

Mariposa Elementary School Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

December already!

Many thanks to everyone for the patience shown during the challenging start to our school year. We all look forward to some peace on the labour front and are relieved that we can focus on making our school "a great place to grow."

We would like to pass on our sincere best wishes for the holiday season. All MES staff members hope that the season brings peace and fun times to our families, friends and community. Many Christmas events are planned for the coming weeks so make sure to check the new electronic calendar on our website. In addition, teachers will be sending home notices about anything extra their classes may be involved in.

Christmas Concert: Tuesday, December 15th 1:30 pm and 7 pm
 Wednesday, December 16th 1:30 pm
 Shoppers' Delight: Thursday, December 17th
 Last Day of School: Friday, December 18th

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports will go home on December 11th and it is important to remember that these are different from our regular Term 1 and 2 reports. The purpose of a provincial progress report is to encourage early and ongoing communication between you and your child's teacher. Reports show you how well your child is developing the learning skills and work habits we know are essential for academic success. Early progress in academic subjects is indicated with progressing "very well", "well" or "with difficulty". Progress reports also highlight strengths and areas to improve before Term 1 Reports are completed. Celebrate your child's early-in-the-year successes with them!

STUDENT COUNCIL – M.A.D. MONARCHS

Our student council has taken on a new form at Mariposa this year. The team has evolved into the "Making A Difference Monarchs" and they are working hard to make MES the best it can be. They have begun the Christmas season with what has become a Mariposa tradition. Ask your children about the Amaryllis Race!

CANADIAN TIRE MONEY DRIVE

The Making a Difference (M.A.D.) Monarchs have taken on the important job of managing our Annual Canadian Tire Money Drive. We are looking for donations of Canadian Tire money, or gift cards, so that we may purchase toys in order to help out those less fortunate in our community. This fundraiser will be held from **TUESDAY, DEC 1st until FRIDAY, DEC 11th**. The top donating student(s) will accompany us to Canadian Tire to help some of the M.A.D. Monarchs choose the toys. Any donations are much appreciated, as even a little can go a long way! Thank you for your support in making this Holiday Season bright for everyone.

We were a little concerned that it may be more challenging to raise the amount of money we have in the past because most people are not collecting Canadian Tire cash any more. We did some investigating at the Lindsay store and they have assured us that they can transfer Canadian Tire money from anyone's account to a gift card. If you would like to make a donation, from your account, please go to the customer service desk. We ask that you write the value of the gift card on the front with a permanent marker to make it easier for our students to count.

E-NEWSLETTER - WE ARE TRYING TO THINK "GREEN"!

Did you know you have a number of options for receiving the MES monthly newsletter electronically? It is posted on the main page of our school website, <http://mes.tlidsb.on.ca>, each month. If you register with Peachjar, it can be emailed to you directly. Look for the Peachjar link on our school website and the Trillium Lakelands DSB. You must sign up to Peachjar to receive news about community events and information from our community partners. That information is no longer published in our school newsletter. The registration process only takes a minute and you'll be helping us be a greener school.

If you wish to continue to receive printed copies of the newsletter, please cut out and return the notice below.

Please send home printed copies of the Mariposa Elementary School Newsletter.

Parent Name: _____ Child's Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Class Teacher: _____



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 Vice Principal: Melissa MacEachern
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NEW e-CALENDAR - Keep Up To Date with MES Events

We have launched a new electronic calendar on our school website. We will be doing our best to keep it current with any changes to events, and, we hope it will provide more information than our old printed copies.

Click on "Calendar" on the far right of the menu bar on our home screen. We are endeavouring to put as many school events on the calendar as possible. You are able to click on an event to open a window with more details.



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SCHOOL COUNCIL – SHOPPERS DELIGHT

Shoppers Delight is December 17th. This is a rummage sale for the students to be able to purchase Christmas gifts for their immediate family at the cost of 25cents each. **ITEMS TO SELL ARE NEEDED!** Items can be dropped off at the office or sent in with your child. Any parents wishing to volunteer this day please let the office know. All money raised from this event goes into our Mariposa Christmas Hamper Fund to support families at our school this holiday season. We encourage any parents to stop by for 5 minutes and take a peek in the gym at our shoppers. It truly is one of the best days of the year at Mariposa! Thank you also, for your support of our Christmas Poinsettia Campaign.

Merry Christmas from Mariposa Parent Council!

WINTER CLOTHING

Please remind all students that they should dress each day according to the weather. As we move into winter, students should dress warmly and layer indoor clothing. All students need lined boots, a warm coat, snow pants, hats and mittens or gloves. Fresh air and outdoor play are very important for child development so we try to ensure that students are outside for each of our twenty minute recesses. We carefully check weather conditions on the school yard and from up-to-date website information. Decisions to shorten or cancel outdoor play are always based on student safety and well-being.

BUS CANCELLATIONS

In case of unsafe road conditions, bus cancellations may be more frequent in the upcoming months. Please listen to local radio stations for the announcement of bus cancellations or delays. BOB FM (91.9 FM), The Wolf (101.5 FM), CBC (98.7 FM), Country 105 (105.1 FM), KICX 106 (105.9 FM), or you could follow TLDSB on Twitter (@TLDSB) or Facebook (Trillium Lakelands DSB) for inclement weather updates. Updates are also posted on the board's website www.tldsb.on.ca. There is also a link posted on our school website www.mes.tldsb.on.ca. Parents can also subscribe to notifications for delays for their child(ren)'s bus delays and cancellations at www.mybustoschool.ca.

Please note, if buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not run in the afternoon. Any students who are driven to school on a bus cancellation day must be picked up from school.

SNOW SAFETY

Snow fun has begun at Mariposa. Most MES students have been very responsible building snow sculptures, rolling enormous snow balls and building snow forts. Please remind your children to respect the work others have put into these. It is also important to reinforce our "No throwing snow balls" rule. We know that snow balls are lots of fun at home; however, they can be dangerous at school. Sand and salt is spread throughout the school yard to keep slippery surfaces to a minimum. This sand and salt gets mixed into the snow and can get into eyes. As well, with close to 400 pairs of feet running over it, snow gets trampled into ice and is dangerous when it is thrown.

STUDENT ILLNESS

Although we are hopeful that MES students will escape the worst of the cold and flu season, please be reminded that we do not have the facilities at school to keep children who do not feel well. So, we respectfully ask that you keep your child home if he/she is feeling under the weather. Please report all absences on the school attendance line: 705-953-9740.

GRADE 4 & 5 SNOW PASS

An easy way to get kids healthy and active this winter is now available. The Canadian Ski Council's Grade 4 & 5 SnowPass is available online and is an unbeatable offer: skiing and snowboarding for kids (in grade 4 or 5), three times at each of the 150+ ski areas, for only \$29.95.

Applying is Easy: To sign up for your very own SnowPass, visit: www.snowpass.ca

LOOKING FOR A TEACHER GIFT IDEA??



Did you know?

- Kids learn better with full tummies
- Mariposa School has a Nutrition Program
- Every class has a snack bucket delivered each day
- All 364 students have the opportunity to have a healthy snack
- We spend \$450 per week on healthy snacks
- All money is raised through donations

How Can I Help?

The Staff at Mariposa ES understand the importance of a healthy snack program and see the difference that it is making for our students. During this Holiday Season we understand that many families like to give a token of appreciation to staff. In lieu of this we would invite you to make a donation to the Mariposa Nutrition Program.

How will teachers know that we have given a gift?

Certificates are available so your children still feel like they are giving a gift to their teacher. They can be picked up in the school office or printed online from our website. These can be presented to teachers with a Christmas card in lieu of a gift.

How Can I Make a Donation?

You can make a donation in the office during school hours.

Lost and Found

We have accumulated a large amount of lost and found items in only 2 months of school! There are many sweaters, jackets, shoes, and an assortment of other items that families have spent hard earned money on. We have regular reminders on our morning announcements and teachers walk students by the lost and found area hoping to re-unite items with their owners. Please come by the school and check for any items that your children may be missing. All items are displayed outside Rm 111. Anything that is still at school on Friday December 4th will be donated to a local charity.

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to Mrs. Mulock for donating a truck load of sand toys to our yard!

Merry Christmas from the Me to We Team

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SENIOR BOYS SOCCER

Congratulations to the Senior Boys Soccer Team for their perfect performance Tuesday Nov. 10. They are worthy TLDSB County Champions!

All along the tournament the boys displayed skills, team cohesion and work rate, outstanding plays, and some of the goals that could be on TSN Plays of the year!!! Great clinical finish!!

The Monarchs started the round robin with a 3-0 win against Rolling Hills, followed by another 3-0 win against Langton. In the third game Mariposa played a strong Woodville team, we were able to beat them by the score of 1-0.

In the semifinal, Mariposa was able to beat Dunsford by the score of 8-0.

In the final game, Monarchs had to face Woodville again, we were able to beat them by the score of 3-0.

The Senior Boys made us really proud! Their behavior, sportsmanship and team effort were top level!

The team set goals early in September and worked hard in practices!

Many thanks go to parents for their support, Mr Deuchars for his help and expert convening of the tournaments, to Mr Kruyf for refereeing the final tournament. Special thanks go also to Mr Walden!

The following students need to be commended for best performance:

Sean Mulvenna, Logan Jenkins, Jacob Geelen, Connor Taylor, Brendan Quinn, Alex Hollands, Joel Matson, Matthew Brown, Matthew Mulvenna, Cody Crowe, Ryan Marquis, Nick Patterson, Kole deVos, Kenny Redmond, Carson Chapman, Lucas van Vlack, Jacob Salazar, Dylan Weddel, Austin Nicholson, Austin Dean, Ryan Flowers, Thomas Marquis, and Andrew Wilimek.

Thank you boys for a superb season! Mr K.

In Swahili, the word for friend is *rafiki*. Wear a rafiki with pride and join the Me to We movement —a community of people moving from *me* thinking to *we* acting. Together, we're building a better world, where we all have the power to speak out, let our voices be heard and make choices that have a positive impact. Show the world you care about making a difference with every action, both locally and globally!

This Christmas, delight your friends and family with a beautiful Rafiki bracelet. Every bracelet makes a positive impact on the life of a child in our "adopt a village" in Ecuador. In addition, it helps Mariposa students help others in need! Each chain is made with glass beads threaded onto stretchy cord. One size fits all. \$10.00 each

Pre-ordering will take place December 1-13 at both nutritional breaks and recesses. Rafikis will arrive by December 18th.

To see these lovely chains, made by the women in Kenya who handcraft each piece and earn a fair wage for their work, visit wearerafikis.com or the online Me to We store.

Ms. Moore, Ms. Gregory and the Me to We Team



WE WON'T REST

Beginning December 1st through to December 17th, the **Me to We team** will be collecting **food, winter clothing donations** and **personal-care products** for **A Place Called Home. APCH** is our local homeless shelter located in Lindsay. Our goal is to create a happy and warm Christmas for everyone. The items will be delivered to the shelter by our team of socially responsible elves.

Thanks for caring,
Mariposa's Me to We Team



	Dental Staff will visit your child's school on Thursday January 28, 2016	
<p>Visual dental checks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provide parents with advice on the dental needs of their children ● Provide access to Health Unit dental financial assistance programs ● Help with the development of community dental programs <p>All students in JK, SK and grade 2 will be provided with a check. Children who have used the Children In Need of Treatment Program (CINOT) may be checked.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parents of students in these grades who do NOT want their child checked must advise the school in writing. ● Parents of students NOT in one of the designated grades can request a check by contacting the health unit or sending a request to the school. <p>Dental checks are conducted by a Registered Dental Hygienist. This check does not replace your child's regular dental visit. You will be advised of your child's recommended dental needs.</p> <p>Please contact the Oral Health Department if you have any questions regarding this program.</p>		
Northumberland County (905) 885-9100	City of Kawartha Lakes & Haliburton County (705) 324-3569	Toll Free 1-866-888-4577 Ext 1247
<small>Personal and personal health information on this form is collected under the authority of the Health Protection and Promotion Act, as amended, the Regulated Health Professions Act, and the Personal Health Information Protection Act, and will be used for assessment, management, treatment and reporting purposes. Questions about this collection should be addressed to the Medical Officer of Health, 200 Rose Glen Road, Port Hope, Ontario, L1A 3V6 (905) 885-9100, or toll-free at 1-866-888-4577.</small>		

THE 12 DAYS OF HOLIDAY SAFETY

In the true spirit of the season, and to help keep family and friends out of harm's way, here are some tips and helpful hints for The 12 Days of Holiday Safety:

On the First Day ... prepare your home for the holidays – and safety. Make sure you have a working carbon monoxide detector, smoke alarm, fire extinguisher and a first aid kit. If you live in an apartment or are staying in a hotel, know where the fire alarms and emergency exits are located.

On the Second Day ... make a plan. Your family may not be together when an emergency occurs. Plan how to meet or how to contact one another, and discuss what you would do in different situations.

On the Third day ... think about special needs. Establish a personal support network of friends, relatives, health-care providers, and neighbours who understand your personal needs. Write down details about accommodation needs, allergies, family medical history, medical conditions, etc.

On the Fourth Day ... decorate with safety in mind. Never leave burning candles unattended and keep them away from children and pets, decorations and wrapping paper. Cut candle wicks short to prevent a high flame, and if candles are used in a centrepiece, make sure they don't burn low enough to ignite the decoration.

On the Fifth Day ... make your tree safe. When buying a real tree, check that it is fresh (needles are hard to pull off). Water the tree daily - trees can consume up to four litres of water a day. Place the tree away from high traffic areas, doorways, heating vents, radiators, stoves, fireplaces and burning candles. If young children are around, use safe decorations. Health Canada has some great holiday safety tips.

<http://healthycanadians.gc.ca/security-securite/holiday-safety-securite-fetes/index-eng.php>

On the Sixth Day ... keep lights bright. Only use lights that have been certified by a recognized organization such as CSA, ULC or C-UL. Make sure you use indoor lights inside your home and outdoor lights outside. Check the light strings and extension cords, throwing out any that are frayed or have exposed wires, loose connections or broken sockets. Never run electrical cords through doorways or under carpets. Turn off all holiday lights before you go to bed or leave your home.

On the Seventh Day ... choose appropriate toys. Always follow age recommendations when choosing toys for children. Pay attention to Health Canada's recalls and safety alerts.

On the Eighth Day ... get ready for severe winter weather. Blizzards, ice storms, and high winds can develop quickly. Listen to local radio or television stations for severe weather warnings and advice.

On the Ninth Day ... prepare your car for an emergency. Install winter tires and make sure windshield washer fluid is always topped up. Prepare a kit to keep in your vehicle in case of an emergency, with items such as a blanket, a candle in a deep can and matches, and first aid kit with a seat belt cutter.

On the 10th Day ... prevent illness. Protect yourself and others from getting the flu. A flu shot is the safest and most effective way to prevent infection, to reduce the severity of your symptoms if you do get sick, and to keep from spreading the virus to others.

On the 11th Day ... learn first aid. Knowing first aid could save a life. Contact your local Canadian Red Cross or St. John Ambulance office to find out about first aid courses in your area.

On the 12th Day ... know the risks. Across Canada, we face a number of hazards, such as earthquakes in BC, blizzards in Nunavut and ice storms in Ontario. Knowing the risks where you are can help you better prepare and eliminate stress... especially during the holiday season.

Happy Holidays from Public Safety Canada!

<http://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/sfttps/tp201312-en.aspx>



Our Week of Kindness wrapped up with most of us in pink.

What a school!