

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our students and staff are getting into the excitement of Christmas around the school. They are working on an exciting Christmas concert for everyone! The title of our concert this year is "The Magic of Christmas " and will be taking place in the gym on **December 16th at 7:00 P.M.** We are looking forward to the fact that our concert this year will have the whole school involved in one play; as well we will be having a student choir performing throughout the evening. As in years past, the admission is a donation of non-perishable food items for our local drive.

We are looking forward to having our gym filled to capacity because our students are working very hard to make your evening an enjoyable one!! See you all at the concert!

TUCK SHOP

We are still looking for a volunteer or group to take on this rewarding venture for our students. This is a very useful part of our students' daily routine and can also be very helpful to parents when it comes to lunch packing time.



If you are able to assist in this matter, please contact the school.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 28 Report Cards
go home with students

Dec. 01 Parent Council Mtg.
6:30 P.M. – Sch. Library

Dec. 04 TB Symphony Orchestra
at the high school (time TBA)

Dec. 15 – 19..... Morning Carolling 8:30–9:00

Dec. 16 Christmas Concert
(7:00 P.M. in the gym)

Dec. 17 Parent Council
is planning a turkey lunch for students and staff
(more information will follow)

Dec. 22 – Jan 02 Christmas Break

2008 – 2009 BELL SCHEDULE

8:10..... Yard Duty

8:25..... Student Entrance

8:30..... Classes Commence

9:50 – 10:05..... Recess

11:25..... JK Dismissal & Lunch (SK – 8)

12:05..... Yard Duty

12:20..... Students Enter

12:25..... Classes Resume

1:35 – 1:50..... Recess

2:45..... Grade 7 & 8 Dismissal

3:00..... Grades SK to 6 Dismissal

BEWARE OF THIN ICE!

With the cold weather fast approaching, be sure to remind your child to stay away from ponds, streams, lakes and rivers. It may look like ice has formed but it will be well into December or early January before these bodies of water are frozen and safe enough to be walked on.

THINKING OF GETTING A PET FOR YOUR FAMILY? IF SO, HERE ARE SOME TIPS:

- Consider your family's lifestyle and the amount of space you have in your home.
- Keep in mind how much time each family member has to spend with a pet.
- Make a chore list so each person helps care for the animal.
- Teach your child to respect pets by not yelling, teasing or hurting them.
- Teach your child to respect a pet's need for quiet time.

SNOW! SNOW! SNOW!

If there's anything kids love, it's snow! It's a lovely sight to see them rolling and enjoying the white stuff! But unfortunately, especially this time of year that white stuff is also wet stuff. Students are getting wet and sometimes require a change of clothing (especially bottom clothing). Please put extra bottom clothing and mittens in your child's packsack for such an emergency. Also make sure your child has a toque and warm clothing for outside play now that the cold weather is upon us.

Partial excerpt from: EFAP Program Newsletter:

Essential to successful living is a sense of self-esteem. In the beginning at least, children get their sense of self esteem from their parents. Later in life it may be strengthened by teachers, peers and friends, but only if we first plant the seed. Following are some suggestions for good daily habits that encourage a high sense of self esteem in your child:

- Ask your child permission before borrowing their things as they must before borrowing yours.
- Don't interrupt your child when he or she is speaking – even if a story threatens to go on forever, it won't!
 - Don't reserve "please", "thank you" and "sorry" only for adults.
 - Pick your battles – children may show a variety of attitudes and behaviours that are confusing and overwhelming to parents. You may want to save your energy for the more serious issues – not all of the issues are as earth shattering as you think.

Best Start - Helping Children Grow

Best Start is a provincial initiative that will provide children and families with access to a broad array of services. Best Start Hubs and Satellites offer children and families opportunities such as parent/child programs, early literacy programs, resource lending libraries, parenting support, Preschool Programs, parenting workshops, Fair Start Screenings, information on other services, easy referral and much more.

Open Houses to launch this Provincial initiative will be held throughout the District and the City of Thunder Bay on Wednesday, November 26th. Our local Ontario Early Years Centre will now be known as Best Start Manitowadge Hub which is located at 51 Oshweken Road. Everyone is invited to drop into their Open House between 1-3pm on Wednesday, November 26th. They are very excited about their newly renovated playroom and programs available to the families in our community. Refreshments will be available.



Thank you – Thank you – Thank you

Mr. Minty for singing and playing for our Remembrance Day ceremony!

The Woodrow and Gionet families for donating skates to the school!

The Young family for donating construction paper and library books to the school!

Mrs. Tremblay, MacGregor family, Miss Stephens for donating books and magazines to

