

Thursday, October 8, 2009

Dear PA School Families and Friends,

**No School Tomorrow or Monday**

There will be no classes tomorrow (Friday, October 9) or Thanksgiving (Monday, October 12). School resumes on Tuesday, October 13.

**Please Help!**

Our **Parent Action Committee** is holding a Bingo to raise funds in support of student programs next Friday, October 16. We are still very short-handed – if you can help for any part of the Bingo (from 6 o'clock on) next Friday, please contact **Donna Dean** or **Dorie Hanson** at the school.

***Congratulations!***

To the **Cross-Country** runners who represented us at the NWT Championships, especially (below right) **Joel Demarcke** (Midget Boys champion), **Kierra Mandeville**, **Joslyn Mabbitt**, and **Bryn Hill** (1-2-3 in Bantam Girls), **Jordon Schumann** (winner of Bantam Boys), **Michaela Crook & Abby Webster** (first & second in PeeWee Girls), and **Tyrell Wilgosh** (third in PeeWee Boys). Special thanks to the coaches and parent chaperones for making the trip possible, and to **Tracey's Plumbing** for supplying the snacks!



**Fire Prevention Week**

Many thanks to **Vince McKay** and **Leah Plett** of the **Hay River Fire Department** (that's Leah, above right, demonstrating how firefighters use sensors to locate persons trapped in a building during a fire), who addressed home safety in a special assembly on Wednesday. And a reminder: be sure to change the batteries in your smoke-detectors when you change your clocks!

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## **If You Missed Picture Day...**

LifeTouch will return for re-takes in February. Any student who missed the first round of pictures this week may have her/his photo taken then.

## **Intramurals Have Begun**

Thanks to the leadership students at Diamond Jenness, we are again offering intramural programming during the lunchtime recess. Intramurals are for grade 5 on Monday, grade 6 on Tuesday, grade 6/7 girls on Wednesday, grade 7 on Thursday, and grade 4 on Friday. Only students who stay for lunch are eligible to participate in Intramurals. Students who eat lunch outside school must join others on the playground until school doors open again at 12:55.

## **Dive Into A Book Reading Challenge update**

At press time, PA students had racked up a total of 355 hours! Leading the way is **5H**, with 65.5 hours, followed by **4B** with 58, and **5L** with 49.5. (Each classroom has a swimmer and pool lane on the swimming pool display just outside Ms. Hanson's room. Each hour read is recorded as one lap on the display.)

Each student is encouraged to participate in the Challenge by reading 30 minutes each night. After reading, your child will ask you to date and sign the reading record slip, which they return to their classroom teacher to be added to the class total. Students will receive individual prizes during the challenge after 5 hours of reading, after 10 hours, after 15 hours, and 20 hours of home reading. The big prize, though, is the highly-coveted class pizza luncheon for the top homeroom!

## **Morning Reminders**

Duty teachers are on playground supervision only at 8:20 a.m., and school doors do not open until 8:30. Please do not drop your child off at school before 8:20, and please make sure that he or she is dressed for colder weather – winter's coming!

## **Finally...**

this week's student PAS draw took place after we went to press, but congratulations to **Mrs. Lee**, who won the teacher's draw. (**5L** received a special snack today.) Keep up the great work!

*All PA'S in* – have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday weekend!

Sincerely,



Geoff Buerger  
Principal