



Del Van Gorder School Newsletter

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Dec 01: Crazy Hair Day
- Dec 04: School Council Meeting
- Dec 06: After school Volleyball 3:15-4:30
- Dec 08: House fun games in the gym 2:45
- Dec 14: Christmas Concert 7:00 in the gym
- Dec 15: Backwards Day (Wear something backwards)
- Dec 19: Last day of school before Christmas Break
- Dec 20: Jan 02: Christmas Break
- Jan 03: Back to School
- Jan 10: After school Volleyball 3:15-4:30
- Jan 11: After School Floor Hockey 3:15-4:15
- Jan 30 -Feb 01: French Monitrice at school



From the Principal

It's hard to believe that it's already December, and like every other month it's been very busy with many wonderful things happening around the school. Our Senior High girls have gone to Whitehorse to participate in "Young Women Exploring Trades" Conference. The Remembrance Day Ceremony was very well done. Thank you to Frank and Marilyn for organizing the event. The French Monitrice was here for a week to engage the students in French language and cultural activities beyond what they get in the classroom. Our teachers worked overtime completing the first report card; and our parent/teacher conferences went over well. For our next conference, we will be conducting student led conferences; where the students will be tasked with the responsibility of sharing their learning with their parents. Next year, with the new reporting system, all conferences will be student led; and there will be more communication; both formal and informal, with parents.



Cold Weather

The Cold weather is definitely here to stay; so please make sure that your students are wearing their indoor shoes at all times. Also encourage your students to be wearing a sweater or long sleeved shirt; thank you



Winter Bus

The winter bus has been rolling for a while now; so please make sure that if your children are taking the bus, that they are out waiting for it on time; thank you. Please make sure that the children are dressed appropriately for the weather.



Volleyball

Our school volleyball program takes place every Wednesday after school from 3:15-4:30. Ms. Coates & Ms. Morrissey are running the practices.



Remembrance Day Ceremony

On the 10th of November, our school held a Remembrance Day Ceremony. Both Marilyn and Frank did an excellent job organizing the event

House Teams

As a fun way to promote school spirit, students and staff have been divided into four house teams. Every second Friday, the four house teams gather in the gym for a challenging activity. There are team points for the activities. On the other Fridays, we will be having special days, like favorite jersey day, or crazy hair day. Students get points for their team when they dress up for the occasion. We will send reminders to all parents for these special days; as well as posting these on our newsletter. In December, we will have two special days: December 01- Crazy hair day; and December 15 – Backwards day (wear something backwards). In the new year, we will be having special day per month; stay tuned.



Floor Hockey

There will not be any floor hockey on Thursday, December 7, as I will be in Whitehorse for Admin meetings.



PD Day

Our last PD Day was scheduled for February 12. I have moved it to Friday, May 18. I moved the date because I felt that we could gain more by having the last PD day in the spring; so that we could better plan our priorities for the following school year.

Christmas Concert

Our annual Christmas concert will be held on December 14th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Everyone welcome.

Learning can be fun!



Creative designs in Open Gym



Girl power in shops!



Our French Monitrice in the grade 6/7 class



Visit from Remy Rodden



Making "tire", toffee candies in French class

Remembrance Day Ceremony

