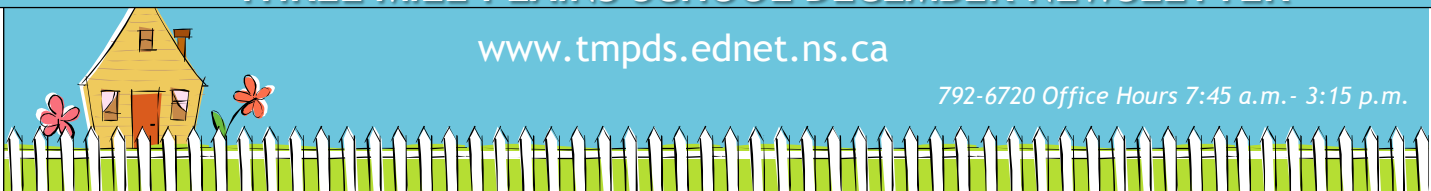


THREE MILE PLAINS SCHOOL DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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792-6720 Office Hours 7:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.



Dear Parents/Guardians and Students!

DECEMBER DATES!

Dec. 4th– Concert tickets sent home. (2 per concert per family)

Dec. 6th – Author Pam Hickman visits T.M.P

Dec 13th – Deadline to return tickets and money for visa gift card & Hand Made Quilt

Dec 14th – TMP Christmas Concert 9 am & 1 pm TMP School (Dec. 18th Concert Storm Date)

Dec 15th – TMP Student Christmas shopping party. (Dec. 19th storm date)

Dec 18th – Draw Date for the Visa Gift Card & Hand Made Quilt

Dec 19th – TMP Christmas Turkey brunch (Dec. 20th storm date)

Dec 21st – Last day of school before Christmas break.. 11:15 am dismissal.

Jan. 3rd – 1st day back to school.



It's hard to believe that we are already into the month of December! We are very busy planning for many special events during this month.

2017 Christmas Concert! The students and staff have been putting a lot of time and energy into preparing for our annual concert. We will be holding our Christmas Concert at Three Mile Plains District School. **We will have two concerts this year, the first concert will be at 9:00 a.m. on December 14th and the second concert will be at 1:00 pm in the afternoon on December 14th.** (Dec. 18th storm date) In order to comply with Fire Safety regulations, we **will be issuing 2 tickets per concert per family for both the morning and afternoon concerts (Tickets are being sent home today).** If you require extra tickets, contact the school to be put on a wait list for tickets. You **MUST HAVE** a ticket in order to attend the concert, this includes small children who do not attend TMP. **We will have a free will offering at the door. All proceeds to support our music program.**

Bus Notes: Please remember to send a written note if your child is getting off at a different stop or is being picked up. We require the note as well as the bus driver so that we are sure where students are going at all times. Thank You!

Student Christmas Shopping Party Dec. 15th:

We are now accepting and need gently used items that students can purchase for family members. Any items that you may have can be sent to the office anytime. (candles, mugs, DVD's, CD's, knick knacks, etc...) We especially need gifts for dads! Most items are sold for .50 to a couple dollars. We suggest that \$5.00 is enough money for students to purchase items for their immediate family members. We are also accepting donations of wrapping paper and scotch tape. Thank you for supporting this very important activity! All money received will go to support our breakfast program!

Our annual Christmas Turkey Dinner for students will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 19th (storm date Dec. 20th) at the Three Mile Plains Community Hall. Students will be walking to the community hall at approximately 11:00 am weather permitting. This year we will have a turkey dinner with all the fixings and we will be cooking frozen Turkey breasts at school. This meal is provided to all students free of charge and our regular lunch items will not be available on this day. The deadline for donations is Monday, Dec. 18th. (see attached sheet for more information) Volunteers who wish to come and help serve may do so... just arrive around 10:00 a.m. at the Community Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 19th bringing your Christmas Spirit in tow! A special THANK YOU to our Parent Support Group for purchasing the turkey breasts.

Hats and Mitts: We want to remind everyone that it is always windy and can be very cold on top of the hill at this time of year. All students are encouraged to have a hat and gloves to wear outside. Students are also required to wear snow pants in order to play in the snow in order to stay warm and dry for when they come back into the school. We are accepting any gently used winter jackets, snow pants and mitts for students to use. These can be sent into the office any time. Thanks!

New Primary Students: If you have a child or know of a child who will be starting school next year (September, 2018), please contact the school office. 902-792-6720 Primary Registration will take place on February 28th, 2018 with March 1st as the storm date.

Christmas Party - Family Literacy Fun - Have fun learning about Christmas with games, stories, crafts, and activities for the whole family. Gifts for the children too! A fun and free experience for families with elementary school-aged children. Snacks provided. Children must be accompanied by parents/guardians. Saturday, December 16th. 10:30 am to 12:30 pm or 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Hants Learning Network, 90 Sanford Drive, Windsor. **Space is limited: Register by December 13th**. To Register, call Jennifer at 902-798-8182 or email jenny.m@bellaliant.net

School Bus Safety: Please remind your children that they are to stand at least 3 giant steps (about 3 metres) from the road while waiting for the bus. This is particularly important during inclement weather when the roads are slippery. As well, students must remain at the designated bus stops in the morning. Parents/Guardians are responsible for providing supervision at bus stops.

Storm Days: Please be aware that if school is to be cancelled due to a storm, an announcement will be made on AVR/Magic 94.9, K-Rock 89.3 FM and Breakfast Television. Also, please be prepared to make alternate arrangements in case school is closed during the day. When school is cancelled during the day, there will be announcements on the radio and we will phone the parents of students in grades Primary and Grade One. (Please remember to provide us with any changes to your phone number) We do not have time to call all parents, so we are expecting that students in grades 2-5 have an alternate plan prepared in case of a closure during the day. Let's hope that we won't have to deal with too many storm days this year! You can also go to the AVRSB website to subscribe to email and/or text notification of important announcements. www.avrsb.ca

Ticket money or unsold tickets for the Parent Support Group Visa Card Fundraiser must be in no later than Wed. Dec. 13th. The draw will be made on the 18th of December and we need to finalize our records before this date. **Thank you, in advance for your help with this request.**

Breakfast Program: We continue to accept donations of non sugar coated cereal and apple juice. Thank you for supporting this important program!

Free Polar Express Matinee Movie – held at the Al Whittle Theatre in Wolfville brought to you by CBI Health Centres. Save the date...Dec 9th at 1:00 pm. Non-perishable food items will be collected for the food bank. Merry Christmas!!!

HEY WHO'S IN CONTROL

School's Plus is pleased to offer a 9 week parenting program for parents/caregivers. When: Thursday mornings starting January 11, 2018 - 10-12 am, for 9 weeks Where: Windsor Elementary School; 100 Tremaine Crescent, Windsor, NS, B0N 2T0 Room: Schools Plus Room 104

Avon Valley Share the Warmth Drive

Share the warmth with people in need in our community by donating your gently used warm winter wear for any genders & ages. Now accepting donations until December 8th. Donation drop off locations are at: Victory Credit Union, Wentworth Road Windsor & Brooklyn, Windsor Elementary, FDS, WFDS, TMP, BDS, Dr. Arthur Hines School & WHMS as well as New Boundaries (please note to specifically LABEL your donation "Avon Valley Share the Warmth Drive" as New Boundaries takes other donations). Please see Event page set up on Facebook for further information. Pick up is also available. Please contact Angela Ross for more information at 902-791-0744 or angelaross1hotmail.com

Are you or someone you know in need of warm outer wear this winter? Stop by The Windsor Community Centre from 9am-4pm on Sunday Decembr 10th and let us help keep you warm at no cost to you. Can't make it? Contact Angela Ross for other arrangements.

ADHD Information Session

When: Tuesday, January 16th, 2018-1:30 to 3:30 pm at Hants Community Hospital. Presenting are Jenna Benere, Psychologist & Dr. Brian Burke, Psychiatrist. Room 2A - 2nd floor across from Hants Health and Wellness. Cost is Free. For more information contact West Hants Community Mental Health at 902-792-2042

Calming Your Anxious Child 6 Week Course:

Participants will come away with a good understanding of Anxiety and numerous fun and easy strategies that you can use right away to help your child. When? Tuesday, January 9th 2018 from 6-8 pm for 6 weeks in room 2B. Where? Hants Community Hospital. Cost is free!

Did you know.... Once a year, Nova Scotia's MSI Children's Oral Health Program covers basic dental care for children from birth up to the end of the month which Nova Scotia residents turn 15. For more information about MSI Children's Oral Health Program talk to your dentist or dental hygienist, or call MSI at 1-888-846-9199.

Phone Numbers: Please remember to inform us of any changes to your phone numbers, including emergency contact phone numbers! Thank you!



Early Dismissal: Just a reminder that we will be having an early dismissal (11:15 a.m.) on Thursday, Dec. 21st. (last day of school)

First Day Back After Christmas.... Wednesday, January 3rd, 2018



Happy Holidays to everyone!

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