

September 12, 2008

Dear PA School Families,

### **Meet the Teacher Night**

Thanks to all the parents, guardians and families who came to Meet the Teacher Night on Tuesday. We had a strong turnout and a very successful evening. We value the partnerships we have with parents, and appreciate the importance of your support for the school.

Congratulations to the winners of our PAS-itive Parents draw: Lynne Buth, Glenn May, Cindy Romanow, and Ioana Spiridonica. (Their prizes were gift certificates from Bigway Foods, The Source, True Value, and Wesclean.)

### **Gymnastics at PA**

Yesterday Ms. Ellen McDermott came to PA from Chicago to introduce grade 4, 5, and 6 students to gymnastics. We learned about stretching, balancing, body control, and tumbling – great fun, and a whole lot harder than it looks! Special thanks to Ms. McDermott for great instruction, to the NWTGA for giving our students a wonderful opportunity, and to Mrs. Moizis for pulling it all together for us.



### **Intramurals**

Lunchtime intramurals have begun! Students from DJSS are offering Intramurals in several sports for grades 4 & 5 on Mondays, grade 6 on Wednesdays, and grade 7 on Fridays. We kicked off the program (literally!) today with grade 7 soccer. Thanks to Kodi Walker, Mason Hachey, and Logan Clarke, and to Mr Hirst for letting us be part of the DJSS leadership program!

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## **And Speaking of Lunch...**

The number of students staying for lunch exceeds the space available and places a strain on supervision. Unless your student takes the bus, is staying for intramurals, or absolutely must eat at school, we ask that he or she go home for lunch. If your student *does* stay for lunch, please make sure that he or she has something to eat, and any utensil(s) necessary to eat it!

## **Volunteers**

The Parent Action Committee is looking for helpers for in-service meetings. We will be providing two coffee and treat services each day next week (September 15-19), and we are looking for parent volunteers either to bake for us or to set out snacks and make coffee during the day. If you can help, please contact Donna Dean by phone at 874-6864 (w) or 874-2518 (h), or via e-mail at donna@northwestel.net.

Speaking of volunteers, thanks to all those who stopped by our desk at *Make the Connection* on Wednesday at the Rec Center – it was great to see you!

## **Upcoming Dates**

Elks Soccer – September 19-21

Kiwanis Cross-Country Classic Run – September 25

Terry Fox Run – September 26

## **Exploratories**

Exploratories begin next Friday, September 19! Included among the activities are: Bowling, Golf, Japanese, Lego-Mania, Moosehide Masks, Bush Tucker (part of Outdoor Education), and Yoga.

## **Two Reminders:**

**Indoor Shoes:** All students must have a set of indoor shoes that they can change into for the school day. This is an important safety precaution—please make sure that your child has footwear to wear *to* school, and footwear to be worn *in* school.

**Health Alerts and Peanut Allergies:** This year we have several individuals (students and staff) with serious peanut allergies. Please avoid sending peanuts or using peanut butter when preparing your child's lunch & snack, so that our school environment is safe for everyone.

## **Congratulations...**

...to this week's PAS-itive draw winners: **Nathan Scheper** in grade 7; **Allyshia Rymer** in grade 6; **Larissa Nekurak** in grade 5; and **Mattea Hoff-Rollison** in grade 4. Great job!

All PA'S in!

Sincerely,

Geoff Buerger  
Principal