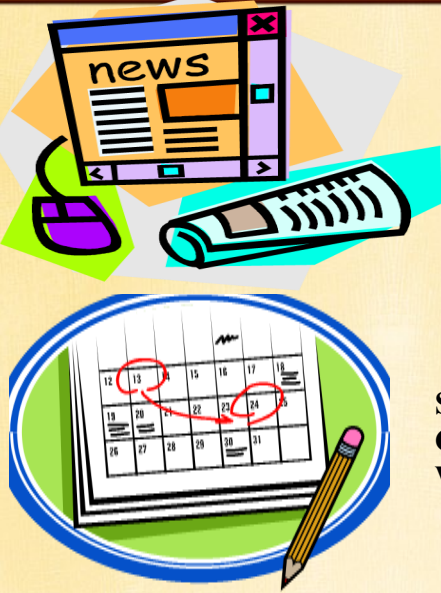


St. Theresa Newsletter PIKISKWEWIN



ST. THERESA HAS A WEBSITE!
Go to www.sttheresaschool.ca to see it!
WE ARE STILL ON FACEBOOK, TOO!

Important Upcoming-Dates:

December 9- Snowball Dance 6-8pm Admission \$3
December 10- "Dress Like a Snoman, Reindeer, or Elf" Day
December 10- Perfect Attendance Celebration for November Perfect Attenders
December 11- Final Dress Rehearsal (Whole school watches)
December 15- Christmas Concert #1 (K-2) starts at 1 sharp
December 16- Christmas Concert #2 (3-6) starts at 1 sharp
December 17- Special visitor at the school (hint: ho ho ho)
December 17- Red and Green Day
December 18- Last day before Christmas break; early dismissal\
January 4- Classes resume

Here are St. Theresa's 4 school rules. Please take a moment to review with your child(ren).

SCHOOL RULES:

1. Keep your hands and feet to yourself.
2. Respect others.
3. Follow the directions of an adult the first time.
4. Take pride in your school.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS:

On behalf on St. Theresa School, we would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season...from our families to yours- All the best!



LITERACY IS THE KEY



BOOK BONUS:

Every student in the school has their name in a jar. Every day we draw a student name from the jar. That student gets to choose a brand new book to take home.

LITERACY AT ST. THERESA

**Our students have been enjoying several different literacy clubs at lunch times.*

**Students have all completed at least one round of PM benchmarking and these reading levels were reported to parents on the last report card.*

**Our entire school participated in the "Whole School Write" process for the first time. Students did a good job of practicing their recounting skills.*

PARENT LITERACY CORNER:

- We are always looking for parent volunteers to read to classes. Contact Mandi in the office if interested.
- Parent "Literacy Tip of the Month":

'Tis the season to share a love of reading
CHRISTMAS BOOKS! Reading holiday literature is a great way to spend quality time with the family and improve literacy skills.

DAILY 5 AT ST. THERESA

The teachers here at St. Theresa have continued to use the method of Daily 5 to teach their ELA classes.

Our students love using centers to learn their skills, and they are making great progress with improving both their reading and writing levels.



Alberta Project Promoting
active Living & healthy Eating

A continued thank you to all parents who provide healthy snack choice for parties and other classroom snacks. Your efforts towards our healthy initiative is appreciated.

This month we have been working on the 12 Days of Christmas, which has students doing different physical activities each day to the tune of "The 12 Days of Christmas." The entire staff and student population will do the activity together at our assembly on December 11.

Ms. Narine awarded several students this past month for bringing healthy snacks from home to school. These students received one of the awesome Apple Schools pencils.

Our students and staff have been maintaining their great work with our "Stay Hydrated" campaign and have been using their St. Theresa water bottles on a regular basis.



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ATTENDANCE- "EVERY DAY COUNTS"

Our attendance has continued to grow nicely in both the months of September and October with a slight dip in November due to an increase in illnesses and disease such as flu and lice.

Each month we send home certificates for students who have 90% and above attendance.

Students who attend 100% of the month are considered Perfect Attenders and get to attend a perfect attendance celebration.

Students who attend 95-99% of a month receive the Eagle certificate.

Students who attend 90-94% of a month receive the Buffalo certificate.

At our assembly each month, we honour students who have most improved attendance for the month with the Bear certificate and a gift card.

The parents of all students in a month who attend 90%-100% are entered in a draw and 3 parents' names are picked to receive a \$25.00 gift card to thank them for sending their children to school regularly.

For the month of November, the following parents' names were drawn: Linda Cardinal, Karen Cardinal, and Carolyn Stuart. If you have not got your card already, please contact the school to arrange pick-up.



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IMPORTANT LICE INFORMATION:

As many of you know, there have been many cases of head lice this year at our school, and this year they are very difficult to get rid of.

We would like to remind parents to regularly check their child's head for nits (the white eggs) and louse (The bugs themselves) as they can occur very suddenly and can become severe very quickly.

If you do discover your child has lice, please keep them at home until they are lice and nit free. If we suspect your child has lice, you will receive a phone call from our office here at the school asking you to treat your child and to ensure that they are lice and nit free before returning to school. This has been our school policy the last several years and is in effect to ensure that we all do our part to make sure that we eliminate this nuisance from our school, and ultimately your homes.

Lice is considered an excused absence as it is a medical illness.

Some ways to treat head lice are to purchase the correct formula at the pharmacy, or create your own solution with dawn dish soap, vinegar, and tea tree oil. The best treatment this year we have found is repeated combing of the hair with a magnetic lice comb, which can be purchased at a pharmacy.

It is also important to ensure that all bedding is cleaned properly to remove any nits. Old hairbrushes, etc. should be replaced as well.

ODDS & ENDS:

- * Students are only permitted to ride the bus they are registered on.
- * Please ensure your child(ren) is/are dressed appropriately for the weather.
- * The Virtue of the Month our students are working on is "Peacefulness"
- * Our students learn weekly "Cree Words/Phrases" during morning announcements in addition to taking Cree.
- * Each month we send home a calendar and newsletters.
- * Supervisors for students are on duty as of 8:20 a.m. each morning.
- * We are a NUT RESTRICTED school.

