

Friday, December 18, 2009

Dear PA School Families and Friends,

Today is our final day of school before the Christmas break. The building will be closed for the next two weeks, and all activities are cancelled. Classes resume on Monday, January 4.

Congratulations!

...to three of our elite athletes (below, left), who are going on to represent the NWT in top-level competition in the New Year: **Andrew Lirette & Jared LeBlanc** have qualified for the Territorial biathlon team at Arctic Winter Games in Grande Prairie, and **Kyla Milne** will be playing lead for the Moizis rink representing the NWT at the Junior National Curling Championship in Quebec.



Photo by Daniel Cook

and Congratulations!

...to the **7B Stingers** (above, right), who defeated their archrivals in 7H in the finals of the school floor hockey tournament on December 2. The battle for the bronze was tied until the very end, when a last-minute goal lifted 6M above 6T. The organizers were grade 7 students – well done!

Twelve Days of Reading!

Over the holidays, please encourage your child(ren) to participate in the **Twelve Days of Reading** challenge, by reading for 30 minutes a day for 12 of the days. Please return completed & signed forms after the break: we will draw the names of 12 winners at our Awards Assembly on January 8.

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Thanks!

... to the **Cineplex** for their special showings of *Planet 51* and *A Christmas Carol*, and to the **Hay River Elks** for the annual **Elks Skate** and refreshments at the arena.

Special Events!

Ms. Tweedie's Handbells Exploratory (below, left) played at the December Awards Assembly, and **Jamie Bastedo** (a.k.a. *voyageur* Jean Steinbruck) performed last week for both grade 4 classes (4B, below right, with **Jason Griffiths** enjoying the dubious honour of hefting the load).



Owl Pellets are Back!

Grade 7 science classes are again dissecting owl pellets to reconstruct the rodent skeletons within (left, **Donovan Simpson-Perron** is shown painstakingly teasing apart a pellet to extract the bones).

Parent Action Committee

The next meeting of the PAC will be at noon on **Tuesday, January 12**, in the PA Library. An active Parent Action Committee is a huge asset to the school and our students – please consider becoming involved in the New Year. We hope to see you here!

Congratulations! to...

to this week's PAS draw winners: **Amanda Roach** in grade 7, **Michael Beaulieu** in grade 6, **Leah Cayen** in grade 5, and **Jarret Larkin** in grade 4. **Mrs. McKinney** won the teacher draw, so her reading groups will have a special treat during the New Year.

Finally: a safe and joyous holiday to you and yours, from all of us at Princess Alexandra School!

Happy Holidays – all PA'S in!

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Geoff Buerger".

Geoff Buerger
Principal