



OPEN HOUSE

On Monday, October 30th from 6 – 7 p.m., we will be hosting our Open House. This is a perfect opportunity for you to come out and see what the students have been diligently working at.

During Open House the MPS School Council will be serving up coffee, juice and treats in the gym. Be sure to drop by and enjoy! As well, they will be conducting draws throughout the evening.

The library will be hosting a book fair. Be sure to pop by and check out what is available. There will a great deal to take advantage of so hopefully we see everyone out that night.

2006-2007 STAFFING

Following is a the staffing we have in place at the present time for the current school year:

Dave Passi..... Principal
Christine Turnbull..... Principal Designate

TEACHING STAFF

Pauline Meagher..... JK/SK
Mary McLeod Grade 1/2
Brenda Cordeiro Grade 2/3
Othello Jones..... Grade 4/5
Karen Passi/Diana Goodmurphy Grade 5/6
Belinda Schleier..... Grade 7
Christine Turnbull..... Grade 8
Candice Calhoun French
Barb Ferguson Special Education
Alice Gould Literacy(p.m.) / Grade 1 (a.m.)

SUPPORT STAFF

Melita Boyd Secretary
Sandra Woodrow Library Technician
Kim Chisholm..... Educational Assistant
Louise Gunby..... Educational Assistant
Kathy O'Neill..... Educational Assistant
Tammy Rathwell Educational Assistant
Karrie Zotter..... Head Custodian
Daniel Lam..... Computer Technician
Dan Faubert..... Maintenance Foreman

TUCK SHOP

As of this newsletter date, we have not had an individual step forward to assume the duties of organizing and operating the Tuck Shop for our students at lunch.



Should any volunteer be willing to assist the school in this worthwhile endeavour, please contact me at the school.

2006 – 2007 BELL SCHEDULE

8:10..... Yard Duty
8:25..... Student Entrance
8:30..... Classes Commence
9:50 – 10:05..... Recess
11:00..... JK Dismissal/SK Lunch
11:25..... Lunch (Grade 1 – 8)
11:40..... SK (p.m. start)
12:05..... Yard Duty
12:20..... Students Enter
12:25..... Classes Resume
13:50 – 14:05..... Recess (Grades 1 – 6)
14:10..... SK Dismissal
14:45..... Grade 7 & 8 Dismissal
15:00..... Grades 1 to 6 Dismissal

DATES TO REMEMBER

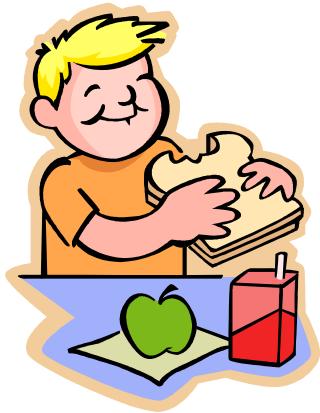
October 18 (a.m.) Picture Retakes
October 20 Soc Hop 4 – 6 p.m. (MPS Gym)
October 20 Dance 7 – 10 p.m. (MPS Gym)
October 27 PD Day (**No Student Attendance**)
October 30 Open House 6 – 7 p.m.
November 06 .. Sch. Council Mtg. – 6:30 p.m. (Library)
November 21 Gr. 7/8 Parent Mtg. 6:30 pm

MPS WELCOMES NEW STAFF

We are pleased to welcome back Kathy O'Neill to our school as an Educational Assistant.

MPS FOOD DRIVE

From Thursday, October 12th until Tuesday, October 31st we will be holding a food drive to support our local food bank. As in the past, our school has committed to providing pasta and spaghetti sauce to the food bank. Announcements will remind the students of the food drive throughout the coming weeks and there will be an opportunity to donate food stuffs at the Open House. I thank you in advance for your generosity in supporting those less fortunate than us.



LUNCH ROOMS

Supervised lunch rooms for our students will commence Tuesday, September 5th. Please be reminded that students who are bringing lunches which require heating, keep the heating time to three minutes or less in order that all students have ample opportunity to eat their lunches.

Note: Lunchroom privileges may be suspended for inappropriate behaviour.

MPS SCHOOL COUNCIL

The 2006 – 2007 MPS School Council has been established. I'm pleased to welcome the following parents to the school council:

Chairperson
Treasurer
Secretary
Staff Rep.
Parent Reps.

Kelly Sagle
Tammy Turner
Marcia Newton
Belinda Schleier
Trena Roberts
Penny Morrell
Helena Ryan
Gina Patterson
Tammy Rathwell

If anyone is interested in becoming a member of our School Council, please feel free to contact me and we'll arrange for you to attend one of our monthly meetings. Child care is provided for parents with younger children during our meetings. We look forward to seeing you.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE FLU

A community presentation by the Thunder Bay District Health Unit will be held on Monday, October 30th from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building in the Council chambers.

BEAT THE BUG!

There will be a free community flu clinic on Wednesday, November 22nd from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Manitouwadge High School.

Thank you! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!



The Albrecht Family for the donation of books.
Johnathon Fleurent for donating the Chronicle Journal to the library and our grade 8 classroom.

Elaine Vaillancourt for the donation of skates.

Marla Piche for the donation of skates.

The Lidster family for the donation of a catcher's mask.



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Thunder Bay District Health Unit

Happy Halloween

Have a Safe and Happy Halloween

Halloween is fun night for both children and adults. By following a few safety tips you can ensure the night is enjoyed by all.

- Use non-toxic face paints rather than a mask that might obstruct your child's vision
- Avoid costumes with baggy or flowing material that might catch fire when passing lit jack-o-lanterns or cause your child to trip fall
- Add reflective tape to costumes and have children carry glow-sticks or flashlights so they can be seen
- Supervise younger children and have older children travel in groups. Know the route they are taking and when to expect them back
- Feed children a nutritious meal before trick or treating. This will prevent them from eating treats before being inspected.
- To reduce the risk of falls, make sure that your driveway, porch and yard are brightly lit and clear of any tripping hazards



If out driving on Halloween night, drive slowly and be prepared to stop suddenly in any areas where children may be trick-or-treating. Be prepared for children who may be behind you as you back out of the driveway, or who might dart across the street between parked cars.

(SmartRisk, 2004).

For more Halloween safety tips, call Marita at 825-5962 or toll free at 1-888-294-6630.



Dental Health Tips for Halloween

- Sweet, sticky "Halloween Treats" are less harmful to teeth if you brush with a fluoride toothpaste right after eating them.
- Try to have your treats only once throughout the day to limit the amount of sugars in your mouth.

Can't brush after eating treats? Then try:

- Chewing sugar-free gum afterwards.
- Eating a piece of cheese after the treat.
- Rinsing your mouth with water.



BRUSH AND FLOSS YOUR TEETH DAILY TO HELP PREVENT CAVITIES

