



Thank you Mrs. Mutch for the "Jog Into Spring" bulletin board! Students and staff really enjoy seeing your imagination at work.

Mark Your Calendars

- April 14 Good Friday (No Classes)
- April 17 Easter Monday (No classes)
- April 18 Pennies for Leukemia Begins
- April 19 10 a.m. - Hepatitis B Vaccination (All Grade 7 students)
- April 26 Early Dismissal (Students will be dismissed at 1:45 p.m.)
- April 28 9 a.m. - Ballet Creole Concert
- May 2 Fair Start - JK Screening
- May 1 - 5 Turn Off the Screens Challenge
- May 18 6 - 8 p.m. - Flea Market Grade 8 Fundraiser (Rec Centre)

Kids Are Authors

The Kids Are Authors team has completed and submitted their book to Scholastic Book Fairs. The contest submissions will be judged on inventiveness, story content, artwork, quality, general appeal, as well as compatibility of text and illustrations. All participating schools will be notified by June 15, 2006. We are all excited and anticipate this date.

A special thank you goes out to the following people for their extra help: Mr. Passi, Mrs. Tirschmann, Mr. Timms, Mrs. Mutch, Mrs. Meagher, Mr. Lam, and Mrs. Cain.

M.P.S Kids Are Authors Team

THANK YOU For the donation of books to the school library...

- ✓ Sarah Knapp, the Keenan family, Brandon McCarthy, & Selina Willcott

For the donation of craft items...

- ✓ Nancy Esarte

For their consistent creativity when preparing bulletin boards...

- ✓ Mrs. Mutch, Mrs. Gunby, Mrs. Zotter, Mrs. Chisholm & Mrs. Cain

All kids deserve the chance to play and benefit from sport and recreation!



Physical inactivity of children has become a national issue and a growing concern among parents, teachers, medical professionals and our government. One major barrier to physical activity is the costs associated with participating in a sport or recreational activity.

Families unable to afford the cost of an organized sport or recreational activity should look into programs like Canadian Tire JumpStart that provides financial support to help cover registration fees, transportation and equipment. For more information, call 1-877-616-6600 or email canadiantirejumpstart@cantire.com.



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JK Update

The trustees have decided to continue to study whether or not the Board will implement full-time JK and a decision may be reached for the 2007/2008 school year.

We are encouraging parents with children ready to enter JK in September 2006 to register soon as we are preparing to schedule our appointments for the Fair Start prescreening session scheduled for **May 2nd, 2006**. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 826-4011.

New Staff Member

Mrs. Judy Cain has recently joined our staff as an Educational Assistant. We welcome her and wish her success in her employment.

Student Activities

Curling

Our intramural program concluded the week of March 27th and 17 of our Grade 7 & 8 students traveled to Terrace Bay to participate in a bonspiel. Teams from Marathon, Schreiber, and Terrace Bay participated as well. This was an enjoyable and rewarding way for our students to end their curling season.



After School Numeracy Program

A group of our Grade 7/8 students are involved in the After School Numeracy Program designed to enhance student performance in High School.

Basketball

Basketball intramurals concluded just prior to March Break. Should no tournament be offered in Marathon then we will be organizing one here for our students.



Student Absenteeism

If your child is away from school and requires homework, please contact the office. Do not interrupt classes.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Staff PD

A great deal of work has been carried out by staff over the past little while in order to enhance the delivery of our Literacy and Numeracy programs. Teachers have been involved in a number of workshops, held here at the school, geared towards improving student achievement. The following professional development workshops have occurred recently.

- ✓ **Oral Communications PD** – focusing on the importance of oral communication in learning
- ✓ **Early Development** – identifying the needs of our Senior Kindergarten students
- ✓ **Junior Math Workshop** – use of manipulatives in the Math program
- ✓ **Primary Geometry Workshop** – use of manipulatives in the Math program
- ✓ **Junior Division Literacy Workshop** – different approaches to delivery of a literacy program
- ✓ **Grade 5 Shared Reading** – an introduction to Shared Reading in the Junior Division
- ✓ **Choking Presentation** – offered to lunch supervisors – how to deal with an individual who is choking