

R. M. Moore

January Newsletter 2016

Welcome Back Everyone!!!!

We certainly hope that everyone had a relaxing, well-deserved break. We would like to wish all of you a Happy New Year! We hope that you can be a part of the many activities that will take place here at the school and perhaps find some spare time to volunteer in helping out at the school. Parents are always welcome and all of you play such an important part in your child/children's education.



School Website

Our school website is a good means of acquiring information about what is going on at the school. The monthly newsletters are available on the website. **Hard copies are available at the school in the front entrance display for those who do not have the internet. Please have your child come to the office to pick up a hardcopy of the newsletter if so needed.** To access the school's website go to www.adsb.on.ca, click on "Our Schools", tab and select Elementary followed by clicking on R.M. Moore. The website will appear for you to select.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

We would like to thank the members of the PTA who spent many hours preparing and wrapping the themed baskets for the Holiday Celebration Basket raffle. We thank all of the staff members who pulled together during my absence to make the evening a success!! We also thank you, the parents, for taking the time to do some shopping of your very own to fill the baskets and support our students. We would also like to thank the many families who were able to come out as a community and join us. We greatly appreciate the many donations of time, fire wood and items for the baskets. This continues to be a great venue for bringing our school community together. Thank you all!!!

JK Registration

The JK registration date was **January 7, 2016** at R.M. Moore. We apologize for the delay with getting this information out. If you or someone you know has a child who is 4 years of age as of Dec. 31, 2016, they may register their child. This is a Board set date. Registration can occur on other days as well in the event you were unable to make this date. The JK program is a full day program, which will follow the Ministry mandate of the Early Learning Kindergarten Program. Your child's **birth certificate, health card and up-to-date immunization** records are required for registration. Spread the word!!!! R.M. Moore is the best!!!!



HAPPY NEW YEAR

These will be my goals for 2016:

A bad habit I'm going to break

A new skills I'd like to learn

A person I hope to be more like

A good deed I'm going to do

A place I'd like to visit

A book I'd like to read

A letter I am going to write

A new food I'd like to try

AND

I will have a sense of wonder

I will stay inspired

I will help others

I will limit technology

I will exercise

I will work and study hard

I will be a good example

I will be a good thinker

I will use good manners

I will respect myself & others

I will be proactive

I will be happy!

Weather

This is just a reminder to ensure the safety of all students. In cold weather, students should be dressing in layers to stay protected from the cold. Extra mittens or gloves are good to have available. Hats, ear muffs or head bands are necessary to keep their heads warm, to avoid heat loss. Students will not be allowed outside for the full recess if the temperature, including wind chill exceeds -18°C . There are activities that the students can enjoy doing outside and we would like for them to enjoy them safely.

Boys Basketball and Girls Volleyball

The senior boy's basketball and senior girl's volleyball will soon be on the way. Students will have the possibility of demonstrating their skills and abilities and representing R.M. Moore proudly as they have already done so in the past. Thank you to Mr. Moffat for coaching the girl's volleyball team. Mr. Dugas will be coaching the boy's basketball team.

Curling

We would like to thank Mrs. Hazelton who has been conducting curling practices with the students at the Tarentorus rink. Her time and effort are very much appreciated and we would like to wish them the best of luck. Go Mustangs!!!!

Weather Related Cancellations

In order to reduce the amount of calls made to the school, we would like to provide you with a few websites that can give you immediate information on any cancellation. The ADSB site is www.adsb.on.ca From there, click on the Transportation icon on the webpage (top right). You can then click on Sault Ste. Marie area which will give you the information you need. You may also visit www.sootoday.com for other cancellation information as well. One final means of getting information is to listen to **KISS 100.5 FM, Q104 Country or CBC radio stations** for updates and information.

DID YOU KNOW

On January 22, 1992, Dr. Roberta Bondar, originally from Sault Ste. Marie, was the first Canadian woman, along with six other astronauts to board the space shuttle. Dr. Bondar said one of the highlights of the mission was the view of earth from space. She was struck by the earth's beauty and solitude amidst the blackness of the universe.

Character Education

January's character education attributes are:

"Honesty and Integrity". These attributes are important to demonstrate to yourself and others around you. Each month a different attribute will be presented. Students are also encouraged to continue demonstrating the previous attributes celebrated since September.

I show HONESTY when.....

- ✓ I tell always tell the truth
- ✓ I do not cheat
- ✓ I do not deceive others
- ✓ I am straightforward
- ✓ I am truthful with myself

HONESTY is the best policy



I show INTEGRITY when.....

- ✓ I do the right thing and do not give into peer pressure
- ✓ I am true to who I am
- ✓ I live good values
- ✓ I am sincere

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Attendance

As you are aware our start time is 8:45. We cannot stress enough the importance of promptly arriving at the school in order to get started with the delivery of the curriculum. Late arrivals affect everyone and are disruptive to the flow of the classroom lesson being delivered. Please report to the office when your child is late or absent. We greatly appreciate your help with this matter.

Next PTA Meeting

Our next PTA meeting will be held on **February 7, 2014** at 6:30 p.m. in the library. We are always looking for parents to join us in order to get a variety of fundraising ideas. Your input is important to us. We hope to see you there!

Student Writing

As mentioned in our December newsletter, we continue to promote the efforts of our student's writing abilities. In this newsletter, you will find two examples of Primary student writing pieces. We will continue to, in future newsletters, provide examples from students in other grades. We are very proud of the direction and efforts our staff and students have made to date in the area of writing. Great job!!

Aurora's Punch Cards Cards

The school has received 200 Aurora's punch cards for parents to purchase. The savings, once the card is completed, is over \$100.00. Cards can be purchased from Mr. Dugas at the office for \$10.00. They are selling well, so hurry in to get yours.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAM

The FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAM will soon begin. This is a government funded program and the students enjoy fresh and nutritious fruits and vegetables. Students from grade 6 and 7 will distribute the food at second break on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Student of the Month

We celebrated our student of the month assembly on December 18, 2016. The recipients are:

JK/SK A: Ty M., Lennox M., Lily P.

JK/SK B: Nolan C., Wyatt M., Thomas D., Victoria E.

Gr. 1: Samuel D., Sydney F., Hailey T.

Gr. 1/2: Brayden B., Kyrra G., Ella K., Jayce D.

Gr. 2/3: Jackson B., Alexa S.

Gr. 3: Sophie C., Brooklyn P.

Gr. 4/5: Amy T., Aaron M.

Gr. 5/6: Cassidy B., Fischer L.

Gr. 6/7: Lauren M., Maddisyn E.

Gr. 7/8: Ran O'B., Reid T., Miss Graham.

Mme Mayer / French:

Congratulations to all of the students and keep up the good work!!!

Orals and Zone Finals

Students will soon be preparing and competing within their respective classrooms for the school oral competition. The school level competition for Junior / Intermediate students will be held at the school in the gym on **January 28, 2016**. The Junior competition will begin at 9:00 and the Intermediate/Senior will begin at 11:15. Greenwood Public School will be hosting the zone finals which will take place February 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The city finals will be held at the Legion on **February 6th**. We encourage parents to come and hear the students display their written and oral skills and to enjoy the variety of stories. Good Luck to all students.

TRIPLE P— POSTIVE PARENTING PROGRAM

For every parent! Parenting now comes with an instruction manual! Algoma District School Board has partnered with the Algoma Health Unit. Since 2011, this accredited program will help parents of children from 0 to 12 years (primary) and the teen years (11-15). Check out www.triplepalgoma.ca for ideas to help create a happier family environment, learn new skills, and develop realistic expectations. Parents can choose from engaging in a peer group, meet with a practitioner or attend seminars to best suit their needs.