

MDJH
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PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Parent Newsletter

Green Apple News

Annual Food Drive

The Green Apple

Alliance sponsored a very successful Thanksgiving food drive. This initiative is in keeping with our school's philosophy of teaching our students to make a contribution to help others in need. Thanks to all who gave their support.



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 terrancer-yan@nlesd.ca, one of our Guidance Counselors, for details.



Thanksgiving Assembly

Thank you to Darcy Taylor, former MDJH student, for sharing his own efforts with us on his humanitarian work. Thanks to the student body, the French, and the Support Services Departments for their efforts with our assembly.

Breakfast Program/ Parent Volunteers

Our free Breakfast program runs daily in the cafeteria, from 8:00 am to 8:20 am.

We are seeking parent volunteers for our breakfast program.

Please contact: maryvanthiel@nlesd.ca or calebthorne@nlesd.ca, if you wish to participate as a volunteer. Your time is greatly appreciated!



Food or monetary donations are also welcome. All donations can be submitted to the school office, Re: "MDJH Breakfast Program".

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).

Dates to Remember:

School closed for Thanksgiving—Monday, October 13th

Intermediate Close-out—Friday, October 24th

School will be closed for students

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



MUN Interns

Many thanks to our six MUN Interns who have been with us for the past two weeks. We appreciate having you here. Best wishes to Ms. Collingwood, Ms. Cribb, Ms. Griffin, Ms. Hearn, Ms. Taylor, and Ms. White as you continue with your academics and internship program.

MDJH Community Garden

Have you ever wondered what the 6 boxes outside of the student entrance contain? Come check out our Community Garden. It's almost harvest time! Seeking students and parents to join our garden group.

Please contact: sarahosmond@nlesd.ca



NEW

Bell Changes

Our bell schedule has been adjusted.

Doors open: 8:05 am.

Warning bell: 8:20 am (5 mins)

Homeroom: 8:25 am—8:34 am

Period 1: 8:34 am—9:30 am

Period 2: 9:30 am—10:26 am

Recess: 10:26 am—10:43 am

Warning Bell: 10:39 am (4 mins)

Period 3: 10:43 am—11:39 am

Lunch: 11:39 am—12:33 pm

Warning Bell: 12:33 pm (5 mins)

Period 4: 12:38 pm—1:34 pm

Period 5: 1:34 pm—2:30 pm

School Council

School Council held its first meeting in the Conference Room at 7:00pm on Monday, October 6th, 2014. If you are interested in joining School Council please contact: sarahos

mond@nlesd.ca or craigsquires@nlesd.ca.

Next meeting: November 3rd.

Student Demographic/Grade 9 Immunization information

Information will be going home on these two items. Parents are asked to review and send the information back to us.

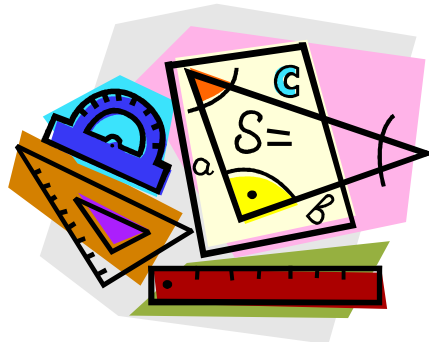
Parent Portal Information for PowerSchool

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



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	Mondays, 2:30pm-3:30pm	LRC	Math Department
Knitting Moved to Wednesday (this week only)	Tuesdays, 11:50 am-12:33pm. Bring lunch.	227	Ms. Osmond
Lego Robotics (Fall)	Tuesdays, 2:30pm to 4:00pm	123	Mr. Smith Mr. Thorne
ROV (Winter)	Tuesdays, 2:30pm to 4:00pm	123	Mr. Smith Mr. Thorne
LGBTQ	Day 2	124	Ms. Brunet
Improv	Thursdays, 2:30pm	109A	Ms. Glynn
Drama	TBA	109A	Ms. D. Mills
Art Club	TBA	227	Ms. Penney
Newspaper	Wednesdays, 11:39am to 12:33pm	215	Ms. E. Mills Ms. B. Power Mr. B. Field
Math League	Wednesdays, 12:10pm	208	Ms. Doyle
Photography	Wednesdays, 2:30pm	220	Ms. Quann Mr. Wragg
Year Book	TBA	TBA	Ms. Quann
Boat Building	Thursdays, 2:30pm	109B	Ms. Ledwell



Band Schedule—October 14th-17th

	DAY 1 Tuesday, Oct. 14	DAY 2 Wednesday, Oct. 15	DAY 3 Thursday, Oct. 16	DAY 4 Friday, Oct. 17
1		Grade 7 Trombones Baritones Tenor saxes	Grade 7 Trumpets French Horn	
2		Grade 7 Clarinets	Grade 7 Alto Saxophones	
3		GRADE 8/9 FULL BAND		Grade 8/9 Flutes and Clarinets GRADE 7
4		Grade 7 Flutes		FULL BAND
5	Grade 7 Percussion			

Band Notes for the week of October 14-17

Due to the long weekend, Jazz Band will be moved to Tuesday after school, from 2:45-3:30, for students who are able to attend.

Students and parents are reminded that with only two band classes per cycle, it is really important for students to plan ahead.

Student Travel EF Tours— Easter, 2015

If you are interested in taking part in Student Travel EF Tours to France & Italy (April 1st to April 12th, 2015) please contact Ms. Quann.



MDJH webpage

Check out our webpage, www.mdj.k12.nf.ca, for updates on homework, school news and team practices.

Video Game Club

The Video Game Club will be meeting on Fridays. See Mr. Langdon or Mr. Walsh for details.



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
- Hockey

Check school web-site for practice times.

www.mdj.k12.nf.ca



The Environmental Club - First Meeting

The Environmental Club will hold its first meeting at lunchtime on Tuesday, October 14, Day 2, in room 206 with Ms. Drover. New eco-initiatives will be discussed for 2014-15 year. All students are welcome to join. Come and bring a friend, let's keep MDJH a green school. This is another initiative of the Green Apple Alliance at MDJH.



Duke of Edinburgh

Sixty-five Grade 9 students are registered for this program. See Mr. Porter for details. Students will be completing their practice hikes over the next few weekends.



Student Drop Off / Pick Up

- Stay to the right in a single line as you enter the roadway in front of the student entrance.
- Busses proceed to the right of the cement divider, closest to the building.
- Drivers proceed to the left of the cement divider. Drop off will occur in the right lane, through traffic stays in the left lane.
- Before letting children out of the vehicle, drivers in the right drop off lane are asked to proceed as far as possible forward to help with traffic efficiency.
- Please wait for the vehicles in front of you to drop off students before pulling ahead and away.
- Ms. Osmond and Mr. Squires will be out (rain or shine!) each day to help direct traffic.
- Note: Only staff and alternate transportation should travel around the back of the building to the main entrance.



Public Service Announcements

Eastern Health Advisory

Respiratory viruses circulate this time of year, including ENTEROVIRUS D68. Please see our school homepage for a fact sheet issued by Eastern Health. www.mdj.k12.nf.ca.



Traffic Advisory

Allandale Road (Elizabeth Avenue to Prince Philip Drive). Please be advised that the water transmission mains along the Allandale Road will be replaced from Elizabeth Avenue to Prince Philip Drive from October 1st to 31st, 2014. Expect delays.

Youth Week 2015 —13th Annual Youth Only Art Exhibit

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

Have a wonderful long weekend!



We're on the web!
<http://www.mdj.k12.nf.ca>

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