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Prince Street Elementary School Newsletter-*December, 2024*

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Dates to Remember:

December 3rd —First Term Learning Reports Go Home

December 4th—Winter Concerts 10 a.m.-2/3Z & 3A;

1:15 p.m.-1A, 1B & 2A (*Storm Date: December 6th*)

December 5th—Winter Concert 1:15 p.m.-KA & KB

(*Storm Date: 11th*)

December 9th (Monday-a.m.)-Grades 4-6 to Parasport Hockey

December 17th—Christmas Dinner (*Storm Date: 18th*)

December 20th (Friday) --Last Day of Classes for 2024

January 6th — First School Day of 2025

January 6th—Breakfast Program Resumes

Christmas Dinner:

-Our annual Christmas dinner with all the trimmings will be held for lunch on **Tuesday, December 17th** (*Storm Date: December 18th*) The meal will be served in the gym. **Students will be required to bring their own beverage or their filled water bottle.**

-Thank you Trinity United Church for, once again, providing this meal. It is something we all look forward to at Prince Street. If you have placed a food order for this day, it will be sent home.



Final Day of Classes in 2024!

-Students will be served pizza and a holiday, mini cupcake during lunchtime on the last day of classes—Friday, December 20th. Homeroom teachers will be in touch later in the month regarding dietary restrictions/concerns. Students will be dismissed at their regular dismissal time.

-We would like to take a moment to recognize and express appreciation to our crossing guards and bus

drivers who ensure the safety of our students on a daily basis as they walk/travel to and from school.

Holiday Spirit Days:

Merry And Bright Monday – December 16th

Wear your favorite holiday colors.

Winter Wonderland – Wednesday December 18th

Wear your cozy winter clothes.

Festive Friday -- December 20th

Wear your festive pyjamas.

Music News:

-You are invited to attend our Winter Concerts in the Gymnasium at **10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 4th for 2/3Z & 3A and 1:15 p.m. for 1A, 1B & 2A** (*Storm Date: Thursday December 6th*). **KA & KB will hold their concert on Thursday, December 5th at 1:15 p.m.** (*Storm Date: Wednesday, December 11th*.) In addition, there will be a presentation from the Glee Club and PSS Rock Band. These concerts will last approximately 30 minutes. Everyone is welcome to attend!

-Grades 4, 5 and 6 will be performing at a concert in the spring. They will have the opportunity to view the Winter Concerts at a rehearsal.

-Mrs. Davis and the Glee Members will perform with the Legion Choir at St. Paul's Church on Sunday, December 1st at 2:30 p.m. They also presented with Jay Scotland on CBC Compass November 25th. The Glee Club and our PSS Rock Band will be performing at the PEI Human Rights Commissions Open House on Tuesday, December 10th (10:30 a.m.) at the Jack Blanchard Hall.

-Thank Ben LeClair, evening custodian, for his guitar accompaniment at several of our music events. His talent has enhanced these performances. **over**→



Music (continued):

-Special thank you to Sadie Ghiz, 2nd year music student in the BMus. program at UPEI, for her generous donation of a brand-new Squire bass guitar, amp, patch cord and gig bag! Sadie has been volunteering with music classes and the Glee Club this fall.

Physical Education Update:



-An After-School Sports Club for Grades 5 & 6 will begin on Tuesday, **December 10th and continue on December 12th and 17th**. Please watch for permission forms.

-Grade 4-6 students will travel by bus to the Bell Aliant Centre at UPEI to view a Parasport Sledge Hockey game. Students will leave the school at 10:15 a.m. on Monday, December 9th.

Christmas Families:

If you can help some of our families by easing the burden of the holiday season's added expenses with a monetary donation or purchase of gifts, please contact Mr. Anderson, school counselor at gzanderson@edu.pe.ca or call the school office (902-368-6950).

Early Closure: Please ensure your child knows what to do in the event of an early school closure. With the number of incoming calls we receive, **calling home or work is not an option**. Announcements will be on the radio so please stay "tuned in" if stormy weather is expected. Information will also be posted on the school's website.

School Delays/Cancellations:

- When school is cancelled due to a storm day, the day of the cycle moves forward. For example, if it is supposed to be day 4 on a Monday, and Monday is cancelled, then Tuesday will be day 4.
- When there is a one-hour delay in the morning, everything will be moved ahead an hour. Outdoor supervision will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the bell will ring at 9:20 a.m.
- Breakfast club is cancelled when there is a one-hour delay.

Winter Clothing:

Students need to be outfitted with proper clothing to endure the colder elements during recess. If you need some help acquiring winter clothing, please contact the school office—we may be able to help.

Kindergarten Registration 2024-2025:

Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2025 in order to be eligible for Kindergarten. Please contact us in order to complete a registration form. Proof of child's age (i.e. health card) and verification of home address (i.e. utility bill) are required.

Remembrance Day Assembly:

On November 6th a school-wide assembly was held to pay tribute to those who lost their lives fighting for our freedom. Special Guests: Cathy MacDonald, trumpeter and Greg Davis,

Lieutenant Commander of Naval Reserves. Our cadets participated in the ceremony at the Cenotaph on November 11th including the laying of the PSS wreath.

Water Bottles:

We don't have water bottles. Our filling stations are designed for water bottles. Please ensure your child(ren) has/have this item for use at school each day.

Pediculosis:

-Checking children(ren)'s heads often for lice will help to deter the spread. The holiday sleep overs, etc. seem to be an invitation to welcome these unwanted guests! Please notify the office if your child has an infestation.

Thank You!

-The PROBUS PEI club is a social organization for retired /semi-retired people. They generously made a donation to the Breakfast Program.

-We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for supporting our coupon booklet and book fair school fundraisers.

-A generous donation has been received for our Breakfast Program from Farm Credit Canada as part of their commitment to drive away hunger.

-A **HUGE** thank you to our Breakfast Program volunteers. Breakfast will be served up to and including the final day of classes (December 20th) The Breakfast Program will resume on Monday, January 6th.

Other:

- 3A (Mrs. Joudrey) welcomed Pam Bernard, Jr. Achievement presenter.
- Adrianna Kannek, a student at Colonel Gray, is volunteering in KA until Christmas Break as part of her program placement.

Staff Update:

Brandon Coady, Educational Assistant, has joined our staff. Andrew MacDonald was the successful applicant filling the bus 056 position. Brandon and Andrew are welcomed additions to our staff!

Lost & Found:

We have a number of unclaimed clothing items. The next time you are in the school, please check out this area located on the main level. All items remaining on December 20th will be donated to a local, distribution organization.

Closing Note:

-On behalf of the staff at PSS, we extend wishes for an enjoyable, safe Holiday Season and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday, January 6th!

