



MAPES MAGIC

May. 13, 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 May are: Walker Kelly (8th), Melanie Rodgers (12th), Reagen Rempel (13th), KC Spiers (15th), Fallon Bailey (29th) and Nicole Rodgers (31st).

Dates to Remember

- May 14 – Magic Moose V-Class
- May 18 – Victoria Day (No School)
- May 19 – Endako Safety Meeting 7 – 7:30 p.m.
- May 20 – Grilled Cheese Hot Lunch
- May 20 – Grade 7 Trip to NVSS
- May 22 – Concert at EDS 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
- May 26 – Grade 3 -7 Concert at NVSS
- May 28 – Endako Mine Trip for Grades 5-7

MAY READING CHALLENGE

The staff at Mapes has challenged the students to read a total of 10,000 pages by the end of the month. Mapes students are so awesome that they read over 8,000 pages in the first week alone! You guys ROCK!!!



MAGIC MOOSE

Tomorrow, May 14th, the students in Mr. Fitz's class will be joining their partners from Topley Elementary School via the internet in the Magic Moose Virtual Classroom. At 11:30 the students will meet in the library and will be able to chat and work online with Topley students to complete a Social Studies project. Technology is cool!



Pre-Kindergarten!

To help prepare your child for kindergarten, Mapes Elementary and StrongStart are hosting some pre-kindergarten activities and games next Wednesday, May 27th from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. These activities are a part of the Ready, Set, Learn initiative and are recommended by Mrs. Baumann for any children starting school in September.

ENDAKO FIELD TRIP

The students in grades 5, 6, & 7 have the opportunity to tour the Endako Mine site on Thursday, May 28th. This field trip ties in with the geology unit the students are working on for their Science class.

Endako has very strict safety regulations for anyone who tours the site. Therefore, all parents of students wishing to participate in the field trip must attend a safety meeting at Mapes School on Wednesday, May 20th from 7:00 - 7:30 pm. During this meeting you will be asked to sign a permission form allowing your child to go on the tour. This safety meeting is mandatory. If you are unable to attend please contact Mr. Gray at the school to make arrangements to come in at another time. If you would like to join the students on this unique field trip please feel free to join us as a chaperone.

H1N1 Flu Update

As of today, there have been no reported cases of Mapes students becoming ill with the H1N1 flu virus. If you decide to keep your child at home for any reason, please call Mrs. Hascarl (567-4341) as the school is keeping records as to why children are absent. If your child is experiencing any flu symptoms please notify the school and keep your child at home. Please continue to be vigilant with hand washing as that is the single most effective way to prevent the spread of this disease! If you have any questions at all about the H1N1 virus you can contact a health nurse at Northern Health at 567-6900.

Model Car Draw



Mr. Gray has some completed and partially completed model cars that were donated to him and he is making these available to Mapes students. Students from all three classes may enter their names in a draw to win one of the models which are currently on display in the main foyer. Enter your name soon as the draw will be held next week.

Head Lice

Mapes Elementary is taking a pro-active approach to the issue of head lice in school.

While there is no way to completely eradicate head lice from any school, our staff is taking all the precautions we can. Because head lice can go from child to child on clothing, all of the play clothes, sports jerseys and hockey and baseball helmets are frozen for 48 hours after each use and then washed. We have also labeled the hooks in the boot room to encourage students to hang their jackets so they do not touch other jackets. Head lice are not an indicator of hygiene. We ask that all parents please check their children for head lice periodically. If you are unsure of how to determine whether or not your child has head lice, contact Northern Health nurses at 567-6900.



COME TO THE Ready, Set, Learn Fair!

For Families with 3 & 4 Year Old children:

The 2009 Ready, Set, Learn Fair will be held at the Friendship Hall in Vanderhoof on Wed, May 13th from 4:00 to 5:30 pm.

This is an opportunity to meet all the Kindergarten teachers in Vanderhoof as well as other service providers such as the Public Health Nurse, Carrier-Sekani Family Services, the Diabetic Health Nurse and others. Play with your child at several fun learning stations and receive a free information package with a great children's book. Find out how to get your child ready for Kindergarten and learn about activities you can do with your child around Vanderhoof.

For info please contact Michelle Miller-Gauthier at either 567-2267 or 570-9011

or Email her at:
mmgauthier@sd91.bc.ca

Scientific Adventures

This 'hands on' class will bring out the Mad Scientist in you!!!

Wednesday, May 20th, 2009 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the Vanderhoof Public Library. The cost is \$10.00 for

members and \$15.00 for non-members. Pre-registration is required. Please contact the

Prince George Child Care Resource & Referral office: 1-800-680-6699



Figure Skating Club

The Nechako Figure Skating Club will be having its Annual General Meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2009. NFSC is looking forward to an exciting 2009-2010 season as we prepare to host the Nizutnee Competition in January 2010! Volunteers are always needed and everyone is welcome. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. in the Arena Mezzanine.



Rip'n the North Bike Club

...is proud to announce that on June 8th they will be starting construction on a new mountain bike park in Vanderhoof. On **May 24th** the club will be doing an annual garbage pick up to earn funds for the park. Anyone interested in helping can meet at the Co-Op mall at 8:00 am.

Please come out and have some fun!!!

Prizes will be awarded to the most enthusiastic and energetic.

FUTURE STARS ATHLETIC BASKETBALL

Location: NVSS

Date: August 17th - 21st, 2009

Times:

Future Stars Athletic (9:00 - 11:30 a.m.)

(Boys & girls ages 6 - 10 years)

Future Stars Canada (12:30 - 3:00 p.m.)

(Boys & Girls ages 11 - 15 years)

Future Stars Athletic Basketball Camps will provide participants with the highest level of instruction in an atmosphere where the emphasis is placed on learning and developing skills. Players will have an opportunity to develop their basketball skills - shooting, passing, dribbling, rebounding and defense. It is our goal to ensure that each participant has an enjoyable experience and reaches their fullest potential. Future Stars Canada Basketball Camps are designed for players who aspire to compete at a higher level. This is achieved by incorporating advanced sport specific techniques with practical game conditions. The focus is on the development of the individual athlete's ability to understand their role within a team.

