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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents:

Since Christmas everyone has been working very hard to complete the curriculum for this term.

I hope everyone had a good Christmas and holiday. Students and staff are back and hard at work.

Since coming back, the students have enjoyed a weekly skating trip to the rink. The skating will continue until February 9th. I would like to ask for your help again by asking for donations of skates and helmets that your children have outgrown. The students are being taught to skate in a safe manner.

The students and staff did some fundraising for the disaster relief fund for Haiti. They raised over \$347.00 and combined it with the money raised

by the Church to be sent to Haiti.

We are in the process of starting classes for Confirmation. We have approximately eight (8) students taking the lessons this year.

Our school population has increased by seven students this past month. The Junior Kindergarten registration was quite successful; however, there are still spots left and if parents are interested in enrolling their child, we are open for registration between the school hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The JK program is an all day program. We are also now accepting non-Catholics in the program.

Miss Koistinen will be leaving today to begin her new job on Monday. We all wish her

good luck in her new assignment. Our new teacher, Mr. Hough is an experienced teacher and we are looking forward to continuing with the same high standard of teaching that the students received from Miss Koistinen. I hope you will drop by and give him a great welcome. He will begin his assignment on Thursday, February 4, 2010.

I would like to thank the parents/ guardians for their support and patience during this time of transition. I hope we can continue to work together to make this a successful school year for all our students.

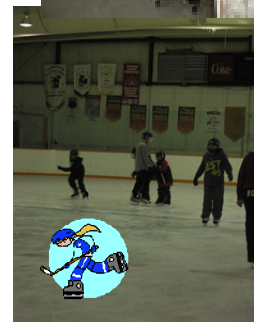
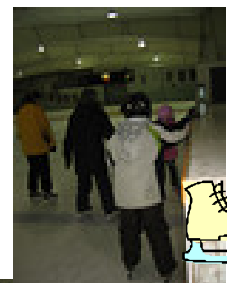
"With God we make a difference"
Sincerely,

Christine Allen, Principal



February 12-28, 2010

Enjoying skating at the arena



**No Classes for students on Thursday, February 11,
Friday, February 12 - P.D. Days for Staff &
Monday, February 15—Family Day.**



Students of the Month—January 2010

Principal's Award to:

Neil Lazarus, JK
Always polite and attempts to do his work.

Chelsea Martin, SK
Chelsea loves to learn. She pays attention in class and does her best work.

Robert Peruelo, Gr. 2
Robert is a welcome addition to our class. He has been able to make a smooth transition to following class rules. He has much to offer the class. Good job!

Faith Sutherland, Gr. 4
Working hard and completing her work. Correcting mistakes and putting her hand up to speak.

Austin Wabano, Gr. 6
Working hard in class. Always volunteers to lead gym. Completes his homework on time.

Xavier Wesley, Gr. 7
Xavier has done an excellent job in class this month ensuring all his work and assignments are complete. He even puts in extra time after school to complete his tasks. He has been displaying

good behaviour and good work habits. Great job Xavier!

Angel Peruelo, Gr. 4, French-as-a-Second Language

Angel is very studious and tries her best at completing all her work. She is all ready to help Jessica without even being asked. Way to go Angel.

Roseleen Burke, Gr. 3, Native-as-a-Second Language

For doing her work and has respect for her peers and the class.



Lent Wednesday, February 17 to Thursday, April 1

THE MEANING OF LENT Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the laws of the prophets" (Matthew 22:37b-40). Lent is the time we try with all our hearts to turn back to God. That turning back is called repenting (turning again). After a time of distraction or willful turning away we feel great sorrow that we have neglected or damaged our relationship with God and we do penance. Repentance and penance are two important works of Lent. Also during Lent we come closer to God by spending more time praying, either with others or when we're alone, by fasting, which means eating less or giving up something that distracts us from knowing God, and by giving alms, which means giving money, time, or possessions to help people in need. *From Children's Daily Prayer 2009-2010 by Margaret M. Brennan*

School News...

A presentation January 28 on nutrition was held by the Dietician for the Porcupine Health Unit for students in grades 3 to 8.

The DARE Program with the OPP is now underway. This is a ten week instructional program for Gr. 5/6 students and issues covered are: drug resistance, peer pressure, gang violence, self-esteem and violence resistance. A letter from the instructor, Constable Mark Wellwood, to the parents/guardians was distributed to the Gr. 5/6 students to take home.

The Parent/School Council,

parents and staff are in the process of completing year 2010-2011 surveys. We are in the process of 'drafting' a school calendar based on the results of the survey.

Weekly skating continues until Feb. 9.

Intramurals for primary grades are held every Friday during the lunch hour.

Confirmation classes for Gr. 5/6 students start on Tuesday, Feb. 2nd at 3:40 to 4:40 p.m. for the next six weeks on Tuesdays.

Gr. 7/8 Fundraising:
Friday, Feb. 12: Movie Night 'New Moon' 6:00 to 8:00

p.m. at the Northern College-JBEC Gym and hot dog lunches will be advertised with order forms sent with students in Gr. 1 to 8.

Upcoming events:

Thursday, Feb. 11 and Friday, Feb. 12: PD Days

Monday, Feb. 15: Family Day

Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 16: Pancake Breakfast for students

Ash Wednesday (Feb. 17): Fr. James will be visiting the classrooms to prepare the students for the Lenten season.

February 22, 23: Visit from the Superintendent of Education, T. Stefanic Weltz, E. Raymond, and T. Jones.

Santa's Annual Visit to BBS...

Skating is fun!

