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SCHOOL NEWS BULLETIN: THURSDAY, JAN. 29TH / 04

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE:

- ✓ Next Newsletter will be sent home **Thursday February 5th**
- ✓ **Grade 7 & 8 Mid-term exam** schedule: Monday February 9th - ELA ; Tuesday Feb. 10th - Math ; and Thursday Feb. 12th - Science. Parents are asked to note that these exams will occur between 8:40 - 10:15 a.m. on the noted days and regular classroom instruction will occur thereafter.
- ✓ No School for students on **Friday Feb. 20th**.

THE 'FLU' SEASON

This is the time of year when many individuals pick up the viruses that result in poor health. To help guard against this the Middle School will be teaching and impressing on students the following important precautions:

- ☺ Wash hands frequently. Washrooms will be cleaned and re-supplied with hand soap and towels frequently.
- ☺ Impress upon students not to share food items or drinking containers.
- ☺ When coughing or sneezing, be sure to use your elbow and not your hand to catch any spray. Avoid sneezing around other people if at all possible.
- ☺ When not feeling well, it is perhaps better to rest and recover at home. This would treat your symptoms and spare others of picking up the flu bug.

INSIDE / OUTSIDE FOOTWEAR

We have asked all students and staff to promptly change their footwear whenever they enter the building and avoid the classroom area until the change has been made. Our main goal is to keep the floors dry and as safe as possible. Students spend up to 5 hours a day in their classrooms and we must make every attempt possible to keep it clean. Thank-you for your attention to this matter. We will be making a very strong effort to ensure rooms remain squeaky clean throughout the winter months.

NO COATS TO BE WORN IN CLASS

Several students asked the reason for not being permitted to wear their coats in class prior to the Christmas break. The answer was provided as follows:
The body maintains its normal temperature of "37⁰ C or 98.6⁰ F " which ought to be comfortable inside a heated building such as your middle school. When outside insulated coats are worn, it traps the body temperature in, thus increasing the bodies temperature. A lethargic feeling often results (NOT GOOD) and possibly thin layers of perspiration build up, leading to discomfort and also loss of water from the body. The perspiration will lead to an odour possibly making it more uncomfortable for you and others around you. What do you do when it is a cold day? **Bring along an inside sweater or sweatshirt** which is not insulated and allows the body to breathe! For your health, the welfare of others around you, and with proper hygiene in mind, no coats are to be worn in class.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST SERVED TO STUDENTS

On December the 19th , just before the Christmas recess, the students were treated to a wonderful pancake breakfast. The staff and students would like to **THANK** the following special parents who made this possible. Much appreciation to : Trudy Davis, Christine Bugden, Shawn Best, Debbie Paddock, Pat Senior, Michelle Jacobs, Catherine Power, Carmel Smith, Ruth Goobie, Leanne Ennis, Brian Ennis, & Dawn Mercer.

NEXT BULLETIN : SCHOOL CLOSING PROCEDURES AND TIMELY

COMMUNICATION

RECENT STUDENT “WAY TO GO’S”

The following items were published in the daily morning bulletin. The intention is to celebrate the many, many wonderful actions and deeds that occur in our school.

- **Way To Go.** Melissa O’Keefe and Chantal Rochon who took several chairs from the gymnasium to the games room would like to send a ‘way to go’ to those who helped them along the way: **Ms. Warren, Stacey King (6A), and Megan Soper (Grade 4).**
- **Way To Go:** to **Jamie Sweetland (6A)** who turned in a large amount of money she discovered yesterday to the office. Owner found! Great middle school behaviour!
- **Way To Go:** to **Phillip Barrett (8O)** who turned in a sum of money he found yesterday and brought it to the office for the owner to be found! Great middle school behaviour Phillip! **Super.**
- **Way To Go:** to Matthew Goodman and Jared Hading who assisted in the kitchen on Monday with the clean-up from the hot meal. True middle school behaviour.
- **A Way To Go to students of 6Budgell** who, during Thursday ELA class, had just read a story about archaeologists. The ensuing group work or task, which Mr. Pardy walked in on, was to summarize in a heading (title), using as few as words as possible. Math development as well as group dynamics was also prevalent when students were charged 20 cents for every word used. Fewer words cost less money. Great work by a dedicated group of students who were very much on task!
- **BAND students:** a big ‘Way to Go’ to all those students who are taking their instruments home to practise. Yesterday at 2:45 p.m. it was quite clear that the majority of our band students are bringing their instruments home
- **Way To Go :** To **Reggie Samson (7Mills)** who took the time to create a staple bracelet that he presented to Ms. Fitzpatrick, a visitor to our middle school. She was very impressed by the gesture and by the kindness displayed by Reggie. A great middle school ambassador! Way to go Reggie.
- **Way To Go :** to the **Clarenceville Minor Hockey Atom team** that took the GOLD medal this past weekend in Grand-Falls Winsor. A 3 to 2 victory over GANDER in the championship sealed the win. Congratulations to those middle school players who participated: **Andrea Roberts (Captain), Jeffery Seaward, Nathan Vey, Jordan Goobie, Ryan Filler, Mitchell Adams and Jared Harding.**
- **Way To Go:** To the students of **6Avery** and **6Davis** who have contributed the wonderful writings posted in the atrium. The amount of French written and the smooth flow of the vocabulary is **tres impressive!**
- **BRANDON wins at Chess! Brandon Smith** challenged Mr. Pardy to a chess game and came up on top. Brandon did great damage with his queen, but when he earned the right to get a second queen, Mr. Pardy was finished. ‘Way To Go’ Brandon. When Mr. Pardy practices, I hope you will grant a re-match.

KUDOS TO HOT MEAL VOLUNTEERS

The staff is delighted and the students benefit greatly from the participation of the following parents in our Hot Meal Program:

Monday: Soup and Sandwiches (Note : Monday, Feb. 2nd Spaghetti with home made meat sauce will be available for an experimental time). Thank-you to Vanessa Austin (Zachery’s mom) ; Jodine Harding (Jared’s mom); and Adrienne Goodman (Matthew’s mom). If any parents can assist on occasion here, please inform Mr. Pardy or Ms. Winsor.

Wednesday : Kraft Dinner, roll, fruit snack and milk is still going well with the students. Thank-you to Ron Goobie (Stephen’s dad); Doreen Oldford (Rochelle’s mom); Debbie Parsons (Mitchell and Chris’s ,mom).

Friday: Brian (Chef) and Leanne Ennis (Josh’s mom and dad) and Trudy Davis (Allie’s mom) whip up the chicken nuggets and fries as a treat for students at week’s end. They love it!

BAR FUND-RAISER COMPLETED

Thank-you to all those students and parents who assisted and tolerated, in some cases, this necessary venture. **A special note of thanks to Ms. Doreen Seaward (Jeffery’s mom), Mr. Lorne Squires (Luke and Julia’s dad) and Mr. Donnie Power (Victoria’s dad)** who took several extra boxes to their place of work. We still currently have **3-4 boxes remaining** if there is another workplace that frequently indulge in chocolate.

***NEXT BULLETIN : EXCERPT FROM A TEXT THAT HIGHLIGHTS THE
IMPORTANCE OF READING***