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Theme: *Prudence (Wisdom)*

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Having just finished the month of October we have been reminded of how much we have, and how important it is to be thankful for all of our blessings. I am always reminded of this whenever I watch the news from around the world, and see some of the terrible conditions and situations that are happening in so many other countries and places. We are truly blessed to live in a country that is not at war with its neighbors, or its own people. We are also spared frequent occurrences of many types of severe natural disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, and earthquakes that are a constant worry and threat to much of the world. Even that fact that we can turn a tap in our homes and have fresh clean water is something that sets us apart from a large part of the world, and something we should be very thankful for.

During this month of November we are studying the virtue of Prudence, also known as wisdom. This is a special virtue for those of us who serve in education, as every day at school it is entrusted to us to give a little more wisdom to each of our students. As the Book of Proverbs tells us:

“Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or 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.”

Wisdom will surely protect those who possess her, as the more you know, the more you can help yourself, and most importantly, the more you can help others and your loved ones.

With November we also see the beginning of Advent, which is a time to reflect on the coming of Jesus Christ's birth, 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 a time to rejoice in the salvation that Christ's Resurrection brought us.

November is also a time of some unpredictable weather, and I would like to remind all students to be sure to arrive at school with a winter jacket, hat, and mittens or gloves, as the wise are always prepared!

Events for this month include our first progress report which will be mailed this week on Nov. 9th, and parent-teacher meetings on Wednesday, Nov. 16, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm here at school. I would like to encourage all parents and guardians to come out and talk to your child's teacher, even if it is just to say hello! We will also have a Professional Development (P.D.) day for teachers on Monday, Nov. 28, so there will be no classes for students on this day.

May God bless you and your family this season as we prepare for the coming winter!

“With God we make a difference”

Sincerely,

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 28, 2011

There will be no classes for students on this day.



First Nation Veterans of James Bay monument located in Moose Factory

Remembrance Day November 11, 2011

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

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.





Students of the Month—October



Principal's Award to:

Kyle Nakogee-Naveau, Gr. 3



For making great improvements in class and at recess. Using his words, not his hands or feet, and for telling the teachers if anyone bothers him.

Chelsea Kirk, JK

Chelsea shows gratitude with her friendly smile and kind words. She remembers to say thank you to her teachers and to God. She is a great role model for her classmates!

Kole Martin-Sutherland, Gr. 1

Kole has perfect attendance for the month of October. He usually finishes his work on time. Good job Kole!



May-Nee-Shish Kamalatisit-Glenesk, Gr. 2

The student of the month is May-Nee-Shish. I chose her because of her improvement in independent work skills and asking for help.

Seth Shisheesh, Gr. 5

Seth for his excellent behavior and working hard to finish his assignments.

Alicia Sutherland, Gr. 8

She is almost always in class. She does all of her work and helps her classmates. She is always willing to lend a hand when she can.

Justine Goodwin, Gr. 1 —Native-as-a-Second-Language

Justine is doing good work in the Cree language. She shows respect to other students and to teachers. Thank you!

Alicia Sutherland, Gr. 8—French-as-a-Second-Language

Alicia for helping others with their French words.

Scenes from Halloween...



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

School News...

Advent—Sunday, November 27, to Saturday, December 24, 2011

“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

Sunday, November 20—Feast of Christ the King

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Parent/School Council:

The first meeting was held on Thursday, November 3rd at 6:30 p.m. with 3 parents, and would like to have more parents for the next meeting. Come and join us!

Progress Reports:

The progress reports will be mailed home on November 9th.

Parent/Teacher Interviews:

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday, November 16th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

School Mass:

Our next school Mass will be on Thursday, November 24th at 10:00 a.m. at the Christ the King Church. Everyone welcome!

Sacrament of Confirmation: For those students who have received the Sacraments of Baptism, and First Communion; the parents/guardians can contact the parish priest Fr. Maboe at 705-336-2525 if they want their child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

School Pictures:

The school picture proofs from Guy's Photo Centre were sent home with the students and are due on Monday, November 21st with full payment.