

November 2011



Mac's Tracks

The newsletter of

873-4372

November, 2011

NJ Macpherson School

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Sun 1 Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1 Day	2 Day 5	3 Day 6	4 Day 1	5
	4 Gymnastics 2B/2G/2M 12:15—Gr. 3-6 Choir 3:30—Staff Mtg. Gr.4-6 Hockey	Gymnastics 2/3B and 3M Pizza order forms due	Gymnastics 3L 12:15—Gr. 3-6 Choir	5W Pizza Sale	Daylight Savings Time Ends—Set your clocks back 1 hour.
6	8 Day 3 Gymnastics 4R 12:15—Gr. 3-6 Choir 7:00— Parent Info Night re:	9 Day 4 Gymnastics 5W Hockey Academy Last day to re- quest specific time for P/T Interview—Call 873-4372	10 Day 5 Gymnastics 4/5H and 4-6M 8:40 a.m.—K-6 Classes go to NACC by Bus Remembrance Day Assembly 1PM 12:15—Gr. 3-6 Choir	11 Remembrance Day—NO SCHOOL	12 10:00-12:00— Drama Club
13 2-4pm-Winter Concert Work Bee #1	15 Day 1 Gymnastics 2B/2G/2M Report Cards Go Home	16 Day 2 Gymnastics 2/3B and 3M Gr.4-6 Hockey Academy	17 Day 3 Gymnastics 2/3B and 3M 12:15—Gr. 3-6 Choir	18 Parent/ Teacher Interviews— NO SCHOOL	19 1-4pm—Winter Concert Set Build- ing Yellowknife Santa Claus Parade
			Scholastic Book Fair Nov. 17 & 18		
20	22 Day 5 Gymnastics 4R	23 Day 6 Gymnastics 5W Litterless Lunch	24 Day 1 Gymnastics 4/5H and 4-6M Kindergarten Stu- dents decorate Tree at the Legislature 12:15—Gr. 3-6 Choir PAC Lunch Science Travels	25 Day 2 Gr.4-6 Hockey Academy SIP Day— Dismissal at Noon	26 10:00-12:00— Drama Club
27 2-4pm-Winter Concert Work Bee #2	29 Day 4 Gymnastics 2B/2G/2M Gr.4-6 Hockey Academy 12:15—Gr. 3-6 Choir	30 Day 5 Gymnastics 2/3B and 3M 7-9pm Stage set- up	1 Day 6 Gymnastics 2/3B and 3M 12:15—Gr 3-6 Choir 8:45—Assembly	2 Day 1	3 10-12 Drama Club

Looking Ahead:

December 7th—NJ Winter Concert Production
 December 14th—Montessori Christmas Concert @ NACC
 December 17 to January 2—Christmas Break—School is Closed

Important Dates:

- ◆ **P/T Interview Schedule**—
If you would like to request a specific time for your Parent-Teacher Interview, please call the office by **Nov. 9th.**
- ◆ **Remembrance Assembly 1pm & NACC am**—Nov. 10th
- ◆ **Remembrance Day**—
Nov. 11th—No School
- ◆ **Report Cards Go Home**—Nov. 15th
- ◆ **Parent-Teacher Interview Day**—Nov. 18th—No School
- ◆ **SIP Day**—Nov. 25th—
Students Dismissed at Noon

Allen Mkhitarian
named as Junior Fire Chief for a Day!

Deputy Fire Chief Gerda Groothuizen along with the on call crew came to present Allen with a junior fire chief suit and take him in the fire truck for a tour and a special lunch with the fire chief. As part of fire prevention week students were invited to complete individual, family, or class projects. 1 student from K-3 was selected for the junior fire chief. Prizes were awarded to classes, individuals and families. All the students from 2B, 2/3B, 5W, and 4-6M completed class projects. Visit the school library to see 4-6M's big book entitled, The ABC's of Fire Safety. Great work on the projects!

Report Cards!

Report cards are sent home three times each school year, at the end of each term. The first-term report card is coming home this month. With regular communication between you and your child's teacher, there shouldn't be any surprises. The information on the report card should tell you some of things that you and your child already know and also some things that can help your child to improve.

The report card should communicate clear information about your child's learning. The specific curriculum outcomes that your child is working on are listed in the report card. It is then clearly stated for each outcome whether your child is *not yet meeting* grade expectations, *approaching* grade expectations, *meeting* grade expectations, or *excelling* at grade expectations. Comments from the teacher are included, along with goals for the next term.

The 'Growth as a Learner' section is located at the top of the report card. The 4 categories are: **Social Intelligence**, **Critical Thinking**, **Problem Solving**, and **Metacognition**. Each area for this section is marked as either *satisfactory* or *needs improvement*.

The parent-teacher interview is a great time to discuss or clarify the information contained in the report card. It is important to keep the lines of communication open between you and your child's teacher so that your child can reach his or her full potential! A parent-teacher interview will be scheduled for each student. The interview time will come home with the report card. If you would like to request a particular time, please call Natalie at the school 873-4372 by November 9th.



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Canadian Medic Alert Foundation

Our school is associated with the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation's *No Child Without* program. Students who attend our school and are between the ages of 4 and 14 can join the MedicAlert through this program at no cost. If your child has a medical condition, allergy, or is required to take medication on a regular basis, then you should consider this program. A child's MedicAlert identification can alert school staff, friends, coaches, and others about your child's medical condition should an emergency occur. For further information come to the office for a brochure or go to www.nochildwithout.ca. To register your child you will need a *No Child Without* brochure from the office. If your child is already part of the *No Child Without* program and there have been changes to their medical condition, medications or emergency contact information, call MedicAlert at 1-800-668-1507 to update your child's file.



The Scholastic Book Fair
is Coming!

When: November 17 & 18
 Where: The NJ Library



Students will visit the Book Fair during class time on November 17th and can purchase books during this visit. Look over the Book Fair flyer (coming home soon!) with your child and use the Student Wish List form to select books. Then, simply send it and the correct amount of money to school with your child.

There will also be an opportunity for you to visit the Book Fair on November 18th, during Parent/Teacher Interviews.

Did you know that for every \$10 you spend at the Book Fair, up to \$6 goes back to our school? This allows us to purchase new books and educational resources.

NEWSLETTER

Just a reminder that our school newsletter is posted on our website @ www.njm.yk1.nt.ca. If you **do not** wish to continue to receive a paper copy of the newsletter, please take a moment to fill out this form and return it to the office.

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

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!

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

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NJM PAC Presents....

Understanding Your Child's Progress Report Card

Presenter: Sharon Oldford
Tuesday, November 8, 2011
7:00pm

First Term Report Cards are going home Tuesday November 15th

This presentation (approximately 45 minutes) will help you understand your child's report card. Topics covered include:

- ◆ What do the numbers mean?
- ◆ How are the objectives determined?
- ◆ Question and answer time

If you are interested in attending please email Sharon at sharon.oldford@yk1.nt.ca or call the school at 873-4372. This meeting will take place based on the interest so it is important to respond if you wish to attend.



Sledge hockey

The National Sledge hockey team came to Yellowknife for their training camp. Classes were invited to greet them at the Multiplex and watch some of their practices. Members of the team came to visit the school to meet the students and talk about the sport. Many of our students tried out the sport at a special open house at the Multiplex on October 22nd.



Reminders:

- ◆ As the temperature drops, please remember to dress children warmly with snow pants, boots, hats, and mitts. We go outside for recess unless the temperature drops below - 30 degrees (including the wind-chill factor).
- ◆ There is not a lot of parking space on the school property. Please use the student drop-off lane or the street when dropping off or picking up students. Please do not block the bus/fire lane, wheelchair parking spaces, or the staff parking lot entrance.
- ◆ Please call the school when your child is absent. We follow up on all unexplained absences to make sure that all students are safe—especially in the cold winter months! Please remember to update the school with any changes to home/work/cell/emergency contact persons phone numbers.

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