



Wednesday, February 10, 2010

Dear PA School Families and Friends,

No School Thursday or Friday

The next two days (Thursday and Friday, February 11 and 12), are professional development days for staff – there will be no school for students. Classes resume Monday, February 15.

***LifeTouch* individual re-takes and Group Photos...**

...will be next Wednesday, February 17. Packets are going home today, with this *PA Letter*.

2010-2011: one week or two for Spring Break?

We are now looking at different calendars for the next school year, and the biggest question is, “Should our Spring Break be two weeks (as it is this year), or one week?” Please let me know early next week (at 874-6388 or gbuenger@ssdec.nt.ca) which works best for you, so the DEA can take family preferences into account when setting next year’s dates.

Great Canadian Geography Challenge update

Congratulations to **Aaron Moizis** of 7H, our school champion in Level 2 of the Great Canadian Geography Challenge. We wish him continued success at the Territorials in April. The Level 1 finals for grades 4, 5 & 6 will take place next week.

Haiti Relief update

Congratulations and many thanks to the bake sales team of **Elycia Nimegeers, Kendra McKay, Madison Montgomery, Taylor Price, and Kali Ward**, whose efforts raised \$445.15 to support the work of the Canadian Red Cross in Haiti. Since their contribution is doubled by the Government of Canada, the total sent to the emergency relief efforts will be \$890.30. **AWESOME!**

***Lights On* this weekend**

Lights On programming continues Saturday. *Lights On* returns to PA! Grades 4 through 7 are welcome to join us for a program of healthy activities from **7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** (note the earlier end time). Please use the community (grade 7) entrance. All students who attend must know how they are getting home after *Lights On*! Students who plan to attend should bring their indoor shoes with them, because the rest of the school will be closed and inaccessible on Saturday.

Top Cop update

Hot off the presses: an impressive 47 students had already reached the rank of Sergeant in the Top Cop Challenge by logging at least eight hours of home reading – there’s a great picture on the back page of this week’s *Hub*. Our school total is **908.5 hours**; 4B continues to lead all classes with 180 hours, and 5L is second with 158 hours. Great job -- *keep reading!*

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David Bouchard returns to PA

Noted Métis author David Bouchard (right) returned to PA for a special assembly Monday, speaking about his new book, *Seven Sacred Teachings*. The PA Library has several of David's books, which students are welcome to check out and read at home.



Skates Appeal

If you have skates around the house that your children have outgrown, we'd be grateful if you would consider donating them to the school. Thanks to the support of the Rec Centre we are able to include skating in our Physical Education programme, but many of our students have no skates of their own. We lend the old skates that we have, but we need more – especially sizes 8 and up.

Congratulations! to....

Caitlin Chambers, winner of the 100% Homework Completion draw for January. Caitlin 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 January **Book Award** winners, recognized for their effort and academic achievement: **Angela Boutilier & Simon Pittman** in 4B; **Austin Cayen & Elizabeth Nimegeers** in 4T; **Jacqueline Larocque & Ashlynn Tambour-Lau-a** in 5H; **Ian Fraser & Lucia Spiridonica** in 5L; **Meghan Loutit & Janna Roach** in 6M; **Scott Belanger & Darwin Lawrence** in 6T; **Daniel Cook & Kendra McKay** in 7B; **Michelle Buckley, Jessy Hearn & Levon Schumann** in 7H. Great job!

and Congratulations! to...

our **PAS-itive students** for January, recognized for their citizenship and good example to others: **Tyler Hansen & Kyla Milne** in 7H; **Calvin King & Andrew Lirette** in 7B; **Bret Allinot & Anastasia Antony** in 6T; **Nick Buth & Danna Webster** in 6M; **Colinda Cayen & Alyssa Frise-Cayen** in 5L; **Angel Beggair & Nolan Bloomstrand** in 5H; **Alex Carter, Davida Patterson & Ethan Walsh** in 4T; and **Shelby Yew-Ross & Abby Webster** in 4B. Well done!

Finally, Congratulations!

...to last week's PAS draw winners: **Rayleen McKay** in 7H, **Kira Tatti** in 6M, **Jeremy Farrell** in 5L, and **Fiona Huang** in 4B. **Ms. Thompson** won this week's teachers' draw. (I've fallen behind in our teacher-draw classroom treats, but I'll catch up next week – promise!)

All PA'S in!

Geoff Buerger
Principal