



Mapes Magic

Feb 4, 2009

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

Happy Birthday



Students celebrating a birthday in February are: Emily Eggleton (2nd); Nick Lank (14th); Dakota Moldowan (23rd); Logan Solmonson (27th)

Star Students

Who says there is no such thing as a free lunch? Students at Mapes who earned 5 or more stars for the month of January were awarded a free Hot Lunch of their choice from the February menu!



Star students for the month of January were:

4 stars - Cole Spiers & Emily Engstrom;

5 stars - Melanie Rodgers & Sylvia Tiffin;

6 stars - Samantha Briere;

and our Student of the Month, Emily Eggleton earned 7 stars! Emily also received a new Scholastic book.

Dates to Remember

- Feb. 6 – Ski Forms Due
- Feb. 7 – Grade 5,6,7 Bottle Drive
- Feb. 11 – StrongStart Cancelled
- Feb. 11 - Pre-Ski Safety Meeting 6:30 – 7:00
- Feb. 12 – Science Fair at Mapes
- Feb. 13 – Swimming at PG Aquatic Centre
- Feb. 16 – Marion Hunt-Doig Presentation
- Feb. 16 - Advanced Fiddle 12:30 – 1:30
- Feb. 16 – Model Club Hot Rod Show
- Feb. 19 – Science Fair at WKE
- Feb. 27 – Pro-D Day
- Mar. 5 – Murray Ridge Ski Trip

SKI MEETING

FEB 11 6:30 – 7:00 PM
FOR PARENTS WHO HAVE NOT ATTENDED A PRE-SKI SAFETY MEETING FOR A SCHOOL SKI TRIP TO MURRAY RIDGE.

If you will be unable to attend, please contact the school office.

ALL MURRAY RIDGE SKI FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE SCHOOL NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, FEB. 6

Science Fair

Want to see kids excited about learning? Stop in at Mapes and check out the preparations for the Science Fair! Mapes students have tackled the challenge with enthusiasm and are in the midst of active, hands-on learning as they test and fine tune their projects. There is a lot of constructive discussion to be heard as they learn to work together in discovering some very cool science. The Mapes Science Fair is Feb.12. The top projects will be entered in the District Science Fair in Burns Lake on Feb.19.



Your School Spirit is Showing!

Let's show Vanderhoof we know how to pull together to achieve our goals!
Saturday, Feb. 7th

is the Mapes Bottle Drive

This post-Super Bowl bottle drive will be profitable if parents and students participate.

We need your help!

Participation by all grade 5-7 students is expected!

We will meet in the NVSS parking lot at 10:00 a.m. and will break into groups. Each group will be assigned a small area of Vanderhoof to cover so we can finish quickly. Anyone who can help with the sorting at the bottle depot is asked to please do so.

You can make this a success!!

Swimming Day

Mapes is beating the February blues with a trip to the Prince George Aquatic Centre on Friday, Feb. 13th.

The swimming pool coordinators require chaperones to attend with the students. Mrs. Baumann will need 4 parent helpers while Mr. Gray and Mr. Fitz will need 3-4 each. Please return your child's permission slip as soon as possible and indicate on it whether or not you will be able to help out!



District Pro-D Day

Friday, Feb. 27 is the date of the next District Planning Day. There will be a Mapes SPC meeting from 11:00 – 12:00 followed by a luncheon.

Scholastic Book Orders

When you order books through Scholastic, our school benefits. The last book order from Mapes students earned the school 6 free library books and over \$60 in coupons. Our library grows!



STAR FOCUS FOR FEBRUARY

“Putting Forth Best Effort in MATH”.

In addition to awarding students who speak and act with care, courtesy, kindness and generosity, this month the teachers will recognize students who try their best at math. What are we looking for?

Attitude – Persistence ie. tackling a problem with positive energy.

– “Can Do” Language – “Boy this is tough, but I am still going to try.”

Work Completion – Fully completed work handed in on time.

– Demonstrate Thinking – Show and be prepared to explain thinking!

– Focus on Assigned Task

Community Notes

MBS Community Club News

Ice Fishing Derby

Sunday, February 8th at Sinkut Lake (by the bridge on Blackwater Rd.) 11 am - 3 pm

Entry fee - \$10 / family of 4 or \$3 / person

Chili or hotdog provided

Persons aged 16+ must hold a valid fishing license.

Note: This is a TRASH Fish Derby

For info, please call Sheila 567-4640.

Winterfest 2009

Nechako Valley Winterfest Feb 6 – 20

Spirit of BC Week Feb 6 – 14

From art to dog sledding to hockey, there'll be activities for all! See the schedule of events attached to this newsletter or contact the District of Vanderhoof office at 567-4711 for information.

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

February 16, 2009

School Board Office, Vanderhoof

This meeting will commence at 6:00 p.m. Members of the public are invited to attend.

Wheel Chair Basketball

Jan. 5th to March 9th

BC Wheelchair Basketball is hosting a **free** recreational wheelchair basketball program for youth age 6 - 12 years, and for adults. The program is open to able-bodied and disabled participants. Meet at Sinkut View School Mondays from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. for the youth and 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. for the adult program. Equipment is provided.



Can Skate

The second session of Can Skate has begun. If you would like to register or have any questions about this program, contact Jessica at 250-567-9319

Circle of Courage

Responsibility Pathways Training

March 9 – 11th, 2009

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

At the School District Training Centre in W.L. McLeod Elementary School in Vanderhoof.

This workshop is for Counsellors, Social Workers, RCMP and other community members who work with and have a passion for youth.

All materials and lunches will be provided.

To register, e-mail hsilver@mail.sd91.bc.ca or

call NVSS at 250-567-2291

Spaces are limited so register early!

Northern Interior Health

News:

Influenza is a viral illness that causes symptoms such as sneezing, coughing, sore throat, fever, headache, and muscle pain.

Flu viruses spread easily through sneezing, coughing, and contact with infected people. Because a virus causes the flu, antibiotics will not help.

Once you get the flu, the virus has to run its course which can be a week or longer.

Prevention:

* Hand washing is the best single way to prevent the spread of germs from one person to another. Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water for at least 15-20 seconds. Don't be a statistic; wash your hands thoroughly and frequently.

* If you have the flu stay home, avoid spreading the virus to others.

* Get plenty of rest.

* Drink lots of fluids and eat when you feel well enough.