Released at 1:45 p.m.

December 12.....Parent/Teacher Interviews

December 19.....MPS Christmas Concert (7:00 p.m.)

Admission to Concert

Food Items for Local Food Bank

December 23..... Last Day of Student Attendance

January 9..... Classes Resume

Lates

Over the past month, the number of students who are late for class in the morning and after lunch has been rapidly increasing. **In the month of November alone, we had a total of 229 lates.** Being late causes not only the student who was late to miss critical instructions but also is a disruption for those students who were in class on time. In an effort to minimize disruptions and maximize instruction, I would ask that you impress upon your children the importance of being on time. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Christmas Caroling



During the last week of classes, December 19 – 23, prior to the Christmas break, the whole school gathers together in the gym to sing Christmas carols. We would like to invite all those who can attend to join us get into the Christmas spirit. We would love to see you!

Usually we are accompanied by Mr. Minty on the guitar but he is unable to participate this year due to medical reasons.

If anyone would be willing to lend their musical talents to assist us during this week, we would welcome and appreciate your coming out and joining us. Please contact the school if you are willing, or know of someone who is willing, to be a part of our caroling.

Christmas Concert – December 19 (7:00 p.m.)

On Monday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m. our students are pleased to present our annual Christmas Concert. They have been frantically rehearsing in preparation for this night. We hope to see you all there to witness the dramatic and musical talents of our students.

Please note: We are requesting that you donate food items as admission to the concert. These items will be forwarded to our local food bank to be distributed for Christmas.

MPS School Council Welcomes New Member

Manitouwadge Public School is pleased to welcome Ashley Malakoff to our School Council. Ashley is a 13-year old grade 8 student. She enjoys skating, badminton and is an avid reader. When asked what she wanted to accomplish with School Council, Ashley responded, "I want to be the voice of the students." We wish Ashley success and look forward to her insights.



Moo-sic to her ears

A short while ago, MPS saw the eyes of Tess Lendt, a Senior Kindergarten student, light up as the chocolate milk she had purchased from the school's Tuck Shop emitted the sound of a cow mooing when it was opened. The excitement further intensified when Tess discovered that she was the winner of a Sony DVD system. Congratulations to Tess and we wish her many hours of listening enjoyment.



Bussing

At the Board meeting, trustees recommended the following:

That the Superior-Greenstone DSB continue to apply the student eligibility criteria for student transportation on buses based on distance and decline the request from Manitowadge Public School Council to have all JK to Grade 3 students ride the bus, and that transportation services across the SGDSB system not be expanded to include JK to Grade 3 students as this would result in a significant deficit within the transportation envelope.



That the Superior-Greenstone DSB expand its bus eligibility criteria to include home to school transport for all students who are required to walk to school via a public roadway that intersects with an active railroad crossing.

That the Superior-Greenstone DSB forward correspondence to the Township of Manitowadge requesting that its municipal pedestrian walkways be fully serviced and maintained for safe student passage to and from the schools that SGDSB students attend in Manitowadge.

Many Thanks!!!

- ▲ Many thanks to all the many families who donated books to the MPS School Library
- ▲ Thank you goes out to Karen Young, Sandy Colbourne, Lisa Alexander and Sheena Ray for the donation of skates
- ▲ A big thank you to Brian and Barb Ferguson for the donation of walkie talkies
- ▲ Thanks goes out to Jean-Pierre and Monique Fleurent for DJ'ing the Sock Hop and Dance free of charge. It was greatly appreciated by all in attendance
- ▲ Thanks goes out to Sandy Colbourne for the donation of a Guinness Book of World Records

Policy Review

At the November 28th meeting of the Board Policy Review Committee the following items were directed to be put forward for stakeholder review:

Existing Policies/Management Guidelines:

- Policy 101 - Vision Statement
- Policy 102 - Mission Statement
- Policy 103 - Goal Statement
- Policy 208 - Trustee/Student Representative Attendance at Conferences
- Policy 209 - Agendas
- Policy 508 - Administration of Medication to Students
- Policy 523 - Work Education Program Approval
- Policy 601 - Unused Textbooks
- Policy 712 - Recognition of Long Term Service
- Policy 716 - Background Checks: Volunteers, Trustees and Others, and it's associated Management Guideline 715 & 716 - Criminal Background Checks

New Policies/Management Guidelines:

- Policy 104 - Board Motto
- Policy 214 - META, and it's associated Management Guideline 214 - META

These documents may be viewed by accessing the board web site at <http://www.sgdsb.on.ca/forms/policyindex.htm> and clicking on their individual links.

COMMENTS

Comments will be received until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, January 13, 2006, and are to be e-mailed to Corinne Hooper at chooper@sgdsb.on.ca. Please include the words "Policy Review" in the subject line.

*Students and staff of Manitowadge Public School wish you
a warm and pleasant holiday season!*

