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Theme: **Prudence (Wisdom)**



First Nation Veterans of James Bay monument located in Moose Factory

Remembrance Day November 11, 2012

Our Remembrance Day service will be a joint school (MPS, BBS & NLSS) service at 10:30 in our school gym on Friday, November 9, 2012. Each school will be making various contributions to the service and parents and guardians are invited to attend



INSERT: Home & School Connection Nov. 2012 Resources for Educators, a division of CCH Incorporated

The School Fire Drill —A Life-Saving Lesson

Eight Easy Steps for Fire Safety

If a fire ever starts in your school, there is just one thing for you to do: get out safely. In a real fire, you might have only a few seconds to escape. Fire drills give you a chance to practice.

1. Check Exit Procedures.
2. Make the Most of Fire Drills.
3. When the Alarm Sounds, Stop Everything.
4. Exit Safely.
5. Once Out, Stay Out.
6. Don't Wait.
7. Be Ready for the Unexpected.
8. Have Another Plan.



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Now that we are in the month of November and the weather is getting colder it is time to bundle up and be prepared for whatever nature may bring us. Events for this month include our Parent Conference BBQ happening on Thursday, November 15th from 5-8:00pm. During this evening parents and guardians will have time to have a plate of food, visit your child's classroom, and talk to your child's teachers. If a formal private conversation is wanted, this is available during the last hour, from 7:00-8:00pm, right after our door prize draw of a desk top computer package. Parents are reminded to see your child's teacher upon arrival to get your draw ticket and that there is one ticket per child. Good luck in the draw! ☺

There will also be a P.A. day this month on Monday, November 26, and there will be no classes on this day. In addition, there will also be a planned power outage on Wed. Nov. 28th in the morning. This means there will be no classes or school in the morning, but classes will resume normally in the afternoon, and the school bus will make it usual route at the normal time.

Also this month, we are celebrating the virtue of Prudence, or Wisdom. Students will be exploring this virtue and what it means to us in today's society, where more than ever, wisdom and knowledge are very highly valued, both in the spiritual and worldly sense. The more wisdom and knowledge each of us can accumulate can only benefit us, our loved ones, and family. It is our desire to instill into our students that this quest for wisdom should always be a focus for them, and should be a life long mission. As the book of Proverbs tells us:

"Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words of swerve from them. Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love

her, and she will watch over you. Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost you all you have, get understanding."

With November we also see the beginning of Advent, which is a time to reflect on the coming of Jesus Christ's birth, and His coming into each of our hearts through the Sacrament of holy communion, and of course, His second coming at the end of our time here on Earth. It is a time to think about the preparation of our mind, body, and spirit for the second coming, and time to rejoice in the salvation that Christ's Resurrection brought us. We wish everyone a joyous Advent season filled with love and meaning.

On a final note, next month we will be having our annual Christmas concert on Tuesday, December 18th, and this year we are going to have something extra special. We would like to invite all parents and guardians to a special Christmas turkey lunch at the school immediately after the concert. We will be serving turkey, ham, potatoes, stuffing, and vegetables to all students and parents to enjoy in the classrooms, with some games and activities afterward. The time of the concert will at 12:00 pm sharp, to approximately 1:00 pm in the gym at northern college, and then lunch will be served from 1:00-2:00 pm at the school. We hope everyone can make it and have a great time. While everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the Christmas concert, due to a limited budget, we are only able to invite parents and guardians to the dinner. We look forward to seeing you there!! ☺

"With God we make a difference"

Sincerely,
Heath Hough

Heath Hough, Principal

REMINDER: Students should not arrive before 8:30 in the morning and 12:35 in the afternoon as there is no scheduled supervision before these times.

P.D. DAY—Monday, November 26, 2012

There will be no classes for students on this day.



Students of the Month—October

Principal's Award to:

Melvin Wheesk, Gr. 5

Most improved student for behaviour and attitude at school. Keep up the great work!



Jastien TIPPENESKUM, SK

Jastien was chosen because of his enthusiasm for learning, his participation in class, and his attendance.

Mason Fireman, Gr. 2

Mason is a very hard worker! He has been listening in class and is kind to his friends.

Sebastian TIPPENESKUM, Gr. 3

Sebastian has been working super hard in class. He is



beginning to want to spell words on his own. Great job.

Isiah Wesley, Gr. 5

He has been working hard in class. He is always willing to help others. He comes to class ready to learn and regularly.

Dwayne Iahtail, Gr. 8

Dwayne is ready for class and provides a positive working attitude when approaching new skills to learn.

Kyle Nakogee-Naveau, Gr. 4—Native-as-a-Second-Language

Kyle is doing good work and is listening and tries his best each day.

Richard Carpenter, Gr. 8—French-as-a-Second-Language

For always trying his best and succeeding because of it.



Scenes from Halloween...



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Thank you to the parents who brought special treats for the students.



School News...

Advent—Sunday, December 2, to Monday, December 24, 2012

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light” (Isaiah 9:2a).

Advent is a time of quiet, joyful preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth and also a time to remember that we wait for Christ to come again at the end of time. It is a season to enjoy the hope that Christ's Resurrection points to. The first Sunday of Advent is also a time of new beginnings—it is the official start of the Church's calendar. Happy New Year!

Prayer from Children's Daily Prayer by Suzanne M. Lewis

Parent/School Council: The first meeting was scheduled on Wednesday, November 7th at 6:30 p.m.

Progress Reports: The progress reports were mailed home on Nov. 8th.

Parent/Teacher Conferences/BBQ: Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday, November 15th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The first draw for a computer package (hard drive, flat screen monitor, keyboard and mouse) will be at 7:00 p.m. If a winner is not present, a new name will be drawn. Draw only for parents/guardians of current BBS students. Please see your child's teacher to receive your draw ticket; one ticket per family.

National Aboriginal Addictions Awareness Week –Nov. 16-22: A presentation by Payukotayno for Gr. 5 to 8 at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 22nd. A pamphlet was distributed to the students to take home listing the family activities for the week by various community organizations.

School Mass: There is no school Mass this month. There will be a prayer service for Grades 1 to 8 in the school's T-area on Friday, Nov. 23rd at 9:55 a.m. led by the Gr. 7/8 class.

School Pictures: The school picture proofs from Guy's Photo Centre were sent home with the students and orders are due on November 20th with full payment.

Sunday, November 25—Feast of Christ the King