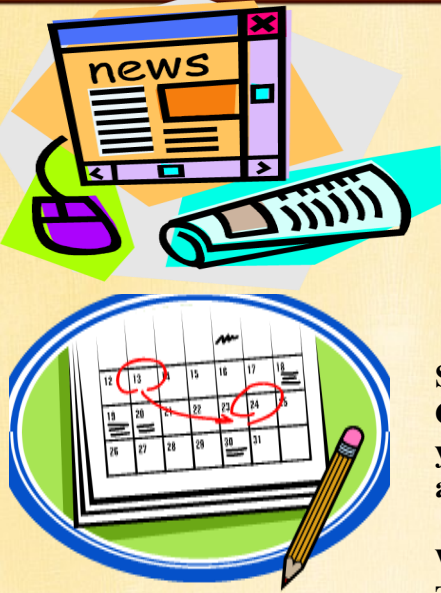


St. Theresa Newsletter PIKISKWEWIN



ST. THERESA HAS A WEBSITE!

Go to www.sttheresaschool.ca to see it! It is a great idea to bookmark it and you will always have access to important info such as our monthly calendar and swimming info.

WE STILL HAVE A PAGE ON FACEBOOK, TOO! LIKE IT TO STAY TUNED TO UPDATES FROM OUR SCHOOL!

Important Upcoming-Dates:

- December 8– Swimming KF, 4W, 6S, 6V, KD, 5/6P, 1M, 3P
- December 8– Mini Christmas Round Dance 6:30-8:00 pm
- December 9– Wear Red, Green or Dress Christmassy
- December 9– 1st Dress Rehearsal for Concert
- December 12 & 13 Parent/Student Craft Nights (Must have pre-registered) 6:00-8:00 pm
- December 13– Final Dress Rehearsal (Students get to watch concert)
- December 15– K-2 Concert 1pm start
- December 16– 3-6 Concert 1pm start
- December 19– Special Visitor at the School
- December 19– Christmas Dinner for Students
- December 20– Pajama Day
- December 20– Christmas Carnival for Students
- December 20– Christmas Brunch for Students
- December 20– Early Dismissal for Staff Meeting

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.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS:

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



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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 school just participated in the "Whole School Write" process. Students learned how to write a descriptive paragraph (grades 1-5) or a newspaper article (grade 6). Writing samples were produced by all students and assessed by staff. Writing is improving here at St. Theresa.*

**Our school has monthly writing contests that the students can enter. Prizes are awarded and we are hoping to publish a school anthology with all the winning pieces of writing at the end of the year.*

**Students are working successfully in their Daily 5 literacy activities.*

**We will be hosting a Family Literacy CAFÉ night in January. Watch for the January calen-*

PARENT LITERACY CORNER:

With students being out of school for a couple of weeks, literacy skills might get a little rusty, so here are a few holiday ideas for keeping students practicing literacy skills at home:

1. **Holiday Cards**– As your family receives Christmas cards, read them together or have your child read them to you. Also, if you send cards to others, have your child help write in them. They could even make the cards. Homemade cards are always nice to get!
2. **Holiday Stories**– Turn bedtime stories or downtime into holiday story time. There are so many great holiday stories to share together. Another option is to have your child write a story about the holiday season and read it to you.
3. **Travel Time**– If you are travelling over the holidays, your child can practice reading signs and license plates in the vehicle. There are many games you can play together, too, to make it more exciting.
4. **Library**– If the local library is open over the holidays, it is a great place to spend some time together.
5. **Baking**– If you and your child do holiday baking or cooking, have them read the ingredients and recipe.
6. **Grocery/To Do Lists**– These lists are handy for the holiday season. Your child can help you read or write them.
7. **Gifts**– Books always make great gifts for children– Especially if they really appeal to their interests.
8. **Notes**– Children can read/write a variety of notes during the holidays...letters to Santa, "Elf on the Shelf," thank you cards, etc.



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ATTENDANCE- "EVERY DAY COUNTS"

Attendance is crucial to a child's education. As our attendance rates continue to grow (thank you so much to our awesome parents), so do our academic accomplishments (i.e. our PAT scores are on the rise). Here are a few things you should know about attendance here at St. Theresa:

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. The last celebration we had, students got to decorate ice cream cone Christmas trees. In January, they will be sliding and having hot chocolate.

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

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.

The top 3 classes every month get awarded our coveted trophies at the assembly each month.

Many of our classroom teachers have their own incentive programs for their students.

At the end of the year, students who have had perfect attendance all year will receive bikes as an award. To qualify, students cannot have any lates or leave earlies.

We also send home letters every month to the parents of students who have missed 20% or more of a month to let them know how many days they have missed.

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL– We will be hosting a super fun Christmas Carnival on the last day of school before the holiday break. Tickets will not be sold for the event, instead students have been collecting tickets for every day of school they attend. The tickets are used at the carnival to play the games or participate in activities. We will have a lot of prizes. Everyone is really excited for the event. To ensure your child has a lot of tickets so they can really enjoy themselves, please ensure you send them to school every day.

DRUMMING:

ST. THERESA SCHOOL WOULD LIKE TO THANK FREDERICK GLADUE AND HIS FELLOW DRUMMERS FOR HELPING MAKE OUR DREAM OF HAVING SOME OF OUR STUDENTS EXPOSED TO DRUMMING AS AN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY COME TRUE. THANKS TO FRED FOR HIS TIME AND EFFORTS! WE APPRECIATE YOU! OUR STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ENJOYING THIS OPPORTUNITY :)



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1. There have been cases of lice in the school. 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 may 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. It is also a good idea to talk to your child about not sharing hairbrushes and to keep personal space from others. Thanks to everyone for your cooperation with this matter.

2. Students are permitted to ride only on the bus they are registered for.

3. Please ensure your child(ren) is/are dressed appropriately for the weather.

4. Our "Virtue of the Month" for the month of December is "Joyfulness."

5. Supervisors are on duty as of 8:20 am each morning.

6. We are a nut restricted school and a scent restricted school.

7. THANK YOU TO ALL OUR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS FOR ALL THE SUPPORT YOU GIVE TO OUR SCHOOL AND YOUR CHILDREN! WE ARE MAKING GREAT STRIDES IN EDUCATION HERE AND IT IS DUE TO THE AWESOME TEAM WORK WE HAVE IN OUR COMMUNITY!

With the holiday season fast approaching, so will classroom holiday parties. We encourage students to bring healthy snacks as much as possible so that we have a nice balance between "Choose most often" and "Choose least often" snacks.



Pinterest has a lot of cute ideas if you are looking for snack ideas and healthier alternatives.

As of December, we have gotten up to 20 reps each of our daily exercises. Day by day, St. Theresa students and staff are getting fitter and fitter :)