



# Mapes Magic

Dec. 10, 2008

We are Mapes! We are: **M**otivated, **A**mbitious, **G**enerous, **I**maginative, **C**aring. We are Magic!



## Happy Birthday

Those celebrating a birthday in December are: Cale Haines (10<sup>th</sup>), John Rodgers (24<sup>th</sup>) and Brad Ophus (29<sup>th</sup>).



## Dielman's Cookie Orders

The cookie dough and cheesecake orders will be available for pick-up at the school on Friday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. We will not send the product home on the bus with students.

## Electronics at School

Please be reminded that electronic devices such as mp3 players, Ipods, electronic games and cell phones are not permitted at school. These electronic devices are not only distracting but they are also at risk of becoming lost, stolen or damaged. The school cannot insure the safety of these items. If your child has a cell phone for use after school he/she may take it to Mrs. Hascarl in the school office for safe keeping during class time.

## Dates to Remember

Dec. 10 –Star Movie Afternoon  
Dec. 11 - Cookie Dough Orders Arrive  
Dec. 12 - Chocolate Orders Arrive  
Dec. 16 –Dress Rehearsal  
**Dec. 17 –Christmas Concert – 7:00 pm**  
**Dec. 17 –Coffee & Dessert Social – 8:00 pm**  
Dec. 18 –Pajama Day  
Dec. 19 - Schools Close for Holidays  
Jan. 5 - School Reopens

## Star Movie

Today the students were rewarded for their exceptional behaviour during the month of November with a special movie presentation of Wall-E. In November, each and every student at Mapes School earned at least one star! Weston Warkentin earned an outstanding 9 stars! Way to Go, Mapes!!



## Christmas Concert

The students have been kept merrily busy with preparations for the Mapes Magical Christmas Celebration which will be held on **Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.** Following the children's performances there will be a visit from Santa, the PAC raffle and a Coffee and Dessert Social. The gymnasium is being transformed into a Holiday wonderland and the excitement is starting to build! What have teachers been hearing students say? "I can't wait!"



## Coffee & Dessert Social

Following this year's Christmas pageant will be a coffee and dessert social. Parents are asked to please contribute a dessert or baked item to share and enjoy.



## Christmas Raffle

The Mapes PAC has organized some fantastic gifts for the Christmas raffle. In addition to 2 gift baskets, one for a boy and one for a girl, they have many great individual items ranging from gift certificates to auto accessories. Raffle tickets have been sent home with the students and more are available at the school office. Try your luck! Draw date is Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> after the Christmas concert.



Grade 2 Writing:  
**If You Give a Zebra A  
Cookie**

By Keanna Redcrow

If you give a zebra a cookie  
He'll want some milk to go with it  
Then he'll want some chocolate syrup to  
go with the milk.  
He will go to get the chocolate syrup  
then he will see the cookies and want  
more cookies.

### "Messages to You"

Mrs. Devauld and Mr. Fitz have been video-taping Christmas messages from the children for their families. These messages will be played only during the Christmas concert.

### *Our Doors are Open!*

*Thanks to SD91 Maintenance, our main entrance doors are now fully operational. Visitors & parents are asked to please use main entrance.*

## StrongStart

with  
Sandra Boivin

**Wednesdays at Mapes School**

**9:30am-12:00pm**

**Parents stay and play with their children. Learn new things you can do with your children to help them learn and grow!!**

**Please join us for fun, food and play!**

### **Parents:**

Many students have been complaining that they have wet socks after recess. For some students it's due to getting snow in their boots, but for others the wet socks are a result of not wearing appropriate winter footwear. Please send an extra pair of socks for your child to keep in their backpack so they will have something warm and dry to change into.

### **Message from Mr. Gray:**

#### **Grade 3/4/5 Report**

The Grade 3/4/5 class is well into practices for its Christmas play entitled "Mapes Magic Forest." In Language Arts, the class has just finished writing narrative paragraphs and is working on spelling lists that include Word Wall words. They are completing work in Math on estimation, addition, subtraction, mental math and problem solving. Most students have finished their French placemats which will be laminated so students may take them home for Christmas. This Friday, students are to bring a lunch that has the correct servings according to the Canada Food guide found in their Personal Planning notebooks. It will be marked as an assignment. Finally, I am presenting Banana Awards to the class for the categories of Top Mark, Best Effort, Most Improvement, and Participation. What a week!