

# Port Maitland Consolidated **Elementary School Newsletter**

## **Updates**



# 🥟 December 2023 News 🥌



### **Important Dates**

We hope that you all had a great month and that you are all ready to be entering the last month of the year, the start of fishing and the start of the holiday season, regardless of what holiday you celebrate.

Check out the **Holiday Theme** Day list for each day. It will be sent out to families within the next week.

Report Cards and Parent-Teacher Conferences

- Were sent home on November 28 electronically to the emails we have recorded in our system.
- If you would like to request a paper copy, please contact the office.
- Parent-Teacher conferences will be taking place on Thursday Nov 30 from 12:30-2:15 and from 6-8 pm. Appointments can be in person or by phone and can be made by contacting the office by phone (902)649-4400 or by email pmces@tcrce.ca

Dec 12- Free School Lunch for all staff/students (sponsored by SAC)

The community is hosting a Craft Vendor Fair on Thursday Nov 30 from 6-9 pm during parent-teacher night.. Everyone is welcome to attend. Money raised will be donated to the school breakfast program and the Harbour Authority. We are hoping to see lots of people supporting our event.

**SAC Meeting** Dec 12

Please see the flyer sent home about the food drive the school is hosting. This and our flag decorations are the kick off activities for the starting of our school's "team ships" where students are placed on teams (aka) ships to build a sense of community within our school and complete friendly competitions against the other teams throughout the year.

December 14-Santa Mart

We will be holding a Santa Mart on Thursday Dec 14. Families are invited to send in new or gently used gifts to our school please drop it off at the office before Dec 14.

Dec 18- Move Day/Cineplex Day (Polar Express)

Lost and Found

 Our lost and found is bursting at the seams. We have lots of clothing. Please try and make a visit to check it out and claim back your child's clothing.

Check out the attached list of the theme days for December. The school has an elf doll named Buddy that leaves activities and treats for the students each day.

Grades P-5 will be going to Cineplex on Dec 18 to watch Polar Express. A consent form will be sent home before the event. This is free for all. There will not be concessions available so students do not need to bring any money.

The Port Maitland School SAC has sponsored a Holiday Lunch that will allow all staff and students to receive a free holiday lunch and milk on December 12th.

#### School Cash Online

- Guardians can register for School Cash online which will allow them to pay any
  fees or for materials, lunches from the cafeteria online instead of sending cash
  to school. This is a great way for guardians to know that the money has arrived.
- If there is a storm day or the child is sick, a credit is issued on or before the end of that week



#### Lunches

• Due to the limited time to eat, students do not have access to a microwave at lunch. Please send lunches that do not require heating.

It is encouraged that parents and guardians speak to their children about accepting and eating food from others. Children should only be eating items that are packed from home or provided from the school and are reminded to not share what they have brought with others.

#### Drop Off/Pick Up

- Guests are not permitted to escort their student to the class. We have to limit non-staff adults in our halls for the safety of ALL STUDENTS. It is a lot easier for staff if parents would not walk their child to their classes.
- Reminder that when you drop off students in the morning, you are not permitted to use the "bus only" lane in front of the school. Please drop off and turn around in the parking lot by the playground. Students should not be dropped off prior to 8:00 am as the doors remain locked until then.

Our school has opted out of an online holiday concert this year and we are planning on an in-person, full school spring concert hosted at the school in April of this school year. We will post more details when the date is closer.

#### Daily Screening

- It is the season of illness and we want to remind families of illness
- Families are reminded that if your child is sick, they should not come to school.
- Families should make alternative plans in case a student calls home sick through the day as they can not stay at the school sick.



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CRAFT & VENDOR SALE

WHEN:

Thursday, November 30th, 2023

PLACE:

Port Maitland School

TIME:

6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

## ADDMISSION:

\$2 entry fee at the door
All of the door & Chinese Auction proceeds
Will be donated to the
Port Maitland Lunch Program &
The Harbour Authority of Port Maitland

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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