



Mathews Mustang News

December 2011



At Mathews we believe in maintaining positive school S.P.I.R.I.T. and a commitment to excellence.

S – Success P – Passion I – Integrity R – Respect I – Independence T – Tolerance

Principal: Simon Hancox

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Principal's Message

December already? Where has the time gone! We have another jam packed month filled with a number of exciting events. Students and staff have been working extremely hard this year and we should be proud of all we

have accomplished. It is important that we reflect on our progress so far and set realistic goals for improvement. In December the gr. 3 & 6's will be doing a practice EQAO test to help in our planning. The holiday season is just upon us. We have a number of activities, events such as door decorating, Christmas Shoppe, Holiday Concert and Pay it Forward to name a few. The students last day of school prior to the winter break is Friday, December 23rd and they return to school on Monday, January 9th, 2012. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very safe and enjoyable winter break!



December Celebrations 1 Holiday Concert

It's that time of year again. Christmas and the holiday season will soon be upon us. This year, the Holiday Concert has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 21st, matinee at 2pm and show at 6pm. Are students from JK to grade 7/8 will be presenting the musical "December in our Town". We will also be having a gift basket raffle, a 50/50 draw and accepting non perishable/dry food items to donate to the Community Care Food Drive.

Carol Singing

On December 19th to December 23rd from 9:15 to 9:45, we will be having Carol Singing in the gym. You are welcome to join us!



Christmas Shoppe

Back by popular demand...The Christmas Shoppe will be open during the second week of December. Students will be able to purchase items during the school day and will bring home wrapped gifts for their family and friends at a cost of \$2.50 per gift. This is an exciting opportunity for students to shop independently and be able to surprise their family members at Christmas. Tickets for a raffle basket will also be sold at the Christmas Shoppe. Please feel free to come by and have a look.

The shoppe will be open:

- Wednesday, December 7th
- Friday, December 9th



Inclement Weather Conditions

Inclement weather conditions may soon be upon us. The following radio/tv stations will announce any bus cancellations or school closings starting at 7:00a.m. The bus company that serves our area is First Student. We ask for your support in listening to the radio/tv announcements. Please do not call the school to see whether it is open or closed.



CKTB 610	CHTZ 97.7	CKEY 105.1
CHSC 1220	CKOC 1150	KLITE 102.9
CHML 900	CHAM 820 Y	WAVE 94.7
SPIRIT 91.7, 107.9	CHCH TV	CITY TV

Absenteeism

Thank you for your cooperation in calling the school when you child is going to be away. If your child is going to be away from school, please call the school to provide reason (i.e. sick with the flu, cough, cold; vacation, etc.) Please note the answering machine is always available for parents to call in absences. If your child is sick, please do not send them to school, this will help avoid spreading to other children and staff.



ALLERGIES!!!

We have a few students with "nut allergy" which can cause an anaphylactic reaction. At this time, we are insisting that **no products containing nuts** be sent to the school. It is crucial that we work together to ensure the safety of all students.

Door Decorating Contest

We will be having an eco-friendly door decorating contest on Friday, December 2nd during the last block. Songs of the season will be playing over the P.A. system to get everyone in the festive mood. Judging will take place at 3:00pm and prizes will be awarded. So teachers and students be creative, collaborate and remember to be environmentally friendly.

Theme Lunches



Theme lunches will once again start! We would like to thank Rose Colombe in advance for organizing and getting it all started. Wednesday, December 14th will be hot dog lunch.



Canadian Tire Money Collection Contest



We would like to challenge students this holiday season to bring in Canadian tire money from December 1st to December 20th to help make the holiday season brighter for families in the Welland area. Money collected will purchase gifts and gift cards for families that are in need within the community. A Pizza party will be rewarded to the class that collects the most money! In addition, there are also prizes for students that collect the most money including a chance to win gift cards to Wal-Mart and the top 3 collectors will have the choice of choosing a staff member and can dress them up for the day, the funnier the better.

Winter Break



Please note the last day of school before the winter holidays will be Friday, December 23rd. School resumes on Monday, January 9th, 2012 at 8:50am. We would like to take this time to wish you and your family a safe and restful holiday season.

Volleyball

The Sr. Girls Volleyball team had a great year. We finished in second spot, only to lose out in the semi-final playoffs. Each member was dedicated and played their hearts out the entire season. As for the Jr. Girls Volleyball, the season was short and comes to an end at the end of November. Every girl did amazingly well and showed growth and improvement with each game. We will definitely be more ready for next year's games. Thank you to all those who came out during tryouts, and please make sure you try again next year. Also a big thank you to the parents who were able to drive.

Congratulations to the 2011 **Intermediate Boys Volleyball Team** who actively and enthusiastically participated in the very competitive DSBN invitational Tournament in Niagara-on-the-Lake last Friday. There were a lot of hard fought battles on the court and the team exemplified good sportsmanship and a tenacious "never surrender" attitude throughout the day against five other schools. The team really came around closer to the end of the season as attendance at practice increased and skill development was more obvious in their games. Well done to all the members who trained almost daily for six straight weeks. Your 2011 Intermediate Mustangs are: Connor Cheriére, Damon Walker, Jeremy Hill, James Mizzoni, Aaron Hall, Jared Sanders, Zach Hamilton, Jonathan Lennox, Blake Evans and Brandan Vanluttikhuisen.

Well done to the 2011 **Junior Boys Volleyball Team** who's progress through the season was obvious in the outcomes of their games. They began at a very novice level, as most of the team had never really played Volleyball before, and progressed very quickly. The first few games were losses, the next few were ties and the final games of the regular season have been convincing wins. Good luck in the playoffs this week boys! Your 2011 Junior Mustangs are: Austin Cook, Hunter Lamontagne, Dakota Swartz, Tyler Lafleur, Spencer Bentz, Jonathan Prentice, Spencer Watson, Andrew Mizzoni, Owen Vandyk, Jacob Lawrence, Issac MacLeod and Holden Albano.

Christmas Shoppe
Mustang Assembly 9am
Decorate Door Contest
Hot Dog Lunch
Turkey Lunch
Mustang Assembly
Holiday Concert
Last Day of School
Dental Screening

Wed. & Fri. December 7th & 9th
Thursday, December 1st
Friday, December 2nd
Thursday, December 14th
Tuesday, December 20th
Wednesday, December 21st
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Friday, December 23rd
Jan. 9th & 12th, 2012

Campbell's Soup Labels

Once again Mathews School is collecting Campbell's soup labels. We have a bin in front of the office, please collect your Campbell's labels and send them to the school. For more than 38 years, the **Labels for Education®** program has been committed to helping schools earn FREE educational merchandise, like art supplies, sports equipment, classroom resources and much more. Please remember that the labels must have the barcode on them.



MONTHLY STUDENT AWARDS

Student of the Month - November

JK Krysteffor O'Neal
SK Brooklyn Marcoux
Grade 1 Sara Curcio-McPherson
Grade 2 Jordan Easson
Grade 3 Nessa Martino
Grade 4 Lauren Gordon
Grade 5-6 Kiara Kalenuik
Grade 7-8 Alexis Gordon
Effective Learning Alyssa Krekorian
French Jillian Albano
LRT Cole Crawford

Citizenship of the Month - November

JK Kayden Corey
SK Logan Meilleur
Grade 1 Maddox Carrey
Grade 2 Owen LaMarsh
Grade 3 Noah Trottier
Grade 4 Jacob Lawrence
Grade 5-6 Jonathan Prentice
Grade 7-8 Katie Sodtka
Effective Learning Jeffery Johnson

Artist of the Month - November

JK Zachary Piper
SK Mary Brady
Grade 1 Elizabeth Brady
Grade 2 Bryce Edwards
Grade 3 Cassandra Paul-VanNatter
Grade 4 Madison Dakin
Grade 5-6 Joey Laws
Grade 7-8 Katie Sodtka, Aaron Hall

Athlete of the Month - November

Female Alisha Humphrys, Amanda Clarke, Elizabeth Hutchison, Alexis Gordon, Hannah MacLeod
Male Spencer Bentz, Hunter Lamontagne, James Mizzoni

Principal of the Month

Chloe Racho