

MDJH

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PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Parent Newsletter

Green Apple News

Early Bird Draw
\$50 - November 7th

Ed Roche Calendar
Sale - School
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.

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All funds raised will go towards programming and equipment for the Learning Resources Centre, Technology and a new outdoor classroom/ stage.

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.

Student Council

We would like to thank all students and staff who got into the spirit and dressed up for Halloween. Prizes were awarded to costumes for most original, scariest and funniest. Winners will be announced in next week's newsletter.



A successful school dance was held October 30th. Thanks to our student volunteers and teachers for helping to make this happen.

Dates to Remember:

Calendar Fundraiser Early Bird Draw—November 7th, 2014

School closed -November 10th and 11th, 2014

PD Day—Friday, November 21st, 2014

Breakfast Program

Grade 7 Parent Support 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. 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

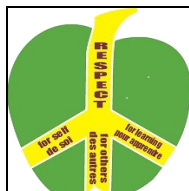
Accepted items include: Kellogg's Corn Pops, Kellogg's Mini-Wheats, Post Honey-Combs, Frozen yogurt tubes, Cream cheese, Orange Juice, Apple Juice, and Granola Bars (nut-free).

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

Please support our program and our kids!

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.



Take Your Kids to Work Day

November 5 is *Take our Kids to Work Day*.

Applications available outside Mr. Ryan's door. Please submit completed forms to him.

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 can submit their photos by **Monday, November 3rd**.

European Tour 2015

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.



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.

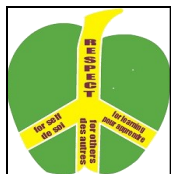
Yearbook Photo

Many school groups and activities have started. Anyone having a team or group photo to submit to the yearbook can please email their photo 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.

Remembrance Day Assembly

Lest We Forget

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



What's Happening at MacDonal 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

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 to ensure they are ready for afternoon classes.

Grade 9 Immunizations

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



School Pictures

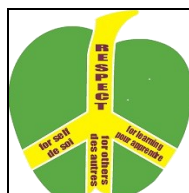


If you are intending on buying school pictures, your orders should be submitted to the office as soon as possible. Details of the ordering and payment process are included in the picture package. If you are paying by cheque, please make your cheque payable to Lifetouch Canada Inc. If your child was absent 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**.

School Council

Initiatives

Our School Council recognizes the importance of doing something positives 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 our grade 7 homerooms is the collection of items for Ronald McDonald House. Ronald McDonald House Newfoundland and Labrador provides the simple things that put some joy and normalcy back into families lives during a chaotic and traumatic time. Sitting down for a home-cooked meal together, waking up together, under one roof, ready to face the tough day ahead, or laughing and playing with their kids in one of the supportive programs offered. Ronald McDonald House Newfoundland and Labrador truly is a place to heal better and together. Their Wish List is updated regularly to meet new challenges in and to address the unique needs of families. Grade 7 homerooms will be coordinating the collection of items. If you would like to support the House through a gift-in-kind, check out the items needed most on their Wish List below:

For the health and safety of the families who stay at Ronald McDonald House, they can only accept donations that are new, with the exception of DVD's and Video Games. For the same reason they cannot accept plush or stuffed toys.

Updated October 1, 2014

FALL 2014 WISH LIST

KITCHEN

Hair Nets
Non-Latex Gloves – (powder free)
Meat thermometer
Non-Stick Cooking Spray
Ice Scoop

HOUSEKEEPING

Wet Swiffer refills
Swiffer duster extender
Scrubbing bubbles kitchen cleaner
Regular Black Garbage Bags
Extra Large Black Garbage Bags
Recycling Blue Bags
Batteries – Size D, AA, AAA
Umbrellas
Mild, scent free laundry detergent (for babies)
Suma D9 Oven and Grill cleaner

TOILETRIES

Deodorant
Razors – men and women

MAGIC ROOM

ITunes Gift Cards \$15
Gift Cards for teens \$15
Toys for all ages

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

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...

The Cloud Eight mathematics help center will be expanding ...

Drop by the Cloud Eight table in the LRC at 12:05pm each and every Thursday.

Regular sessions continue on Mondays after school.

Peer tutors as well as teacher supports are available...

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.

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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



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.

Band Schedule for this week:

	Mon. Nov 3	Tues. Nov 4	Wed. Nov. 5	Thurs. Nov 6	Fri. Nov. 7
	Day1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
1		Grade 7 Trombones Baritones Bass Guitar	Grade 7 Trumpets		
2		Grade 7 Clarinets and Alto Saxes	Grade 8/9 Alto Saxes	ASSEMBLY	
3		Grade 8/9 FULL BAND		Grade 8/9 Clarinets and Flutes	
4		Grade 7 Flutes		Grade 7 FULL BAND	
5	Grade 7 Percussion				

Band Notes for the week of November 3-7

The Grade 8 and 9 Concert Band will be taking part in the annual Remembrance Day Assembly Thursday November 6

There will be a regular full band practice for Grade 8/9 on Tuesday Day 2

Jazz Band will practice Monday 2:40-4:00

NLTA CHRISTMAS SUITE:



The Jazz Band and the Grade 7 Band will be performing in the NLTA Christmas Suite at the Arts and Culture Centre on Tuesday, December 2. More details to follow.

Band shirt order will be going in soon – new students will be given an order form this week.

Please see further band details on website

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.



Volleyfest

Volleyfest is being hosted this weekend at MacDonald Drive Junior High. Please see the school website for greater details on the event. Best wishes are extended to our school teams.

www.mdj.k12.nf.ca.

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.

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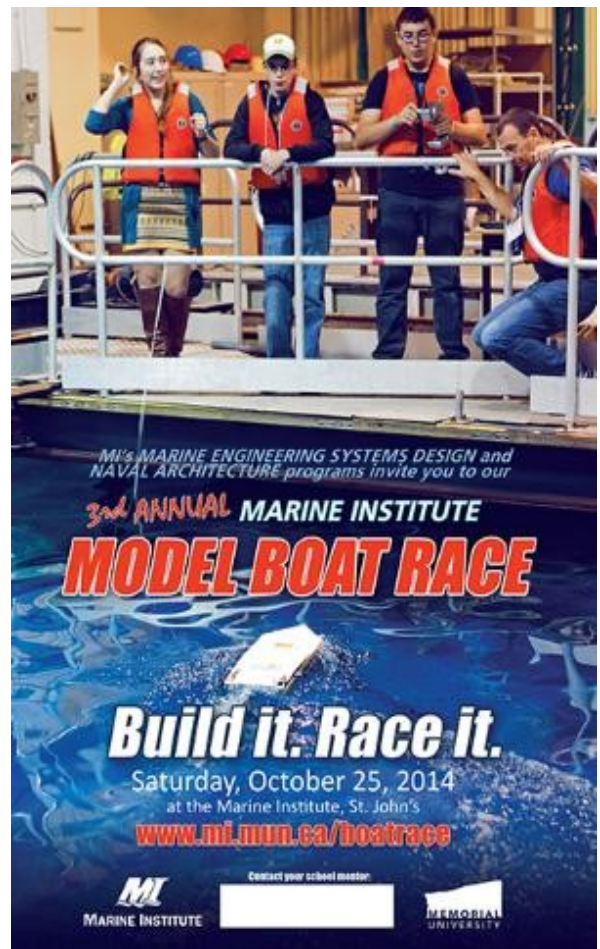


Model Boat Racing

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,



Eastern Health Advisory

For information on
ENTEROVIRUS D68 see
Public Health Bulletin on the
MDJH webpage: 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.

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

Public Service Announcements

Youth Week 2015 —13th Annual Youth Only Art Exhibit

Please see the MDJH webpage,
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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.

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Resources supporting students from K-12, College and University



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Newfoundland and Labrador Culture and History



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