



# December's Newsletter

December 2, 2013

## What is in store for Noël? December in Grade 5

Can you believe that it is the first of December already? Time flies when you are having fun, and that is one thing that Grade 5H really knows how to do! After Christmas we only have one more month of the Intensive French program and then we are back to the straight English compacted curriculum, which may be a bit of adjustment for the students.

On a bright note, there are only 15 more school days left before our Christmas Break. I am sure, as parents, you are all busy this time of the year, more so than others, but hopefully you will find the time to attend Harkins Elementary's annual Christmas Concert on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am.

This month we are continuing to finish up our unit on Les vêtements and then we are moving onto our unit on Food. The students are continuing to gain strength with their French through reading new books every week and working on oral statements and questions.

Just a friendly reminder to parents, that the last day of school is December 20<sup>th</sup> and students will be here for the full day. School resumes again on Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

I want to take this time to wish all of you a very joy filled Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. Let the spirit of love gently fill your hearts and homes. In this loveliest of seasons may you find many reasons for happiness!



Christmas Dinner will be served on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. It is turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy, veggies, milk and cheesecake for \$6.00. Please pay by Tuesday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. Prizes to be won!!!

## Math for December

This month in math we are completing a unit on Statistics and Probability. This will involve the students looking at data and transferring the data into tables and graphs. Students will also be looking to see which events are improbable and probable in various problems.

I would encourage students to continue to study their facts each night, as this is the time of year where students tend to stray away from studying their facts each night because of all the holiday distractions. I cannot emphasize how important it is that students know their multiplication facts forward and backward as they are the building blocks for each concept. I would also like to mention that if students are looking for extra math practice they can log into their mathletics.com accounts at home as well.

## Festive Celebration Grade 5 TH has Secret Santas!

My class decided this year they would have a Secret Santa. I am asking that you pick up a gift for the student that your child receives at the Dollar Store ONLY! Please keep it to a \$2 maximum. There are many things at this store that the students seem to love and it is just the excitement of getting a gift from someone secret and the joy of opening a gift on this day that makes it special.

If for any reason this is a problem, please just let me know through your child's HEART book and I will figure something out! Hopefully this will not cause any problems as I know all the students are very excited to participate in such an activity and it was all their idea as they had said that they participated in such an event in another grade and thought it was great.

Happy Holidays!!!

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
<b>2</b> Paddling at MVHS bring towel, shorts, bathing suit, and a snack	<b>3</b> Library	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Scholastic Book Orders Due	<b>6</b> Show & Tell: Zac H. Jacob H. et Elijah Food Bank-Christmas Hat Day
<b>9</b> Bonne fête Zac L le 8 déc.	<b>10</b> Library	<b>11</b> Christmas Dinner \$6.00, please pay by Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>  Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Clause 6-7:30	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Show & Tell: Zac L. Landon et Jacob M. Food Bank-Wear your PJs
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Library Bonne fête Tyson	<b>18</b> Christmas Concert 9:30am Snow date 20/12/12 →	<b>19</b> Show & Tell: Ryan, Nick et Sarah SKATING 10:15-11:15	<b>20</b> Last Day of School  Secret Santa Day! PJ Day for Grade 5H