

MDJH

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PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Parent Newsletter

Green Apple News

We need your Help!
Last Week

Ed Roche Calendar
Fundraiser



Again this year, the students of Macdonald Drive Junior High will be selling calendars as a fundraiser for their school. These are Pine Ridge Art Newfoundland Calendars featuring the beautiful artwork of local artist Ed Roche. These highly popular calendars normally retail for \$25.00 plus applicable taxes, however, they will be made available through the school for \$20.00 taxes included. These calendars make great gifts or can be enjoyed in your own home.

All funds raised will go towards programming and equipment for the Learning Resources Centre, Tables for the cafeteria, and Technology needs.

The prize structure for students is as follows: \$250 for top seller; \$200 for second top seller and \$100 for third top seller and one early bird draw of \$50. In addition, every student who sells at least 10 calendars will have the opportunity to participate in 5 random draws. Pizza party for top selling class.

Go to <http://www.mdj.k12.nf.ca/> for details.

Sales are slow!
Please support our school!

Dates to Remember:

PD Day—Friday, November 21st, 2014

Term 1 Reports—November 28th, 2014

Interviews—December 4th, 2014

Share Successes

Does your child have a recent accomplishment of which you are proud? Here at MDJH we want to celebrate the efforts of our students - all efforts not just the academic. So, if your child has an out of school activity or program where they have made a significant contribution, we want to know about it for our Green Apple Alliance Wall of Celebration. We will post a certificate with the student's name, activity and contribution/achievement for all to see and celebrate. LET US KNOW! E-mail Mr. Ryan: TerranceRyan@nlesd.ca, one of our Guidance Counselors, for details.

Breakfast Program

Parent Volunteers Needed

Macdonald Drive Junior High along with Kids Eat Smart Foundation, provides a breakfast program that runs daily starting at 8:00 am to 8:20 am in the Cafeteria. **Food or monetary donations** are also welcome. All donations can be submitted to the school office, Re: "MDJH Breakfast Program". Please contact Mary Van Thiel: maryvanthiel@nlesd.ca or Caleb Thorne: calebthorne@nlesd.ca



Accepted items include: Kellogg's Corn Pops, Kellogg's Mini-Wheats, Post Honey-Combs, Frozen yogurt tubes, Cream cheese, Orange Juice, Apple Juice, and Granola Bars (nut-free).

Over the next couple of weeks we will be adding hot cereal and hot chocolate to our menu in the morning.

Remember all donations and gifts in kind are matched by the Kids Eat Smart Foundation.

Please support our program and our kids!

European Tour 2015

If any student is interested in going to France and Italy during Easter 2015, please see Ms. Quann for details. There are still a few spots available but the deadline to sign up is fast approaching as numbers must be finalized with the tour company in the next couple of weeks.



Yearbooks

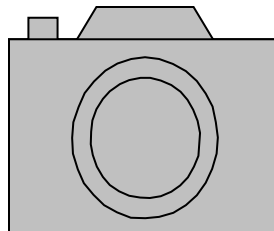
There are a limited number of yearbooks from the 2013-2014 school year available for purchase. The cost is \$20. Anyone interested in purchasing a yearbook should contact Ms. Quann.

Yearbook Photo

Many school groups and activities have started. Anyone having a team or group photo to submit to the yearbook can please email their photo. The photography club can also take a variety of pictures. All we need is some notice and a schedule of events or games. Please email Ms. Quann: ColetteQuann@nlesd.ca or Mr. Trevor Wragg at twragg@hotmail.com to advise of practice times, events or games.

Photography Club

Next Photography Club meeting will be held next Wednesday, November 19th. The contest theme is **Autumn**. Members should submit their photos by Monday, November 17th.





What's Happening at MacDonald Drive Junior High?

| Activities/Clubs | Time | Room | Teacher Sponsor |
|----------------------|--|------|-----------------------------|
| Chess | Day 1 @ 12:10pm | 210 | Ms. Kinsella Ms. Parsons |
| Math Homework Haven | Monday @ 2:30pm-3:30pm Thursday @ 11:50am | LRC | Math Department |
| Knitting | Tuesday @ 11:50 am- 12:33pm. Bring lunch. | 227 | Ms. Osmond |
| Lego Robotics (Fall) | Tuesday @ 2:30pm to 4:00pm | 123 | Mr. Smith Mr. Thorne |
| ROV (Winter) | Tuesday @ 2:30pm to 4:00pm | 123 | Mr. Smith Mr. Thorne |
| LGBTQ | Day 2 | 124 | Ms. Brunet |
| Improv | Thursday @ 2:30pm | 109A | Ms. Glynn |
| Drama | | 109A | Ms. D. Mills |
| Art Club | | 227 | Ms. Penney |
| Newspaper | Wednesday @ 11:39am to 12:33pm | 215 | Ms. E. Mills |
| Math League | Wednesday @ 12:10pm | 208 | Ms. Doyle |
| Photography | Wednesday @ 2:30pm | 220 | Ms. Quann Mr. Wragg |
| Year Book | TBA | TBA | Ms. Quann |
| Video Club | Friday @ 2:30pm | LRC | Mr. Langdon, Mr. Walsh |
| Environment Club | Day 2 | 206 | Ms. Drover |

Student Absences/Tardiness

If your child is absent from school for any reason, please contact the office via phone or your child's homeroom teacher via e-mail, prior to the start of the school day on the day of the absence and have your child bring a note explaining the absence to his/her homeroom teacher when he/she returns. Attendance is very important for your child's academic success. If he/she is out for an extended period of time due to illness, please contact your child's teacher to get any missed work and check the homework site regularly. Students need to be in school by 8:20 at the latest to ensure they are ready for their morning classes. After lunch they need to be back in school by 12:33 PM to ensure they are ready for afternoon classes.

Parent School Council

Parent School Council met on Monday, November 3rd to discuss fundraising, breakfast program, School Development Process, PD sessions for teachers, Social Media Awareness sessions and components of the newsletter. The next school council meeting will be on Monday, December 1st at 7:00 pm in the Conference Centre. If you are interested in additional information, please contact the office.



Band Notes for the Week of November 17th -21st

- Grade 7 Band students have been given a band shirt order form – these should all be returned by now. If you haven't done so, please contact Mrs. Dunsmore as soon as possible.
- Grade 7 Band and Jazz Band will be performing in the NLTA Christmas Suite Concert Tuesday, December 2. An information letter has been given to the students.
- Volunteer parents will be needed to help chaperone and also to help move some percussion instruments. Please contact Mrs. Dunsmore at your earliest convenience if you can help.
- The MDJH Band and Choir Christmas Concert will be held **Wednesday, December 17,** (not Tuesday Dec .16 as previously announced). All band students will be required to participate.
- Jazz band will practice Monday 2:40-4:00 PM.



Schedule for this week:

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|---|
| Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 | Day 6 |
| Grade 8/9 FULL BAND | Grade 8/9 Alto Saxes | | | |
| Grade 7 Flutes | Grade 7 Trumpets | | | Grade 8/9 Trumpets and French Horns |
| Grade 7 Clarinets and Alto Saxes | | Grade 7 FULL BAND | | |
| Grade 7 Trombones Baritones Bass Guitar | | Grade 8/9 Flutes and Clarinets | | |
| | | | | Grade 8/9 Tenor Saxes, Bari Saxes, Trombones, Baritones, Tuba, and Bass Guitar |

Student School Council

Initiatives

Our School Council recognizes the importance of doing something positive for groups within our own community and those elsewhere in the world. Christmas time should be a special time for all children. Please support their initiatives.



Ronald McDonald House Wish List

A Student Council initiative for **grade 7 home-rooms** will be collecting items for Ronald McDonald House. Ronald McDonald House Newfoundland and Labrador assists families in our province during a chaotic and traumatic time by providing the simple things that put some joy and normalcy back into families' lives: sitting down for a home-cooked meal together, waking up together, under one roof, ready to face the tough day ahead, laughing and playing with their kids in supportive programs. Ronald McDonald House Newfoundland and Labrador truly is a place to heal better and together. They have a Wish List which is updated regularly to meet new challenges and to address the unique needs of families. MDJH Student Council would like to ask all grade 7 students to support the House through a gift-in-kind. Please send in your donations by Monday, **December 15th**. Check out the items they need most on their Wish List

FALL 2014 WISH LIST

KITCHEN

Hair Nets

Non-Latex Gloves – (powder free)

HOUSEKEEPING

Regular Black Garbage Bags

Extra Large Black Garbage Bags

Batteries – Size D, AA, AAA

Umbrellas

Mild, scent free laundry detergent (for babies)

TOILETRIES

Deodorant

Razors – men and women

MAGIC ROOM

ITunes Gift Cards \$15

Toys for all ages (except stuffed or plush toys)

RECREATION PROGRAM

Movie passes

Special event tickets

RESOURCE CENTRE

8 ½ X11 White Copy paper

8 ½ X11 Colored Copy paper

8 ½ X11 White Card Stock

Pens

Construction paper

Scissors

Sticky notes



Santa's Elves are busy!

Operation Christmas Child



On behalf of the Student Council, **each grade 8 homeroom** will be collecting items for two Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. The shoeboxes are delivered to hurting children in some of the most destitute parts of the world. If you would like to help fill these boxes, please send a small item or items to go inside before **Wednesday, November 19**. You may also send in a small monetary donation to help cover shipping costs. Homeroom reps will coordinate donations within his or her homeroom. Suggested items include school supplies (pencils, crayons), hygiene items (comb, toothbrush), toys (dinkies, small stuffed toy), clothes/accessories (hair clips, socks, bracelet). Due to customs regulations, please do not send in toothpaste, food, used items, liquids or creams, or breakable items (glass). Thank you for your support of this worthy cause.

A Forecast of Increasing Cloud Cover

Math News



The Cloud Eight mathematics help center will be expanding. Drop by the Cloud Eight table in the LRC at 12:05pm every Thursday. Regular sessions continue on Mondays after school. Peer tutors, as well as teacher supports are available. All are welcome.

Medications

If your child requires medication while at school you must complete the necessary forms and have them signed by your family doctor before we can administer any medication at school. If your child requires over-the-counter medication, please complete the required forms. Students are not permitted to have medication on their person.



The Environmental Club

The Environmental Club will be **planting fall flower bulbs** before Christmas. Please watch the newsletter closely for updates. For anyone interested in lending a hand, please come along. Gardening tools, gloves, bulbs are supplied. All students are welcome to join in and feel free to bring a friend, let's keep MDJH a green school. This is another initiative of the Green Apple Alliance at MDJH.



Parent Portal Information for PowerSchool

By now all parents should have access to their child's daily attendance and marks. If you have not received your Portal Information please contact the Main Office—mayburke@nlesd.ca

Please be advised that the following PowerSchool Mobile Apps have been enabled for the NLESD PowerSchool server:

- PowerSchool Mobile App for Parents
- PowerSchool Mobile App for Students

Parents and students will need to log into their PowerSchool accounts to view the District Code. This code is required when using the Parent and Student PowerSchool Apps.

See the screenshot shown.



Sports

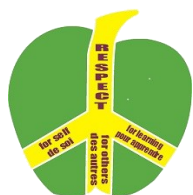
Grade Level Intramurals - lunch time in the Gym. Includes soccer, basketball, ultimate frisbee, ball hockey, etc.

Teams for Grades 7-9 Boys and Girls

- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Cross Country Running
- Basketball
- Ice Hockey (grade 8 & 9 only)



Check school website for practice times.



www.mdj.k12.nf.ca.

Fire Drills/Secure Schools / Lockdowns

Please be advised that there will be additional practices over the next few weeks. Friday saw a secure school called minutes before recess. As a result, every means was employed to ensure our students did not leave the building. We will continue to practice aforementioned drills and ensure staff and students are fully aware of procedures and protocols.



Soy Butter Products

Parents and students are advised that soy butter products/peanut butter replacement products are not permitted within our school environment. Due to the presence of students with anaphylactic allergies to peanuts/peanut products and the difficulty for teachers on duty to distinguish between the products, we ask for the cooperation of students and parents to pack an alternative snack/lunch items. While we recognize that peanut butter replacement products do not present risk of an anaphylactic allergy, the presence of these products in our school will undermine our capacity to enforce our restriction on peanut butter.

Allergy Alert

We have a number of students with life-threatening allergies to various products. See the list below:

No nuts

No peanuts

No latex

No Fish

No Shellfish



Eastern Health Advisory

For information on
ENTEROVIRUS D68 see
Public Health Bulletin on the
MDJH webpage:
www.mdj.k12.nf.ca.



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Public Service Announcements

Youth Week 2015 - 13th Annual Youth Only Art Exhibit

Please see the MDJH webpage, **www.mdj.k12.nf.ca**,
for details.

We're on the web!
[http://](http://www.mdj.k12.nf.ca)
www.mdj.k12.nf.ca

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR eResource Portal



**Working on a school assignment? Maybe left it until the last minute? Forgot your books? Library closed?
Got your facts straight? Remember you can't believe everything you read on the internet!**

Luckily you have 24 hour access to accurate information that has been recommended by librarians and teachers themselves.

Grab your library card, head to www.nlpl.ca and click on the eResources Portal to get started.

Bringing the library to you!

Don't have a library Card?

No problem!

By registering for a library card online at www.nlpl.ca you'll get instant access to all of these resources as well.

The eResources Portal is a great resource for students, teachers and parents.

Visit us at www.nlpl.ca

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Resources focused on Business



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Careers

Resources supporting Career development



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Kids and Parents

Resources intended for children and parents



Education Resources

Resources supporting students from K-12, College and University



Newfoundland & Labrador

Newfoundland and Labrador Culture and History



Early Literacy

Resources related to Early Literacy Development



Research Resources

Resources supporting research and development

