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Dear PA School Families and Friends,

My apologies for the two missed weeks: first we lost our regular publication day to three-way Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences, and last week I was occupied in meetings. We have a lot of announcements to catch up on in this edition, but we'll have a double-serving of photos next week!

Congratulations *Dive Into A Book Reading Challenge* Winners!

Congratulations to the winning classes in our *Dive Into A Book Reading Challenge*. Mr. Hawkins' **5H** class had the highest homeroom total (332.5 hours!), and Ms. Baxter's **4B** class, with 325.5 hours, had the highest per-pupil total (an average of 14.8 hours each). Both homerooms earned a sumptuous pizza luncheon. The school's total was a staggering **1,843.5 hours** – a new record for home reading!

→ Speaking of home reading, your child(ren) will soon be bringing home information about our holiday **Twelve Days of Reading**. Look for it at the bottom of a backpack next week!

Thank you!

...to all the parents who filled out *Leadership for Literacy* surveys when you came for three-way conferences: we led the pack in terms of parent response. We drew the name of one parent who returned the survey from each grade to receive a gift certificate to a local business (Emmanuel's, Joey's, Salt n' Pepper, and the Woodshed: congratulations to Parents Colin Charlton, Mike Mandeville, Elsie Roach, and Kelly Webster.

Thank you!

...to the **Parent Action Committee** volunteers who provided the refreshments for the SSDEC staff attending the regional Literacy Coaches meetings that we hosted in our library. We received lots of compliments for the wonderful hospitality!

Lights On this Saturday

Lights On returns this Saturday, for the last time before the winter break. Grades 4 through 7 are welcome from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Please use the community (grade 7) entrance, and please ensure that all students who attend know how they are getting home after *Lights On*!

Winter Reminder

This morning it was below minus 50 with wind chill, and some students still came to school in sneakers and blue jeans. For safety's sake, every student should be warmly dressed: please ensure that your child is dressed for winter weather, from boots (sneakers don't cut it in deep snow or at minus 30) to toque. Except in the most extreme temperatures we go out every day for recess and after lunch, and all of our students should be prepared to be outside for half an hour.

Next Week's Special Events

- On Tuesday grades 4 & 5 will head down to the Cineplex for a special showing of *Planet 51*. The next day (Wednesday), grades 6 & 7 will see the Jim Carrey version of *A Christmas Carol*. The basic cost is \$2 per ticket; packages including refreshments cost up to \$10 – please check with your child's homeroom teacher to see which package his or her class has arranged. Many thanks to **Riverview Cineplex** for subsidizing this seasonal treat!

- The annual **Elks Skate** is also coming up next week: on Thursday grade 5 will be on the ice from 9:30 to 10:30, followed by grade 4 from 10:30 to 11:30. On Friday grade 7 are on from 1:15 to 2:15, followed by grade 6 from 2:15 to 3:00. If any parents can drop by to help tie skates, we'd certainly appreciate the help!

Congratulations! to...

our November **Book Award** winners, recognized by their teachers for their effort and academic achievement: **Jolene Lamalice** and **Sean Smith** in 4B; **James Beaulieu** and **Jayda Sabourin** in 4T; **Rebecca Martin** and **Jordon Schumann** in 5H; **Jayden Smith** and **Emma Zdebiak** in 5L; **Joslyn Mabbitt** and **Shanise Mandeville** in 6M; **Jared LeBlanc** and **Kierra Mandeville** in 6T; **Evan Smith** and **Elizabeth Sperry** in 7B; **Kjel Crook** and **Jared Smith** in 7H. Keep it up!

and Congratulations! to...

our PAS-itive students for November, who were recognized by their teachers for their citizenship and good example to others: **Dylan Carter** and **Joel Demarcke** in 7H; **Kaitlyn Moses** and **Taylor Price** in 7B; **Arry Bertrand** and **Chelsea Dumas** in 6T; **Kaed Blake** and **Amber Lamalice** in 6M; **Reanna Cross** and **Devon Felker** in 5L; **Tanner Mandeville** and **Ashlynn Tambour-Lau-a** in 5H; **James Beaulieu**, **Madison Loutit** and **Shania Pierre** in 4T; and **Marisa Carter** and **Damien Hoffmann** in 4B. Well done!

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to the PAS draw winners for the past three weeks: **Benita Auger** and **Michelle Buckley** in grade 7, **Scott Belanger** and **Kira Tatti** in grade 6, **Shone Beaulieu**, **Dane Dupuis** and **Elaine Chen** in grade 5; **David Patterson**, **Paige Gagnier** and **Megan Wood** in grade 4. **Ms. Baxter** and **Ms. Helmer** won the teacher's draws.

Looking Ahead

Next Friday, December 18, is the last school day before the Christmas break. Classes resume on Monday, January 4 (2010 – *yikes!*). In between those dates the school will be closed, with all after-school and evening activities cancelled until the New Year.

All PA'S in!



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Principal