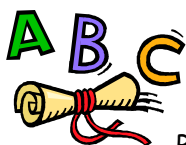


Harkins Elementary Newsletter - November 2010

A FRIENDLY REMINDER

Children are not to be dropped off in the morning before 7:50, as there is no teacher on duty until that time. Children dropped off between 7:50 - 8:20 are to go directly to the playground. If your child is dropped off after 8:20 they are to proceed directly to their classrooms; parents are not to be on the floors in the morning, as per school policy.



REPORT CARDS

Report Cards will go home on Tuesday, November 2nd. There is no school on Friday, November 5th due to "Bring Your Parent to School Day."

Interviews will be held:

Thursday, Nov. 4th from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
and

Friday, Nov. 5th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Teachers will be participating in a professional development session in the afternoon on Nov. 5th from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Please check your interview time and plan to attend.

Each interview is scheduled for 10 minutes. If you require longer, please contact your child's teacher to schedule an alternate time.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

Our Remembrance Day Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, November 9th at 9:30 a.m.

Students who attend Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Sparks, Brownies, or Girl Guides are encouraged to wear their uniforms that day. All Legionnaires and parents are welcome to attend.

There will be no school on Thursday, November 11th in recognition of Remembrance Day.



BUSSING

District policy states that if a student requires a change in bussing for a day, parents must send the homeroom teacher a dated note which indicates where the child is going, including the full address. The office will complete a bus pass with all of the information, which the student will give to the bus driver. A note from home is required even if it is the SAME bus, but a different stop.

All notes must include: (1) the date, (2) the student's full name, (3) the bus #, and, (4) the address.

Thank you for your cooperation in getting your child to their destination safely.

HAVE YOU MOVED???

HAS YOUR PHONE NUMBER CHANGED???

DO YOU HAVE A NEW CELL PHONE NUMBER???

DID YOU START A NEW JOB OR CHANGE JOBS???

Please keep us informed when changes happen that may affect us getting in touch with you concerning your child.

We need to know how to reach you at all times!!!



TALK MAIL

We have not yet made a decision as to whether or not we will be having talk mail this year, as we are exploring all possibilities. However, we will be keeping our website updated with current important information. Please call the school at 627-4087 and let us know if you do not have access to a computer.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

www.harkinselementary@nbed.nb.ca

Our website is updated daily; please visit it often to stay informed. Items of interest on our website include:

- Morning announcements
- Sporting events
- Monthly calendar/newsletter
- Teacher pages
- Special events, including pictures

SILENT AUCTION

We will be having a Silent Auction during Parent-Teacher (Thursday, November 4th and Friday, November 5th). Please feel free to visit the tables set up on the main floor and to bid on the item(s) of your choice. Please remember to include your phone number.

CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

The Norcard fundraiser is now closed and orders will be place within the week. A great number of orders were received, and we would like to thank all who supported this effort. The proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward student activities throughout the year.

PLEASE NOTE: You should expect to receive your order by the end of November.



DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Fall is here, and so is the cold weather! Please ensure that your child is dressed warmly for fun at recess and noon hour in the great outdoors! Headbands/hats/mittens/gloves are great to have in students' book bags in case they need them. It is also a good idea for your child to have a change of clothes in their book bag in the event that they get wet on the playground.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR

Harkins Elementary Library will be hosting a book fair:

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 3rd from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, Nov. 4th from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, Nov. 5th from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Students will be PREVIEWING the fair only on **MONDAY & TUESDAY, Nov. 1st & 2nd**.

Highlights flyers featuring the newest titles will be sent home with each student. Student Wish List forms are available on the back of the flyers.

All sales from the fair will be used to purchase new books for the Library. Please come out and show your support for this special literary fundraiser.

Cheques, Visa, MasterCard and American Express are accepted at the cash.

Hope to see you at the fair!

TERRY FOX UPDATE

The final total raised this year was an impressive **\$2,942.37!!** Thanks again to everyone who was involved in any way, and we look forward to another successful campaign again next year. Please check the website for pictures of the walk and from our incentives assembly.

SOCCER & CROSS COUNTRY TEAM PICTURES

Soccer and Cross Country team pictures are now on sale. If you are interested, the cost is \$5.00 per picture. Please send the money to school with your child, indicating which one(s) you would like.

Basketball at Harkins

Basketball season will soon be upon us and Harkins will be represented by both a girls' and a boys' team, open to students in grades four and five. **Mr. Flynn** will be coaching the boys' team while **Mrs. Newman** will be coaching the girls' team. There will be more information sent home later in November for those interested in joining these teams.

Gold Sneaker

Harkins Elementary will be presenting to four students each month, "**The Gold Sneaker Award.**" This award will honour those students who have shown an interest by participating and by trying to improve their Physical Education skills. Each month, there will be two sneakers awarded in grades K-2 and two in grades 3-5. The sneaker will be kept in the winners' classrooms for the month, until four new winners are announced. Recent winners will have their pictures placed on the Sports Wall, located on the first floor.

Pedometer Challenge

Harkins has been fortunate enough to have received a school set of pedometers from the Department of Education. To put these pedometers to use, our school is setting out to see which **class**, grade two through five, can take the most steps during the month of November. Maps of New Brunswick and of Canada will be placed in each classroom so that students can track how far they have gone and relate that to real distances. The class with the highest average number of steps per student at the end of November will be given a prize, to be announced at a later date. Staff will join in the fun by holding their own pedometer challenge, as well!!

A Special Thank You...

To **Janette Nowlan** and **Tracey Johnston** for volunteering for the Bus Driver Appreciation reception. There were a record number of bus drivers in attendance. (See website for pictures.)

LOST & FOUND

If your child is missing a lunch bag, clothing etc., please have him or her check the bin in the breakfast room, or visit the "Lost and Found" yourself during "Bring Your Parent to School Day."



SKATING SCHEDULE NOVEMBER

Please find below the skating schedule for November. Please take note of when your child is going skating and mark it on the calendar. The yearly schedule is on the web site.

SKATING DATE	Bus Leaves for Rink	Time on Ice	Bus Return to School	CLASS
Mon. Nov 8	8:45	9:00 9:50	10:00	3-Hennessy
				4-Donovan
				5-Sonier
Mon, Nov 8	10:10	10:20 11:10	11:15	K-Butler
				K-Mountain Collette
Mon Nov 22	8:45	9:00 9:50	10:00	1-LaBerge
				2-Barrieau
				2-Trevors
Mon Nov 22	10:10	10:20 11:10	11:15	3-Hennessy
				4-Donovan
Thur. Nov 25	8:45	9:00 9:40	9:45	K-Butler
				K-Mountain Collette
				1-Newman
Thurs Nov 25	9:50	10:00 10:40	10:45	1-LaBerge
				2-Barrieau
				2-Trevors

If your child does not own skates, please inform your child's teacher, as there are a number of pairs at the school that may be borrowed. All children **MUST** wear helmets; if your child does not have one, there are a few extras here that may fit. Students who do not have skates on skating days **must accompany** their class to the rink, as there is no one available to supervise them at the school. Students **will not** be permitted to call home on skating days if they forget their skates.

PSSC Meeting

The next meeting is set for Wednesday, November 17th at 6:30. We need one more member to fill the empty seat on the committee, so if you are interested, please call the school to volunteer.

Home and School News

- Next meeting is Tuesday, November 2nd at 6 p.m.

