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MIRAMICHI RURAL CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

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HOME OF THE SHARKS

**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year**

**from**

**Miramichi Rural Staff & Students!!!**

**Grade 6-8 Food Bank**

This year, our Grades 6-8 have been busy collecting non-perishable food items that will be used to make food hampers for families in need. Any donations are appreciated and can be dropped off at the school up until Dec.17th.

Also, they have been working hard to raise money to purchase food for a Christmas Hamper that will go to a family in need this Christmas season. They have prepared various kinds of Christmas themed treat bags (Snowman Soup, Elf Kisses, Reindeer Noses and Jelly Bean Bags), made a fleece tie blanket that they are selling tickets on, sold Candy Cane Candy Grams and they had a bake sale on Tuesday, December 9th. All of the money raised will go toward the Christmas Hamper.

**Grade K-8 Christmas Concert**

This year, our Grades K-8 will be presenting their Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 17 (Dec. 18 Storm Date) beginning at 12:30 in the gymnasium. All parents and family members are invited. Any non-perishable food item you wish to donate would be appreciated.

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**Congratulations** to Michelle Comeau, winner of the 50/50 sold at our Community Breakfast!!

***IMPORTANT DATES: DECERMBER***

***Dec. 10*: Staff/ Student Christmas Dinner**

 **Storm Date (Dec.11)**

***Dec. 17*: K-8 Christmas Concert 12:30pm**

 **Draw For Christmas Basket**

 **Storm Date (Dec.18)**

***Dec. 19*: Last Day for Students (full day)**

 **PJ Day for $1.00**

***Jan. 6*: Students Return**

**Reminder For All Students:** it’s getting much colder out, so students should be dressed for the weather conditions. Winter jacket, snowpants, boots, hats, mitts, scarves, etc. are highly recommended. All students are expected to be outdoors during recess and lunch.

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## Dear Parents:

 Due to the increasing number of student’s bringing microwaveable foods to school, the availability of microwaves and time constraints, we, the staff of Miramichi Rural School ask that you please reduce the amount of times your child/children bring microwaveable foods to school. We ask that if you do send microwaveable items, please make sure that warm-up time is no longer than 2 minute. **Absolutely no KD cups**. Also, please remember to send cutlery and condiments that your child may need as they are not always readily available.

## THE GIFT OF GIVING

The holidays are a joyous time of year that bring people together to celebrate. A time for sharing and giving, a time to be grateful for all we have. However, for some, it can be a stressful time as they consider how little they have. Well, one family is making a huge difference to our little school. You probably don’t know them, but Clyde and Lynne Evans live in Halifax, N.S., and coincidently, they own a cottage in Bay du Vin where they spend their summers. During their time here, they have made some outstanding friendships with the locals. Sadly, their cottage neighbor, Gerald Williston passed away in April 2014. Clyde and Lynne remember Gerald for all his kindness to their family, and to others over the years. In Gerald’s memory, they have made a generous contribution of $2500 to the school. Our heartfelt thanks go out to Mr. and Mrs. Evans. We hope we can use this donation to reach out and help people around our community just as Gerald, Clyde and Lynne have.



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**Kindergarten, Grade One News!**

Hi! Just a gentle reminders to always wear ski-pants, hat, mittens, and perhaps a neck warmer in this colder weather! Having an extra pair of **dry mittens and socks** in your child’s front pocket of his\her bookbag would be greatly beneficial, also! :)

Also, our Christmas Friend **gift** is due on Tues, Dec. 16 for our Christmas Angel Exchange on Thurs, Dec. 18th. Please continue to do **Kind Deeds** for your Secret Christmas Friend!

Finally, please have **apron** (over the head, if possible**), plastic bowl and wooded spoon** in asap, for our Christmas Concert practice. There will be no more homework this year (next year…yes!), except to read and perhaps any lines your child may be having difficulty remembering for our concert. Will let you know!

Have a wonderful holiday season! :)

***GALILEO OBSERVATORY***

 The Star Troopers will reunite and are recruiting new members. Our goal this year is to use the observatory more, so we will be scheduling some different sightings throughout the year. Stay tuned for some upcoming dates.

 ![](data:None;base64...)Miss Vienneau and Mr. Neil Wallace will be working together to bring astronomical phenomena to your fingertips. Our current project is to view the sky using our telescope, and create a live feed to the Smartboard in the library. This will be a warmer alternative to viewing the wonders above. Hope to see many of you there!

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