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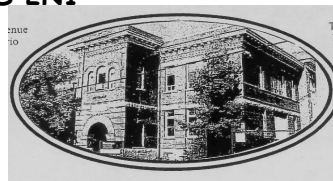
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Principal's Message

I would like to extend best wishes for the new year to all the families in the Mutchmor Community. The staff and students appear to have picked up right where we left off in December and our second term is now in full swing.

The skating rink schedule between Corpus Christi School and Mutchmor has been finalized and the rink will be open for skating during scheduled gym classes beginning on Monday, January 11th. Teachers and students will have the opportunity to use the rink for outdoor physical education classes on our designated days and students will be able to skate during both recesses (25 minutes each break), except at times when Learn To Play activities are scheduled., as long as the rink is in good repair. I remind parents and students that in order to skate at recess, students are responsible for putting on their own skates and for wearing a safety helmet. The teacher on duty in the field will alert the students 5 minutes before the end of recess so students can remove their skates in a timely manner. Please note that students cannot be left unsupervised in the field at the end of recess while they remove their skates and supervision is not available once the bell rings. Students who are unable to follow the rules or who are chronically late for class following skating at recesses will have this privilege removed.

Effective the beginning of January, the play structures, in both the primary yard and in the field, have been closed for the winter months. Signs to this effect have been posted on both play structures. As soon as it is deemed safe, in the early spring, the signs will be removed and the play structures will once again be available for student play.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back Mrs. Birenbaum and to thank Ms. Galvin for her work with the grade one students in the fall. I wish both of them success. We look forward to welcoming Ms. Garvin back as an Occasional Teacher throughout the remainder of the school year.

There are some important dates to note for upcoming events such as Kindergarten Registration and Elementary Student Transfer requests and the Parent Information Night at Glashan P. S. for grade 6 students and their parents in preparation for gr. 7. We will continue to keep you informed of these dates and events through school newsletters and notes home and through morning announcements for students and staff.

Sherri Bonneville

Dates to

Remember

Jan 25 - School Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m. in the Library

Jan 26 - MFI Parent Info Night at Hopewell - 6:30 pm

Jan 28 - Kindergarten Information Session for new students - 7 to 8 pm in Room 15

Feb 3 - Parent Information Night at Glashan - 6:30 pm

Feb 1-Feb 5 Kindergarten Registration Period

Feb 16-26 Elementary Student Transfer Application Period

Feb 22-Feb 26 - MIF and LFI Registration Period

Feb 12 - Board wide Professional Development Day - NO CLASSES

Transportation Cancellation

On mornings when the weather is bad and the buses may not be running due to poor road conditions, please listen to the radio or television. Announcements are made on:

RADIO

CFRA News, Majic 100, Bob-FM, and the Team

Tel: 613-738-7397 or 613-738-4752

CBC Radio

Tel: 613-288-6475 News Desk or 613-288-6493 - Studio 12 morning show

CHRI-FM

Tel: 613-247-1440 (Use ext. 12 to leave a message for Brock Tozer the morning DJ if calling before 8 a.m.)

Jewel 98.5

Tel: 613-789-0985

Oldies 1310/KISS105, CHEZ 106, Jack 96.9, Y101

Tel: 613-736-2020

TELEVISION

CTV - Ottawa (formerly CJOH)

Tel: 613-274-4337

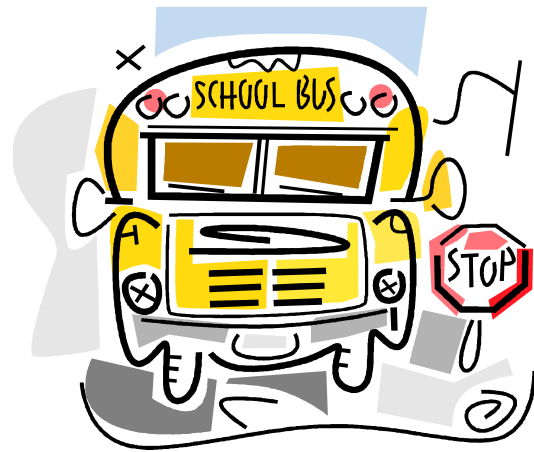
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613-789-0606 ext. 2222

When the buses are not running and the schools remain open, teachers and staff will be in attendance. If parents choose to drive their children to school, it is important to remember they must also pick them up at the end of the day or earlier if weather conditions worsen.

When there are no buses in the morning, there are no buses for the rest of the day.

When the school is officially closed due to weather or other emergencies, students and staff will not attend.



Emergency Evacuation

In the event of a prolonged evacuation of the school building, Mutchmor's evacuation site is Corpus Christi Catholic School across the street on Fourth Avenue.

We would hope that sufficient time would be provided for the school to notify the parents, via the school's Emergency Phone tree, prior to an evacuation. However, that may not be possible. In any event, parents will be notified following an evacuation about where and when to pick up their child(ren). Once again, accurate and up-to-date contact information is crucial in such an event.

Attendance

If your child is going to be absent please call the attendance line at 613-239-0535.

Students arriving after the 9:15 AM announcements must report to the office for a late slip before making their way to class.

Safety Precaution

It is important for students to remember to cross streets at a designated crosswalk and preferably one where a crossing guard is present.

Please remember the crossing guard is there to ensure your safety and you should listen to and follow their directions.

Please review these safety precautions with your children.

Dressing for the Weather

A reminder to parents to send your children to school appropriately dressed for the weather - coat, snow pants, hat, mittens or gloves and boots. Students will be sent outside for recess on a daily basis unless there is severe weather. Please ensure their time outside is pleasant and enjoyable by providing them with warm clothing.

JK/SK Information Night

Will your child be starting Junior or Senior Kindergarten this fall? Are you aware of parents in the community who have children of kindergarten age interested in learning more about our Kindergarten programs? On Thursday, January 28th, we will be hosting a Kindergarten information night from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This will be an opportunity to meet the teacher and principal, see and hear what Kindergarten at Mutchmor is all about, and meet other parents in the community. We invite everyone to meet initially in the small gymnasium at 7:00 p.m.

Information Night at Glashan P.S.

Grade 6 students and their parents are invited to visit Glashan P. S. the evening of February 3, 2010 for an information night regarding programs at Glashan for any prospective students for next year.

The evening will commence at 6:30 PM in the Library.

Information Night at Hopewell

Parents of students currently in grade 3 who are considering MFI for their child for grade 4 are invited to an Information Night at Hopewell P. S. on Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at 6:30 pm.

First Mutchmor Robotics and Engineering Challenge

The first ever Mutchmor Robotics and Engineering Challenge is coming very soon. On Sunday, Feb. 7, 20 teams from area schools will be competing in a tournament at Glebe Community Centre. Our own school will be entering 4 teams and they are already preparing to build their robots and program them for the 2 exciting challenges. Thank you to Mr. Ian Dudley for all of his guidance and his work in preparing the challenges and many other details for the tournament. If parents are interested in helping with this tournament, please contact Kim Hodges here at the school.

Mutchmor Cooks More is a Huge Success!

A big thank you to everyone who bought a copy of our first Mutchmor cookbook. The first printing is almost sold out and we are in the process of adding up our profits. If you would still like a copy, please send in your \$20 to the office and we will send a copy home with your child. Thank you to all of the students and staff for collecting and writing out their delicious recipes. A special thank you to Mme. Chloe for heading up this project and doing hours of work to format the book.

Junior Girls' and Boys' Volleyball

The girls' and boys' volleyball teams have been selected and are practicing hard for their upcoming tournaments.

The girls participated in an invitational tournament on December 9th and will participate in another on January 11th.

The board tournament is February 24th.

The boys have an invitational tournament on January 19th and the board tournament on February 25th.