

MDJH

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PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Parent Newsletter

Ed Roche Calendar Fund-raiser

Our annual fund-raiser is in full swing! These calendars make excellent gifts for family and friends away from home and will sell quickly. Retail \$25.00 plus tax and selling here for \$20.00 including tax. Funds collected this year will go towards replacing our tables in the cafeteria, LRC and upgrading our technology.

Halloween Dance

There will be a video dance on Thursday, October 30th from 7:00 -9:30. Students can wear Halloween costumes if they choose. Please remember the school dress code applies to school functions such as dances. Tickets cost \$5 and will be sold from Wednesday & Thursday of next week. If there is not enough interest, the dance will be cancelled. Video dances cost more and we are hoping to keep the cost down for students.



Halloween Costumes

Students are encouraged to dress up for Halloween on Friday, October 31st. Prizes will be given for **Most Original, Scariest** and **Funniest** costumes. Again attention must be given to costumes in terms of dress code and masks can be worn during judging and not during instructional time.

Dates to Remember:

School Dance –Thursday, October 30th from 7:00 p.m.– 9:30 p.m.

School closed -November 10th and 11th, 2014

PD Day—Friday, November 21st, 2014

Student Council

We would like to thank all students and staff who participated in the Jamarama Day and made a donation to the Janeway. We raised \$619 to donate to this worthwhile cause.

Share Successes

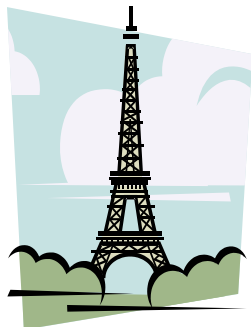
Does your child have a recent accomplishment of which you are proud? Here at MDJH we want to celebrate the efforts of our students - all efforts not just the academic. So, if your child has an out of school activity or program where they have made a significant contribution, we want to know about it 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.

Photography Club

Next Photography Club meeting will be held next Wednesday, November 5th. The October month contest theme is Halloween, so don't forget to get out there as decorations are going up and costumes are being made/ bought to take photos. Members should submit their photos by Monday, November 3rd.

European Tour 2015

There will be a PARENT information meeting for any student interested in going to France and Italy during Easter 2015 on **Tuesday, October 28th at 7pm** in the Learning Resource Centre. There are still a few spots available. This meeting is for students who have not yet registered for the trip and are interested in signing up.



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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 at ColetteQuann@nlesd.ca.

Yearbook Photos

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

School Pictures

If you are intending on buying school pictures, your orders should be submitted to the office as soon as possible. Details of the ordering and payment process are included in the picture package. If you are paying by cheque, please make your cheque payable to Lifetouch Canada Inc. If your child was absent on picture day he/she will be able to have their picture taken on re-take **Friday, Nov 14th**. If you wish to have a retake, please return your proofs on Nov. 14th.



Breakfast Program

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. We are seeking parent volunteers to help. 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).



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. And 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



All students are asked to be very careful when bringing treats into school after Halloween.



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	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
Boat Building	Thursday @ 2:30pm	109B	Ms. Ledwell
Environment Club	Day 2	206	Ms. Drover

Band Schedule for the week of October 27-31

Monday, Oct 27	Tuesday Oct 28	Wednesday Oct 29	Thursday Oct 30	Friday Oct 31
Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
Grade 8/9 Alto Saxes				
Grade 7 Trum- pets			Grade 8/9 Trumpets and French Horns	Grade 8/9 Percussion
	Grade 7 FULL BAND			
	Grade 8/9 Flutes and Clari- nets			
			Grade 8/9 Tenor Saxes, Bari Sax- es, Trombones, Baritones, Tuba, and Bass Guitar	

Jazz Band @ 2:45 on Monday, October 27th.

Please see further band details on website



ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A LITTLE EXTRA HELP WITH MATH?

Cloud Eight is a homework haven that provides a quiet place for students to complete their mathematics homework. With the assistance of teachers and peer tutors; students are supported as they strive to realize their full potential. Cloud eight is open every Monday afternoon between 2:45pm and 3:45pm.

“Drop in and we will help you reach cloud nine...”



Coming soon!

Social Media Awareness:

Parents
Students
Staff

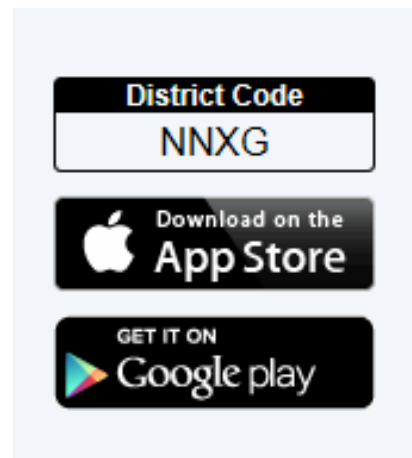
Parent Portal Information for PowerSchool

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.



Grade 9 Immunizations

The Public Health Nurse has sent home information regarding immunizations for Grade 9 students. Please ensure the information is returned to the office as soon as possible.



Coming soon!

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 disadvantaged 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.

Grades 7 & 9 will take on other projects in the coming weeks.

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.

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 AM 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.

MDJH webpage

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

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 website for practice times.



Congratulations to the MDJH Girls Soccer Team for a well fought final game on Wednesday, October 23rd, and winning the Silver Medal!



Remembrance Day Assembly

Brigadier General Tony Stack will be visiting us for the Remembrance Day Assembly on Thursday, November 6th, 2014.

Happy Halloween!

PD Day

Friday, November 21st, 2014

Stay tuned for the dates for our Christmas Concerts!



Public Service Announcements

Eastern Health Advisory

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



Youth Week 2015 —13th Annual Youth Only Art Exhibit

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



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.

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We're on the web!
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Model Boat Racing

The Marine Institute's Marine Engineering Systems Design program and Naval Architecture program held its second annual model boat race competition on Saturday, October 25, 2014.

The goal is for teams to work together to build an operational ship model, applying physics and mathematical principles, and competitively race the vessel in the Institute's flume tank. This competition is slated for high school students but MDJH were allowed to enter the competition.

Congratulations to the model boat building team on winning the award for the best boat design at the competition on Saturday. Team members are Jonathan Collett, Nisarg Dave, Austin Marr, Jacob Sturge, Mitchell Maine, and Ms. Ledwell.

