

Horse Lake Elementary School Newsletter January 2023



Staffing News

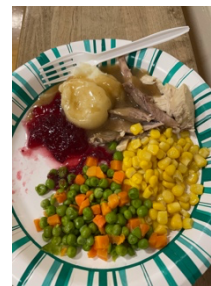
Happy belated new year! Ms. Stenerson has been hired to replace Ms. Pecor until she is ready to resume her teaching assignment. Ms. Pecor has visited the school on a couple of occasions to visit with staff and students as she continues to recover from her injuries. We thank Ms. Stenerson for making herself available to provide consistent quality instruction in our grade 2 / 3 class.

Christmas Turkey Lunch

The Horse Lake Elementary Parent Advisory Council continued with its tradition of serving up a hot lunch/dinner of turkey and all the fixings for all students and staff on December 13th. PAC members started cooking the turkeys at various locations throughout the school and the smell of turkey made its way into every nook and cranny of the school. The next day the full PAC and



numerous volunteers dished out food for over 225 people who filled the gym sitting in family classroom groups. Needless to say, no one went home hungry that day! A huge thank you goes out to everyone who contributed their time toward making the day a massive success!



Ice Skating At The Arena

Classes at Horse Lake have been pairing up for a morning of skating at the arena in 100 Mile House. We were able to secure six skating visits to the arena, and pair up older and younger classes to buddy up on the ice and make the day more enjoyable for everyone. So far three groups of students have enjoyed a skating day, with three more pairings set for later this month and into February.



Often parents join us on the ice to skate with their little ones. A special thank you goes out to the Horse Lake PAC for getting a number of pairs of school skates sharpened prior to the skating day to ensure everyone's equipment is in tip-top shape.



The school has also recently purchased a class set of snowshoes so that classes can take advantage of the learning opportunities getting outside provides. The snowshoes are ideal for our intermediate students, and we are currently looking for a smaller shoe that will fit our primary students. A little extra snow in the next two months will make the experience all that more fun!



Christmas Concert Worth The Wait

After the postponement of the Christmas Concert due to December’s deep freeze and subsequent school bus cancellations, the performances went off without a hitch in our first week back at school. The performances were a whole school effort, with teachers, EAs, the custodian, secretary, and the entire PAC contributing their time to produce an entertaining hour of student songs and presentations. Despite almost a month layoff, the kids didn’t miss a beat and gave a performance to remember for their parents, extended family, and neighbors. The gift basket fundraiser was also a huge success thanks to the donations of the students, and the packaging up by the PAC, to cap off a great evening!



Horse Lake Elementary Winter Carnival – 12:30 pm, Friday, January 27, 2023

This Friday will see the return of the Horse Lake Winter Carnival, sponsored by Ms. Pugh and the Leadership Group. The afternoon will see students rotate through a series of outdoor stations including Sledding, ‘Snowball’ Throw, Snow Bowling, Tug-A-War, Snowshoes, Snow Art, Toboggan Races, and Canadian Golf; culminating with Making Maple Sugar Candy. Students will need to dress for the conditions and will be outside for the entire afternoon. It should be a lot of fun for all!

Grade Six Students Off To Winter Camp – February 6th and 7th

The grade six students from Ms. McKinnon’s and Ms. Langton’s classes will be off to the Gavin Lake Camp near Likely for a two day outdoor experience. At the camp, students will learn about Animal Tracking, Forests and the Winter Environment, and Snow Science, and will be cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and sledding. In their free time, students will have the opportunity to ice skate on an outdoor rink as well as enjoy the recreational activities the camp has to offer.

Reminder To Return Report Card Envelopes

If you have yet to return your child(ren)’s report card envelope(s), please return them to the school with your child. Report cards go home from the Term 2 reporting period on Wednesday, March 8th.

Kindergarten Registration Begin Today

Parents wanting to enrol their child(ren) in kindergarten are advised that registration opens today. In order to register, parents need to produce the child’s Birth Certificate and Care Card, as well as two pieces of identification that demonstrate residence within the Horse Lake Elementary catchment area. Registration packages are available at the school office.

Respectfully,
Murray Helmer, Principal

