

Friday, January 15, 2010

Dear PA School Families and Friends,



### **Please Drive Carefully!**

The mountains of snow that pile up around the school when Public Works have to deal with a heavy snowfall—like this past week’s—are magnets for kids to play on (*Ally Carston, Aimée Jacobs* and *Marisa Carter* pitch in to give a sense of scale – that pile is several meters high!), but they sure do make it hard to see. Kids may slide down a pile in front of your car, or dash out suddenly when you cannot see them.

Public Works have already reduced this and cleared other piles from the last snow, but more are sure to follow. Please continue to take extra care when driving to the school – especially in the drop-off area at the front of the building and in the parking lot out back. Also, please remember that the entrances and intersections may be slick.

### **Twelve Days of Reading winners**

*Congratulations* to **Daniel Cook, Damian Hoffmann, Sylvia Lockhart, Ally Carston, Mackenzie Mandeville, Sonia Roach, Madison Loutit, Uzair Sipra, Meghan Loutit, Ahmer Sipra, Ashlynn Tambour-Lau-a, and Elaine Chen**, whose names were drawn from those students who read for at least 30 minutes on 12 days during our Christmas vacation. Those readers chose their prizes from a selection of books & posters. Thanks to all the other students who also participated in the Challenge!

### **Top Cop Begins!**

Last Friday **Sgt Shawn King** from Yellowknife and school liaison officer **Cst Murray Gordon** of the Hay River detachment (right) came to PA to introduce the **Top Cop Reading Challenge**.

Students will be working their way up through the ranks (from Cadet all the way to Commissioner) whenever they read at least 30 minutes a day. We will celebrate significant promotions, and there will be special recognition in the Spring for those who achieve the rank of Commissioner. We encourage every PA student to participate!



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## **Fiddlin' Returns to PA**

On Wednesday **Calvin Cairns** (shown) of **Association** came to PA to work with familiar with the fiddle, as well as beginners Grade 4 also did line dancing to his lively



the **Kole Crook Fiddle** advanced students already new to the instrument. accompaniment!

## **New Exploratories**

Our third set of Exploratories began today: *Tracker; Art Explosion; Balloon Creatures; Cooking; Garage Band; Karaoke; Knitting; Games; Stacking Cups; Stroud Mittens; PA Paper! Paper! Paper!* (the *Paper!* activity screen – we'd appreciate any you send in). Ask your student which Exploratory he or she is in.

*All Tied Up; Animal Bowling; Creative Shinney; Silly Indoor Indy; Word Games; and needs **lint** from your drier*

## ***Congratulations! to....***

**Tyrell Wilgosh & Jolene Lamalice**, both of 4B, winners the 100% Homework Completion draw for November & December, respectively. Tyrell and Jolene each received a \$25 gift certificate from The Source. Every student who completes all of her or his homework assignments in a month is included in the draw, and the slate is clean at the beginning of each month. To those who have been getting all their assignments in – keep it up! To those who may not be up to date – let's start now!

## **and *Congratulations! to...***

our December **Book Award** winners, recognized for their effort and academic achievement: **Marisa Carter & Sylvia Lockhart** in 4B; **Shelby Lawrence & Shania Pierre** in 4T; **Angel Beggair & Nolan Bloomstrand** in 5H; **Bryan Coulson-Seaton, Kelly Ann Haviyok & Ben Tatti** in 5L; **Kaed Blake & Shalaine Moore** in 6M; **Rachel Harder & Daniel Melanson** in 6T; **Skyler Constant & Bryden Patenaude** in 7B; and **Aaron Moizis & Brianna Sabourin** in 7H. Great job!

## **and *Congratulations! to...***

our **PAS-itive students** for December, recognized for their citizenship and good example to others: **Caitlin Chambers & Chantelle Lafleur** in 7H; **Benita Auger & Jonelle Fabian** in 7B; **Susie Chambers & Jaymar Marzan** in 6T; **James Pennell & Kira Tatti** in 6M; **Leah Cayen & Jeremy Farrell** in 5L; **Myles Boyer & Alexandra Cameron** in 5H; **Austin Cayen, Braiden Charlton & Mackenzie Mandeville** in 4T; and **Ally Carston & Jarret Larkin** in 4B. Well done!

**Finally, *Congratulations!*** to the PAS draw winners for the past two weeks: **Kyla Milne** in 7H, **Koal Townend** in 7B, **Kaed Blake** in 6M, **Anastasia Antony** in 6T, **Ian Fraser** in 5L, **Kanti Regmi** in 5H, **Elizabeth Nimegeers** in 4T, and **Damian Hoffmann** in 4B. **Mrs. Moizis** and **Ms. Helmer** won the teacher's draws.

*All PA'S in!*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Geoff Buerger".

Geoff Buerger, Principal