

Roncalli Elementary School

Parent Newsletter

January 28, 2010



Fundraiser for Haiti

As you know, last week we had a recycling blitz and accepted monetary donations for disaster relief for Haiti. In total our school community raised **\$2270.45**. WOW!!!! Thanks to everyone for making this such a success. The funds were presented to the Canadian Red Cross this afternoon at an assembly.



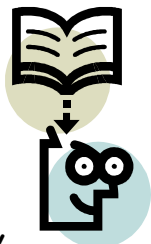
PD Day

There will be a Professional Development Session for teachers on Monday, February 22nd. Consequently, there will be no classes for students this day.



Character Trait Development

As part of our Safe and Caring Schools goal of our School Development Plan, we have begun a Character Trait Development Program. Every 2 cycles we will highlight a different character trait and students will discuss and work on some activities focusing on that trait. The activities line up with various curriculum outcomes. The first trait highlighted is **RESPECT**. We would like to thank our Safe and Caring Schools Committee.



Literacy Day

Yesterday, we held a Literacy Day. The students participated in a variety of activities that were both educational and fun while highlighting different types/strands of literacy. Thanks to our Literacy Committee for organizing this.



Outside Days

We will be making an attempt to go outside during lunchtime when the weather is appropriate. Please ensure your child wears/brings appropriate attire for outside days. It can be cold!!!!!!!



School Website

Please note, that our website is up and running. We will be attempting to keep it updated regularly. Quite a bit of information has been added. Newsletters will be posted and then archived. As well, current school events will be posted. Check it out at www.res.k12.nf.ca Thanks to Mr. Walter for all his efforts and work with our website.



Allergies

Please note that we do have students in our school with serious **life threatening allergies to all nuts, fish and kiwi**, so we ask that parents refrain from sending in food items which contain these products.



Recycling

Each Friday is a recycling drop off day at our school. **Each student participating in this program will be eligible to win prizes.**

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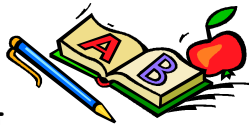


Parking

As noted, our doors open at 8:25 am and dismissal is at 2:45pm. The parking lot is often congested and can be quite dangerous with so much traffic and excited students.

As the snow comes, the lot becomes smaller and we need everyone to be extra cautious to ensure the safety of all.

Please drive slowly!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



KinderStart

Kinderstart sessions have started. At this time, if you have not registered your child for KinderStart (Kindergarten for September '10) we would encourage you to do so ASAP. Also, if you know of a friend or relative who do not have children currently in our school and who have not registered their child, could you please remind them to do so. This will ensure that they do not miss any further sessions.



School Closures

In the event of closures for weather, an announcement will be put on local radio stations by District Office. They are usually on by 6:30am. We are part of the Metro Region.

Also, you can check the Eastern School District's website at www.esdnl.ca, go to Status Central and then click on Complete Status Report and scroll to Metro Region and look for our school. This will be updated for closures as early as possible.



Recesses and Lunches

We have noticed an increase in the number of students forgetting their recess/lunches/ lunch money recently. Please encourage your child(ren) to double check before they leave for school. This would help minimize the inconvenience to parents having to leave work or home to bring lunches to school.



Family Math Problem

As part of our School Development Goal focusing on Math, the Math Committee has decided to send home a Math problem for both Primary and Elementary students through the newsletter. Families are asked to discuss these problems and send in a solution. Answers will be due on Monday. A random draw for a prize will take place from the correct answers for both Primary and Elementary students. Thanks to our Math Committee for organizing this. Have fun!!!!!!

Primary

Sydney bought a card for \$1.29 for her mailman. The clerk gave her two dimes and one penny in change. How much money did she give the clerk?

Elementary

Coconut sells for \$4 for 12 ounces. John only wants 7 ounces, though. The only scale in the store weighs in grams. How many grams of coconut should John buy?



Thought for the day...

"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome."

.....Anne Bradstreet

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