

Magnetawan Central School Newsletter

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Principal, Mrs. Jennifer Nicholas

Principal's Message



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Will the ground hog see his shadow tomorrow? What a great way to strike up a conversation about mathematical probability with your child. Talk about how shadows are formed and why they're different sizes at different times of the day. Did you know that you can use a meter stick and shadows to measure very tall objects from the ground? Try this activity:

1. Take a meter stick (or other measuring device) and stand it upright.
2. Mark the length of the shadow, then measure its length. (eg. The shadow of the meter stick is equal to 2.5m)
3. Now go and measure the shadow of a tall object such as a tree, house, slide, silo, an adult, etc.
4. Take the length of the object's shadow divide it by the length of the meter stick's shadow, and that will give you the true height of the object.

February is Heart Month. Take time to explain to your child/ren the importance of eating healthy and staying fit. Work together to plan and prepare a balanced meal using Canada's Food Guide. Enjoy the winter weather together by skating, skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, building a snow fort or tobogganing. The choices are endless.

Report cards will be sent home with your children on February 10. Please celebrate your child/ren's successes and help them to understand what they can do as learners to either continue with or further next term's successes. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your child/ren's report card. Please do not hesitate to contact the classroom teacher for further explanation.

Yours in education,
Jennifer Nicholas

Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child (or children) who will be turning 4 years old before December 31, 2012, please call 705-387-3939 or come into Magnetawan Central School to register.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Milk Money Due - February 1st
White - \$15.20 Chocolate - \$16.15
- ◆ Public Speaking - February 5th
Registration 11:30 a.m. - Dunchurch
- ◆ Skating/Snowshoeing
February 9th and 17th
- ◆ Family Day - School Closed
Monday February 20th
- ◆ Scholastic Book Fair
February 22-24th
- ◆ Jump Rope for Heart-Feb. 23 & 27

We would appreciate it if you would pass this information on to those you know who might not have school aged children yet or who are new to our community. Several parents have already picked up registration forms. Please complete and return these forms as soon as possible. It is important for us to have this information early in order to predict numbers for staffing and funding in the fall.

New Senior Kindergarten students are also welcome to register during this time. Please contact the School for further information.

Legion Public Speaking

The Legion is having their Annual Public Speaking Contest this Sunday, February 5th, 2012 at the Dunchurch Legion. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m..



We need volunteers for the Breakfast Club, and to help with other activities. Please note that volunteers need to have criminal reference check. The Breakfast Club is for all students and volunteers are needed to help to keep this program running. We need to have parents that can come in and help with the preparation and serving of the snacks to the children in the morning. Please contact the School at 705-387-3939 if you are able to help. Thank you!!

Volleyball



Students in Grades five and six went to Evergreen on Friday, January 27th for the annual Volleyball Tournament. The students had a great time and played well! They were undefeated for the day. Well done, Dragons!



Milk Money



Milk money for the month of February was due today, Wednesday, February 1st. The cost is \$15.20 for white milk and \$16.15 for chocolate milk. We will accept money sent in tomorrow.

Milk money for the month of March is due Wednesday, February 29th. The cost will be \$11.20 for white milk and \$11.90 for chocolate milk.

We would like to reduce or eliminate the amount of paper we send home.

Please complete the form at the end of the newsletter, and return it to the school in order to go paperless, or if you do not have e-mail access and require a hard copy sent home. Thank you!

We continue to collect pop cans. Mrs. Grasley takes the cans and brings cash for us! This money goes toward student trips. We are not asking parents/students to drink pop, just requesting the empty cans come in if you have any.

Thank you!



Glow Bowling / Dance

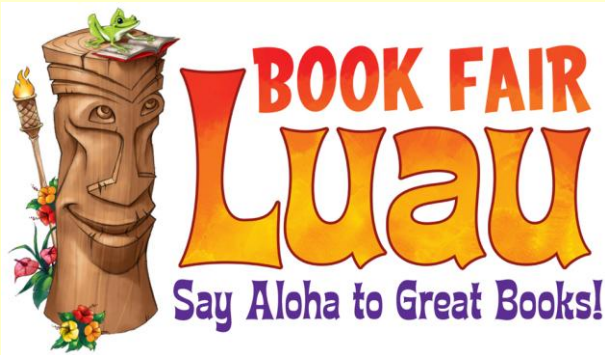
The Emsdale Agricultural Society is having a Glow Bowling and Dance Fundraiser on Saturday, February 25, 2012 beginning at 6:30 p.m.. Almaguin Bowl in Burk's Falls, followed by a family dance at the Burk's Falls Legion. For more information or to register, please contact Dawn at 705-382-3657.

This is not a school sponsored activity.

Charm Found

A charm was found in the school library earlier this month. If you think the charm may be yours, please see Mrs. Thomas in the office.

Scholastic Book Fair



We will be having our second Scholastic Book Fair from Wednesday, February 22nd through to Friday, February 24th. The book fair will be open daily from 9-12 noon. There will be a note coming home closer to the date and a flyer for parents. There is a special offer for this Book Fair. If an individual purchases more than \$25 worth of books they will receive a Calico Kitten Gift Set.

All cheques are to be made payable to Magnetawan Central School. Visa and Mastercard are also accepted at the Book Fair.

Upcoming events

A separate note will be sent home for some of these events.

Friday, February 3rd - Movie night at The Magnetawan Community Centre - this is not a school sponsored activity.

Feb. 9th and 17th- Students will have the opportunity to Skate at the Magnetawan Pavillion or remain at the school and participate in snowshoeing events. Students can only go skating if they have skates and a CSA approved helmet.

Feb. 16th - Students in Grade 4 will participate in a Floor Hockey Tournament at Evergreen Heights Education Centre.

Feb. 21st - Free Developmental Screening at M.C.S. - attached

Thursday, March 8th - Winter Play day - details to follow.

Jump Rope for Heart

We will be having our Jump Rope for Heart jumping event on Monday, February 27th. On Thursday, February 23rd, we will have a guest speaker from the Heart and Stroke Foundation to speak to the Students.

This will be a non-fundraising event this year. This year we will be focusing on the importance of Heart Health.



Report Cards

Report Cards will be going home on Friday, February 10, 2012.

Family Day

Monday, February 20, 2012 is Family Day. The School will be closed on this day.

100's Day

Friday, February 10th is the 100th day of School! Students in Junior Kindergarten through to Grade two will be involved in activities throughout the day.

Director's Annual Report

A copy of the 2011 Director's Annual Report for the Near North District School Board can be viewed on our website at <http://www.nearnorthschools.ca/board/Directors%20Report/2011-12-directors-report.pdf> .

Lions Effective Speaking

Students in the Grade 5/6 class presented their speeches in the Gymnasium on Thursday, January 26, 2012. All the students did an awesome job making the decision for the judges tough! The judges managed to narrow the top three down.

1st - Caleb Crozier 2nd Madison Rainey 3rd Soren Bolduc

Congratulations Grade 5/6! Hopefully all of you will attend the Legion Public Speaking contest on Sunday, February 5th.

The top two students will go onto the 'speak off' on Saturday, April 14th at Bracebridge Muskoka Lakes Secondary School. Good luck!

Thank you to Mr. George Brooks for helping the students and organizing this activity. Thank you to Marg Shames, Shirley Hurtubise and Jim Shaw for judging this event. And thank you to the parents and grand parents that came to support the children!



Early Years!


M.C.S. Gymnasium Tuesdays
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.. There will be a FREE Developmental Screening Clinic at the school on Tuesday, February 21st. Please see the ad from the paper on the final page.

School Advisory Council

The School Advisory Council meeting scheduled for January 30th, has been postponed to Monday, February 6th at 6:15 p.m.. Please plan to attend. We'd like to formally welcome Mary Jane Campbell, our Community Representative on the S.A.C.

Calendar

We have included a calendar for the month of February.

Mrs. Nicholas is also principal at Whitestone Lake Central School. To assist parents, we have placed an apple  on the days which she is scheduled to be at Magnetawan. Please keep in mind, that issues do arise at both schools, and thus the schedule is subject to change. Thank you!

Please review the calendar attached and check out our school website.



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Indicates Days Mrs. Nicholas is at MCS – subject to change

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
			1 White-\$15.20 Choc.-\$16.15 	2 Groundhog Day 	3 "Treasure Buddies" at Mag. Community Ctr. 	4	
5 Legion Public Speaking Contest - Dunchurch - 11:30 a.m. 	6 	7 Early Years 9:30-11:30 a.m. D.A.R.E.-Gr.5/6	8 	9 Skating or Snowshoeing 	10 1 st Term Report Cards sent home 100's Day 	11	
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19	20 Family Day 	21 Early Years 9:30-11:30 a.m. D.A.R.E.-Gr.5/6	22	23 11:00 a.m. Heart and Stroke Presentation	24 	25	
26	27 Jumping for Heart Health 	28 Early Years 9:30-11:30 a.m. D.A.R.E.-Gr.5/6	29 ^{5/6} Skating Leap Day! White-\$11.20 Choc.-\$11.90 	Scholastic Book Fair			

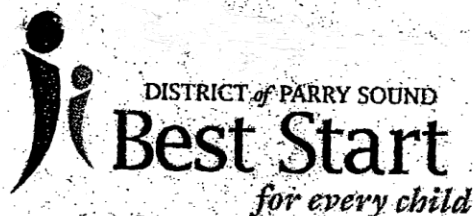


FREE Developmental Screening Clinic (children aged 1 month to 5 years)

The first 5 years of life are very important for children as this time sets the stage for success in school and later life. During infancy and early childhood, children gain many experiences and learn many skills. It is important to ensure that each child's development proceeds well during this period. The District of Parry Sound Best Start Network wants to help you provide the best possible start for your child. Developmental Screening Clinics will be offered in the following areas near you:

Wausauksing -	Nov. 24th
Parry Sound Friendship Centre -	Jan. 30th
Magnetawan -	Feb. 21st
Orrville -	Feb. 15th
Dunchurch -	Mar. 20th
Shawanaga -	Apr. - TBA
Humphrey -	May 24th
Parry Sound -	June 19th

For appointment and more information please call
705-746-7777 ext 284 or 1-800-461-4464



Community partners collaborating to achieve the
"Best Start" for children 0-6 years.

Please detach and return to the school

Parent Name: _____

E-mail address: _____

I do not have access to e-mail, and would like to continue to receive a paper copy.