

Tuesday, June 1, 2010

Dear PA School Families and Friends,

## Track & Field is here!

The NWT Track & Field Championships are here! Opening ceremonies are tomorrow (Wednesday, June 2) at 7:30 p.m. in the arena. **Athletes should assemble behind the arena at 7:20 p.m., in their PA Predator T-shirts.**

Several events (Bantam Boys & Girls High Jump, Bantam Boys & Girls 1500 metres, and Pee wee Boys & Girls 1000 metres) take place tomorrow afternoon. We will have classes Wednesday morning, but not in the afternoon: buses will take students who are not competing home at noon tomorrow, and those who are competing will need to arrange rides home after their events. There will be no formal classes on Thursday and Friday, June 3 & 4, because our athletes will be competing in the meet. Buses will neither pick our students up nor take them home on Thursday or Friday.

Events are held in the Track area between Diamond Jenness and Woodland Drive. Your child will be given an official schedule to bring home with this *Letter*; a digital version is also posted to the *PA Letters* webpage for ready reference.

Please come out and support our Predators as they match up against the NWT's best!

## Improv and Judo Come to PA

On Wednesday **Ms. Marianne Maltby** of St. Pat's in Yellowknife (below left, with students of 4B) conducted improvisation lessons during Music class. She was a big hit!



On Thursday, **M. Mario Desforges** of NWT Judo spent the day introducing our students to the basics of the sport (5L participates in agility drills, above, centre). Special thanks to our friends at École Boréale, who arranged his visit, and **Mason Bruneau**, who assisted M. Desforges. *Merci beaucoup!*

## Congratulations, Cadets!

The **2724 Hay River Army Cadet Corp** held their Annual Ceremonial Review (above right, Lt Colonel [ret.] George McGrath inspects the Corp) on Saturday. Among the many past and present Predators on parade were current PA students **Novie Bordey**, **Taylor Havioyak**, **Joslyn Mabbitt**, **Robert MacLeod**, and **Daniel Melanson**. Joint Task Force North also presented Princess Alexandra School with a handsome plaque (now hanging in the office) for hosting this year's Central Area Cadet Skills Competition. *Mahsi!*

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## ***Congratulations!***

...to **Don Wilson** and **Taylor Price**, the final two winners of the year in the 100% Homework Completion draw. Both students received a \$25 gift certificate from The Source, just for doing all their homework. Well done!

## **Storytelling This Weekend**

The Third Annual Old Town Storytelling Festival will be held at the Hay River Heritage Centre this weekend, with events at 7 p.m. on Friday, and at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday. The Festival is sponsored by the Northern Arts Cultural Centre and presented by the Hay River Museum Society. It's always a great event!

## **Salve et Vale!**

Thanks to Frontiers Foundation volunteer **Ms. Tallulah Patterson**, who has helped with Intramurals and lunchtime supervision, and been a friend to students whenever they have needed her. Good luck in Whitehorse, and wherever your travels take you!

## **This week at the Hay River Centennial Library:**

- Shayla Maisonneuve's Art will be on display this month at the Library. You are warmly invited to attend her opening this Thursday, June 3, at 7 p.m.
- The annual Used Book Sale is at the Library this weekend! Come and browse the selection on Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and, both Saturday & Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. It's a great opportunity to stock up on some summer reading!
- Come join Bruce Green for an informative and entertaining bird watching walk along the Kiwanis Nature Trail. Meet at the Library on June 5 for departure at 9:30 a.m.


## **Lost & Found**

We still have lots of abandoned backpacks, hats, mitts, shoes, snowpants, sweatshirts, and jackets in our Lost & Found bins. We will be emptying them tomorrow to accommodate anticipated Track & Field lost & found activity, but we will hold on to winter items for another week to give students (and their families!) one last chance to reclaim missing items. Unclaimed items will be donated to the Thrift Shop on Friday, June 11.

## **Finally...**

The next *PA Letter* will come out on Friday, June 11, with (I hope) lots of Track & Field photos. In the meantime, we hope to see you at the meet!

*All PA'S in – and Go Predators Go!*



Geoff Buerger  
Principal

School calendar online: <http://www.ssdec.nt.ca/pa/GoogleCalendar.html>

PS – *Track & Field athletes: remember your water bottles and sunscreen*