

May 2011



Mac's Tracks

The newsletter of

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NJ Macpherson School

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2 Day 2	3 Day 3	4 Day 4	5 Day 5	6 Day 6	7
Gymnastics: Tues. Group 1 Weds. Group 2 Thurs. Group 3	Music Monday— School choirs will visit our school in pm. Performance starts at 1:40	Staff Meeting 3:30 12:15 3-6 Choir	Music Festival— Choir will travel to NU to perform. Our choir is set to perform at 1:30. Pasta Lunch Forms Due	Pinocchio In- formation and Ticket Forms come home today	Pasta Lunch Talent Show at 2 PM	Extra Work Bee 1-5pm
8 Gymnastics: Tues. Group 4 Weds. Group 5 Thurs. Group 6	9 Day 1 8:45 Assembly	10 Day 2	11 Day 3	12 Day 4 12:15 3-6 Choir Stage Set Up #5 7-9pm	13 Day 5 Bike Safety presentations for K-4 students in the morning	14 Work Bee #6 10-4pm
15 Gymnastics: Tues. Group 1 Weds. Group 2 Thurs. Group 3	16 Day 6	17 Day 1 Grade 3 Writing AAT Grade 6 Writing AAT in AM	18 Day 2 PAC Meeting at 12 noon	19 Day 3 Last Day of Gymnastics 12:15 3-6 Choir	20 Day 4 SIP - Professional development afternoon— Noon dismissal for students Jump Rope for Heart Forms due today	21
22	23 NO SCHOOL Hoilday	24 Day 5 Pinocchio run through for cast	25 Day 6 Litter Free Lunch Day Pinocchio: Performance Dress at 1:30 & Show 7pm Pizza Lunch Forms Due	26 Day 1 Pinocchio Show 7pm	27 Day 2 Pizza Lunch	28 Yellowknife Track & Field Meet
29 Many classes are going swimming this week.	30 Day 3	31 Day 4 Gr 5. ALC Camp	<p>Looking Ahead: June 1st-3rd—Hay River Track & Field Meet June 10th - SIP, noon dismissal June 21st—Aboriginal Day, No school June 28th—Last Day of School for Students Dismissal at 3:15</p>			

Important Dates:

- ◆ **Pasta Lunch**— May 6th **Please bring a bowl to school for your pasta!**
- ◆ SIP— May 20th **Noon Dismissal**
- ◆ **PAC Meeting**—May 18th at noon in Portable Classroom #3
- ◆ **No School**—May 23rd
- ◆ **Pinocchio**—May 25th&26th at 7pm
- ◆ **Pizza Lunch**— May 27th

NJ students celebrate success!

NJ Macpherson was presented an award by the City of Yellowknife for our recycling efforts this year. Thank you to Ms. Trice, Ms. Hoeve, Ms. Raegan, & Ms. Lee for helping guide our students to a greener tomorrow. A special thank you to the NJ Recycling Team & the Paper Recycling Team who work diligently each week to help our environment. A special thank you to Madelon Haener who nominated our school for this award.



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Pinocchio— “No Strings Attached”

**Under the direction of
Enhanced Fine Arts Teacher, Sean Daly
our students will perform 2 evening shows
7pm Wednesday, May 25 &
7pm Thursday, May 26th**



The show will feature the 3-6 choir, special cast members, as well as class performances by 5W, 4L, 3M and the K-6 Montessori classes. Tickets for the shows will be available for purchase starting Thursday, May 5th. Information and ticket forms will be sent home with the 'youngest and only' of each family. Please return these ticket forms as soon as possible to ensure seating. The students will have a Performance Dress on Wednesday, May 25th at 1:30pm. Thank you to the parent volunteers who have given of their time so generously to help us get ready for this show.

have Pride

Act respectfully

Work cooperatively

play Safely

Spring Weather

Spring weather is unpredictable in Yellowknife. Be sure to dress children warmly for the cool morning temperatures and be prepared for slush and puddles later in the day. Dressing in layers and sending an extra pair of pants and socks for the little ones is a great idea!

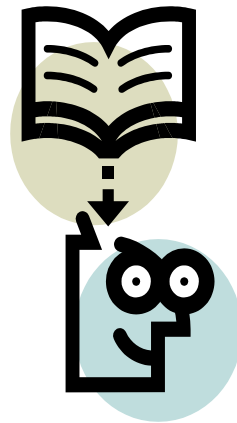


When the playground becomes too wet for safe play, we will temporarily move to the front drive-through and parking lot for recesses. Pylons will be put in place to mark the area at that time.

Please remember not to park in the bus lane, fire lane, and wheel chair spaces located directly in front of the school.



NJM Literacy Corner Focus: Predicting



To help your child with reading comprehension, focus on **Predicting**.

With *younger children*, do a “picture walk” through the book before reading it together. See what story your child can see and talk about from viewing the pictures. What story do the pictures tell?

You can encourage *older children* to predict what they think is going to happen or what they may learn about in a piece of text by encouraging them to use following prompts before and during their reading:

- “I’m guessing this will be about”
- “This title / heading / picture makes me think”
- “I wonder ...”

Literacy Coach, Brenda Johnson

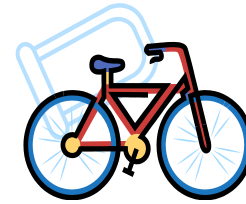
MAY NEWSLETTER DRAW

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. Please take a moment to fill out this form and put it in the draw can in the office. Each month we will have a draw and the lucky winner will receive a gift. Good luck! If you are using the electronic form and would rather not to print the newsletter please send the information below on a piece of paper.

Child’s Name: _____ Class: _____

Parent’s Signature: _____

Spring Safety



Bike Safety

The bikes will be coming out of storage soon. Bike helmets are a must. Make sure your child is always wearing a helmet while biking and that it fits and is fastened properly. Students who ride their bikes to school must lock them up at the bike racks on the playground when they arrive in the morning. Students are not permitted to be in the bike rack area during recesses. The RCMP will be coming to our school to give a bike a safety presentation to our grade K-4 students on May 13th.

We also request that students do not ride bikes, scooters, skateboards, or inline skates and shoes on the playground. If students use them to get to school, they must put them away when they arrive at school.

Stranger Safety

Teach your children that all strangers should be considered dangerous. If a stranger asks for help, ignore the request and walk away. Stay far away from strangers’ vehicles and do not take anything from strangers. If your child feels that he is in danger, he should yell for help. If your child walks to or from school, it’s better to walk with a friend or a group of friends. Teach your children the ‘safe spots’ that they could stop when walking or biking, like friends’ houses, block parent houses, the police station, the fire hall, etc. Teach them to stay away from isolated or wooded areas.

School Safety

We keep very close tabs on your kids when they are in our care. If someone different is picking up your children during or after school, please notify the school office. We will not release your children to anyone other than you without your permission. As well, please keep your contact information up to date so that we can find you in case there is an emergency. Together, we can keep our children safe!



Thank you to the parents who volunteered at the April Hawaiian Lu’au Family Dance. Great fun was had by all.



May PAC Meeting

A message from **PAC**
(Parent Advisory Committee)

Please join us at the school for the next meeting:

May, 18th at 12 noon

Call for information. The PAC has set up a FUN LUNCH committee to help plan and organize PAC lunches for the 2011-2012 school year. The plan is to have one PAC Lunch each month for the upcoming school year. If you have an idea for a theme lunch or a lunch menu suggestion please email sharon.oldford@yk1.nt.ca. Thank you to Tanya Pariseau for taking the lead on this committee.