



# Mathews Mustang News



## November 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**

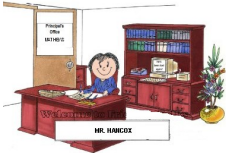
**Administrative Assistant: Sherri Pahowski**



### Principal's Message

November is here! November will once again prove to be a busy month for all of us. Remembrance Day, Junior Intermediate Volleyball, Progress Reports, student lead conferences are just a few of the

events for this month. November is the month that we take time to remember those who fought and are still in combat, so valiantly to maintain our freedom. Remembrance Day holds special significance as we reflect upon the fragile nature of peace and freedom in our world. Please join us for our Remembrance Day assembly on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00a.m.



### 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 your child is going to be away. The call backs since school has started have been minimal and very much appreciated. 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.



### Christmas Shoppe

Back by popular demand...The Christmas Shoppe will be open during the first week of December for students to purchase gifts for their family and friends. The cost per gift is \$2.50. Look for a note and form which will be sent home at the end of November. The shoppe will be open:

- Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>
- Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

If volunteers are needed a note will be sent home in late November.



### Progress Reports

Progress Reports will be going home on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Student Lead Conferences have been scheduled for the evening of Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.



### Student Lead Conferences

Watch for a note to come home soon so that you can arrange a convenient meeting time. Please return only one form per family. It is very important that students of all ages accompany their parents to this conference. The student has much information and insight to share at a conference and their input is so valuable. In order to make this more manageable we will have grade 8 students available to watch your younger child/children in order for you to give your undivided attention to this conference. We want to respect and honour your appointment times as closely as possible. Should you require more time, please arrange another appointment with your child's teacher outside of this scheduled conference time. Conference will take place on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.

### 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.

### Visitors to Our School

All visitors are welcome in our school. In the interest of student safety and security, ALL visitors (including parents and guardians) are asked to sign in at the office when visiting the school and wear a visitor's tag.



Progress Reports go home	Monday, November 15 <sup>th</sup>
Student Lead Conference	Thursday, November 17 <sup>th</sup>

### Fundraising

The orders are in and once again Mathews students have done a fantastic job fundraising. The chocolate bar fundraiser held in October raised over \$2,000 for the school. Great work and once again thank you to all who participated and purchased items to support our wonderful school!

## Library News

Did you know that our School Library Website can be accessed from home? That's right, your child can explore the school library for books, access online books and link to school blogs that are moderated by Mrs. Khan, the school Teacher-Librarian.

While visiting, why not check out the amazing selection of online books – these animated books come to life and the reaction can sometimes be quite shocking. Don't be alarmed if your child is laughing aloud and unable to stop or says "I want to read another book!" – it's not a serious condition – it just means that they've caught the reading bug!

Please visit and search our library catalogue at <http://destiny.dsb.edu.on.ca> or click on the link from our school web page. Scroll down to find Mathews school listed under Elementary Schools on the right hand side. Click on **Mathews**.

Once you have arrived at our online portal, scroll down the page to find the online and audio books section. To search for a book in our school library, simply click on the catalogue tab at the top of the page and search by keyword, author, or title.

You are just a few short clicks away from a truly amazing reading experience.

## Terry Fox Walk

Students in grades JK to grade 8 participated once again this year in the Terry Fox Walk for Cancer Research. Students and staff were able to raise a substantial amount of money for this worthwhile cause. Thanks to all who participated. Special thank you to Mrs. Battiste, Ms. Grieco and Mrs. Beckett who organized the event.



## Volleyball

Well it's November and that means it's time for another super setting, bouncing, bumping, and smashing, spiking junior/intermediate volleyball season. This year we have a strong set of athletes who have been competing for the past couple of weeks. Both of our volleyball teams have been working effectively as a team. We look forward to a wonderful season. Go Mustangs!



## Nutrition and Breakfast Program

The nutrition and breakfast programs are preparing a wish list in order to assist us in providing our students with daily nutritional snacks. This month we are requesting instant oatmeal pkgs and granola bars. Please remember all products must be "nut free".

## French Plays

We are well on our way to another exciting year with the French Language Learning program called "AIM" (Accelerative Integrated Methodology). If you are new to this program, each class learns how to speak, read and write in French, suing a play. Each French class studies a different play, based on level of difficulty, and around January (1<sup>st</sup> play) and June (a 2<sup>nd</sup> play), the play is presented to the class, school and parents.

This year, the grade 4 class will start with "Les Trois Peitis Cochons" (The Three Little Pigs), the grade 5/6 class is studying "L'Arbre Ungali" (The Ungali Tree) and the grade 7/8 class is working on "Veux-tu Aller Au Carnaval" (Do you Want to go to the Carnival). To ensure that your child achieves a high level of success in French class this year, it is important to consistently:

- ✓ Listen attentively to reviews and new lessons at the beginning of each class, while on the carpet
- ✓ Only speak French in class
- ✓ Complete all worksheets on time and to the best of his/her ability
- ✓ Stay on task doing group work
- ✓ Participate often

- ✓ Use correct pronunciation and expression while practicing his/her lines in the play
- ✓ Practice his/her lines at home, as well as at school
- ✓ Use classroom charts, posters, dictionaries to improve spelling, grammar and vocabulary

If you have any questions or require further information regarding the French program, please call Mme Yochim at school at (905) 734-3208. Merci!!!

## MONTHLY STUDENT AWARDS

### Student of the Month - October

JK	Benjamin Gilley
SK	Samuel Keddy
Grade 1	Cole Crawford
Grade 2	David Rochon
Grade 3	Kristopher Lara
Grade 4	Ali Crawford
Grade 5-6	Kira doan
Grade 7-8	Keith Watts
Effective Learning	R.J. Lamontagne
French	Jonathan Prentice

### Citizenship of the Month - November

JK	Jayden Rouillier
SK	Mackenzie Piper
Grade 1	Sara Curcio McPherson
Grade 2	Owen LaMarsh
Grade 3	Bryden Hines
Grade 4	Owen Vandyk
Grade 5-6	Skye Bishop
Grade 7-8	Dylann Lavoie
Effective Learning	Myles Brown

### Artist of the Month - November

JK	Anastasia Mackinnon
SK	Brenna Ernest
Grade 1	Ben Casteels
Grade 2	Tyler Hemmingsen
Grade 3	Kelly Maguire
Grade 4	Autumn Muller
Grade 5-6	Kassandra MacDowall
Grade 7-8	Alexis Gordon

### Athlete of the Month - November

Male	Aaron Hall
	Jonathon Lennox
Female	Katie Sodtka
	Jenna Watchorn

### Principal's Award

Dakota Swartz

## December Holiday Musical

Our Holiday Musical is entitled December in Our Town. We are looking for volunteers who would be able to help with the making of some costumes. Please contact Mme Yochim at the school at 905-734-3208.