

Madeline Symonds School Newsletter

Newsletter #5



Important Dates

March 13 - 17	March Break
March 22	Assessment and Evaluation Day
March 28	Grade 7 LFI Parent Meeting 6:30 PM St. Anne's Trip
March 31	Report Cards Home

Principal's Message

I am pleased to be able to resume our monthly newsletters. Before time slips away too quickly and March Break is upon us, it is important to check on Power School with your child or children to ensure that they have all of their work completed. In addition to using power school, feel free to get in touch with their teachers to ensure that your child has not missed any assessment opportunities during the second term. The support you provide to your children, especially over the past weeks, is very much appreciated as it helped our students manage through the challenging times during the job action.

Your continued support is valued.

I hope you are enjoying the remainder of the winter season with your family!

Yours in Education,

Lynn Kazamel-Boudreau

Taking Pictures/Videos in School

Just a reminder that students are not permitted to take any photos at school at any time. Thank you for your support with this. This is not only a school guideline but also a policy with the Halifax Regional School Board. Students are also encouraged to limit or not use forms of social media while at school. It is of high priority for our students to develop respectful digital citizenship, your support with this is valued.

Online News

All MSMS newsletters are online. Please visit our school website at www.msms.ednet.ns.ca. The site is maintained daily by our webmaster.

Nut Aware/Scnt

Madeline Symonds Middle School has students and staff who have severe allergic reactions to peanut butter, peanuts, nuts and other food products. It is of vital importance that your child(ren) do not bring peanut butter, peanuts, or peanut/nut products to school. We appreciate your support in this matter as it enables us to have a safe environment for all our students and staff.

Scent Aware

There are environmental issues with respect to the use of scents. We have students, staff and parents who are very sensitive to scents. Therefore, we would ask that students, staff and visitors not wear perfume or scented products while at the school.

Morning Arrival Time

There is not any supervision for students until 7:50 each morning. In addition, please note home room begins at 8:00 a.m. It is important that students arrive in a timely manner and are ready for instruction. If you know your child will be absent or late please call the school at 902-832-2300 ext 1.

Celebrating our Students

Alexa Wilcox published a novel titled 'Aqua Jewel'. Most recently Alexa won a gold medal in the International Scholastic Writing Content. There were only five awards in novel writing category and she was the recipient of one of these awards! Congratulations to Alexa on her accomplishment. The link to her novel can be found through following this link:

https://www.amazon.ca/Aqua-Jewel-Alexa-Wilcox-ebook/dp/B01N9I9EWD/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1486142112&sr=8-1&keywords=aqua+jewel

Contest results can be found through:

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/aawuploads/WebAssets/179/2820/INTLW.pdf?636217146640576450>

Nicole Dion entered in a Mining ROCKS! Video Contest” through the Mining Association of Nova Scotia and won an early bird draw prize of \$250. Congratulations to Nicole on this achievement. Her video entry can be found through the following link:

<http://notyourgrandfathersmining.ca/2017-submissions>.

Nicole is now automatically entered for the People's Choice award. On line voting is now open for Nicole until April 6th. Well done Nicole!

Micha Anderson, William McCutcheon, Rhyza Blandin and Ryan Trenholme all entered the African Nova Scotian History Challenges and each of these students was the recipient of an award. They received their award at the Delmore “Buddy” Daye Awards Ceremony during the month of February. Madeline Symonds Middle school also received one of the top school prizes. Great accomplishment for these students!

Snow Sport Accomplishments

Hunter Gaudet recently qualified for the U16 Nationals in alpine skiing and competed in Thunder Bay Ontario. This year he has finished third in a Super G race at Crabbe Mountain in NB and has had a second place finish in slalom at Marble Mountain NFLD.

Samantha Shute came third in Slope Style Provincials and second in Boarder X Provincials. She has achieved a spot on the provincial development team for this sport.

For any of our students involved in sport outside of school we would be pleased to acknowledge in a newsletter.

February was Registration Month

We have met with the English Program grade 6 students about their program choices for Grade 7. English students wanting to register for the Late French Immersion program must return their registration form to their homeroom teacher prior to March Break. This is an extension to the original due date.

Students wishing to join the Band program for Grade 7 must notify Mr. Greene. Grade 7 and 8 students are to let Mr. Greene know by March 23rd if they will be returning to band for the next school year. Your timeliness and commitment to the decision is valued.

Course Selection for grade 10 has been underway. A course selection book and course selection sheet was circulated to the students and registration is now past due. If students have questions or concerns, they are asked to schedule an appointment with the Guidance Counsellor (Mrs. Hutchison). Please check Mrs. Hutchison's website at <http://jhutchison1.hrsbteachers.ednet.ns.ca/> for up to date information and important dates that pertain to the course selection process.

Grade 9 Trip News

It has been necessary for us to withdraw from our trip plans for this school year. We have communicated this to our students and their families. We wish to thank our parents for their support for this trip and also for their understanding that we do not have the necessary supports this year for a trip of this nature to occur.

COINS FOR BOOKS CAMPAIGN

The 2017 Tattletales Coins for Books Campaign will run from March 27th to April 7th. All funds raised will be used to purchase new books for our school library and classrooms.

The Tattletales Fundraiser is especially rewarding because every dollar we raise can earn us up to a 60% return. This means that our fundraiser dollars can stretch a very long way!

Information about this will be communicated to the students through Mrs. Bolivar and the homeroom teachers.

Grade 7 Late French Immersion

Information will soon be available about the Late French Immersion Trip taking place in the spring. After the break information will be sent home and a parent meeting will take place on March 28th at 6:30 PM.

Quote of the Month

"Each person must live their life as a model for others" Rosa Parks