

William McDonald School Newsletter

April – May 2011



Important April/May Dates

- April 27th - May 1st Super Soccer games
- April 29th Soccer Pep Rally
- April 30th Super Soccer Dance
- May 2nd French author Diane Carmel-Léger
- May 2nd – Grade 6 Music Monday @ NJM
- May 2nd First track & field practice 3:30
- May 12th Fine Arts Evening has been moved to June 9th
- May 16th – 20th Active Transportation to School Challenge
- May 17th Grade 6 Immersion French AAT
- May 17th All Students to attend Sir John music performance 1:30
- May 18th Grade 6 English AAT
- May 18th Grade 7 & 8's Science Presentation
- May 19th Wizard of OZ play at Mildred Hall
- May 20th SIP day
- May 23rd Victoria Day
- May 25th Author visits Kathy Jessup Grade 6 Jan Andrews Grade 7 & 8's
- May 27th School Dance
- May 28th YK Track & Field meet
- June 1st – 3rd Territorial Track meet Hay River

Principals News

WOW! Can you believe we have already reached the end of April and that Super Soccer is already here? As you can conclude with all the important upcoming dates noted on the left, the Month of May will go by very quickly.

We have many overdue books that must be returned to the library. Mrs. El-Beheiry, the school librarian, has given a list to all Homeroom teachers to distribute to the students. They need to renew, return or pay for lost books before Friday in order to attend the Super Soccer dance on Saturday April 30th.

To raise some funds for our extra outings and special programs Deanna Black, our school secretary, signed us up for the Northwestel telephone book recycling program. We decided to promote it by hosting a competition between Homerooms. The class with the highest percentage of books brought in based on the number of students in the class would win 2 free periods and the teacher would win 2 preps. It was very competitive and although we did not take any finale pictures of all the boxes in the office it was very comical to see. Mr. MacDonald's Homeroom worked very hard by bringing in boxes of books. The winning Homeroom, Mme Eve's grade 8s, had the chance to have a photo shoot with Northwestel's president, the Mayor of Yellowknife and a representative from in front of the school on the coldest day in April. Thank you to all the students who contributed to the collection of old phonebooks.

The last school sporting event of the year is Track & Field. The yearly YK Meet to be held at the end of the month needs many volunteers. Please contact Michael Hurst at nicoleandmichael@theedge.ca to see how you can help out for this worthwhile pre-territorial competition. William McDonald will be hosting a Track dance Friday evening and will be providing the canteen service for the YK Track Meet on May 28th, if your child is planning on going to Hay River they will be expected to contribute in some manor to the canteens for these events.

Remember Grade 6 parents that your child will be writing their AAT's in May and June please ensure that they have a good night's sleep and a good breakfast before coming to school the day they write their tests. The students and teachers have been working hard all year preparing for these tests the last bit of help that can be given is the aforementioned preparation.

In closing have a great May and please note that our Fine Arts evening has been moved to June 9th. Hope to see at our display of fine talent.



CPF-NWT Branch hosts its annual Territorial *Concours d'art oratoire*

A Celebration of the Art of Public Speaking

APRIL 28TH, 2011

This competition brings together Grades 7-12 students from across the NWT who will deliver their speeches in French.

The senior high school students (grade 11-12) have the opportunity to compete for a grand prize of a \$20,000 scholarship (\$5,000 per year), in each of the five categories, and a \$2000 entrance scholarship for each of the national finalists. The contest provides an opportunity for youth to visit Canada's national capital and to meet others from across the country.

The students in grades 7-10 will also have the opportunity to take part in this celebration while learning and putting into practice their public speaking skills. The competition will be based on the five language categories for each grade group. Some travel subsidies are available for those from outside Yellowknife. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each of the categories.

The CPF-NWT Branch Territorial Concours d'art Oratoire has five language categories: core French (basic), core extended, early French immersion, late French immersion, and Francophone. As well, the CPF-NWT Branch Territorial Concours d'art Oratoire has five grade categories - grades 7-12.

PARTICIPATE IN THIS YEAR'S FINAL IN YELLOWKNIFE AND HAVE THE CHANCE TO WIN AN I-PAD!!!!

For details/information or to register please contact:

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Canadian Parents for French (CPF) is the national network of volunteers which values French as an integral part of Canada and which is dedicated to the promotion and creation of French second language learning opportunities for young Canadians. Please visit our website www.cpfnw.ca



SUPER SOCCER SCHEDULE

Coaches/Chaperones/Parents,

Please check out <http://www.supersoccer.internorth.com/>

Look on the left side of page and find your schedules

Thanks, Darren



2011 Soccer Academy

The Soccer Academy will begin on May 2 and finish on June 9. This year the Soccer Academy will include three groups of students with an average group size of 27 students. Students will participate twice per 6 day cycle from 2 pm - 3:10 pm at the Yellowknife Field House. Students will leave WMS during the afternoon break and walk down to the Field House. Students should have their own indoor soccer shoes, shin guards, appropriate clothing and goalies are asked to bring their goalie gloves. There is no fee for this program. If you have any further questions please contact Mr. Wicks.



May-June 2011

YK1 Soccer Academy

Group 1

Group 2

Group 3

Days 4 & 6

Days 1 & 3

Days 2 & 5

WMS Students

Eli Unka (Day 4)
Jamie Le
Nick Hayward (Day 4)
Jeremy Standard (Day 6)
Drake Saunders (Day 4)
Perry Tologanak
Sterling Ingram (Day 6)
Donovan Worsley (Day 6)
Craig Pyke
Dillon King (Day 4)
Joel Hayward (Day 6)
Allie Fleming
Katie Lapka

WMS Students

Kandis Villebrun
Emma Tutton
Miranda Beck
Elizabeth McCullum
Brianna Winton
Ayla Hashi
Sophie Chalker
Emma Ing
Wynter McQueen (Day 1)
Alex Lafferty (Day 3)
Mary Cairns
Lauren Eggenberger
Kyla Ricks (Day 1)

WMS Students

Emily Paddock
Gabe Russell
Michelle Lemarel (Day 2)
Emily Gould
Randi Bisson
Lynden Maitland (Day 5)
Christian Azzolini (Day 2)
Cory Granter



Soccer Academy May 2011

Group 1—Days
4 & 6

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>Group 3 WMS GYM</i>	3 <i>Group 2 Field house</i>	4 <i>Group 1 Field house</i>	5 <i>Group 3 Field house</i>	6 <i>Group 1 Field house</i>	7
8	9 <i>Group 2 Field house</i>	10 <i>Group 3 Field house</i>	11 <i>Group 2 Field house</i>	12 <i>Group 1 Field house</i>	13 <i>Group 3 Field house</i>	14
15	16 <i>Group 1 Field house</i>	17 <i>Group 2 Field house</i>	18 <i>Group 3 Field house</i>	19 <i>Group 2 Field house</i>	20 <i>SIP DAY</i>	21
22	23 <i>VICTORIA DAY</i>	24 <i>Group 3 Field house</i>	25 <i>Group 1 Field house</i>	26 <i>Group 2 Field house</i>	27 <i>Group 3 Field house</i>	28
29	30 <i>Group 2 WMS Soccer Field</i>	31 <i>Group 1 WMS Soccer Field</i>				



Bonjour,

The 9.0 earthquake in Japan has been described as the biggest in modern Japan. This disaster will no doubt leave irreparable scars and horrid memories in the minds of many, including children and youth who will live on with such burdens. Many children may find themselves in temporary schools and shelter with different classmates and teachers. Some may move to other towns to continue life. All will be told to try to study but the reality of the devastation will be hard to ignore.

That is why, each French Immersion student from Grade 8B has written a hope letter (in French) to Japan. Each letter will be translated and will be given to a child who has lived through the disaster. Everyone can write a hope letter, you just need to visit this Web Site:

- <http://www.hopeletters.org/>

Other News:

French Immersion students from Grade 7B are presently writing a poem. To make the project more interesting, they will also create a video combining pictures, music and writing.

I was very impressed with some of the beautiful writing I read from both classes - there is real talent in these classes!!!!

*Merci,
Mme Eve*



**Grade 8 Immersion
proudly displaying their
HOPE letters to Japan.**



CPF *Canadian Parents for French*

YK1 Chapter

Dear Parents of William McDonald Students:

Canadian Parents for French (CPF) is excited to provide funding to the Grade 8 École William McDonald Middle School students to travel to Quebec City. I would like to take this opportunity to provide families with some information about our organization and its impact here in Yellowknife.

CPF was formed in 1977 by parents that were interested in having their children learn French as a second language. CPF is a volunteer run organization with a National Office in Ottawa and Branches in each province. The NWT Branch is the only territory with its own branch; British Columbia and Yukon is one Branch and Nunavut does not have a Branch. At the local level, there are Chapters. The NWT currently has three Chapters; one in Inuvik and two in Yellowknife; Yellowknife Education District 1 (YK1) and Yellowknife Catholic Schools (YCS). Fort Smith is also interested in forming a Chapter.

CPF's main objective is advocacy and support of French Second Language learning. You can find a great deal of information and resources at the national website at cpf.ca. The NWT Branch also has a website cpfnwt.ca. CPF funding comes from the Government of Canada Department of Canadian Heritage and membership fees. For every membership, 65% stays with the Chapter to support local initiatives.

The YK1 Chapter recently met to allocate over \$10,000 to support school proposals for French activities. Throughout a child's school years, there are many opportunities available to those students studying French. Initiatives that CPF - YK1 has supported bringing French **OUTSIDE** the classroom include:

- Camp de Neige, Ecole J. H. Sissons;
- Camp d'Hiver, Camp Lou la Loutre and Grade 8 travel, École William McDonald;
- various Society of Educational Visits and Exchanges of Canada trips;
- various travel club trips for École Sir John Franklin;
- International French Week events;
- National Concours d'art oratoire;
- presentation and travel costs for southern entertainers; and
- various French activities for families to participate in such as cooking, pottery-painting, movies, exploring French internet sites, homework club.



Everyone is welcome to attend the **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** of Canadian Parents for French Northwest Territories Branch and the YCS & YK1 Chapters.

Where: Yellowknife Education District #1 Boardroom 5402-50th Avenue

When: Tuesday May 17th, 2011

7:00 pm – YCS and YK! Chapter AGMs

Refreshments

8:00 pm – NWT Branch AGM

Election of CPF NWT Board of Directors

If you would like more information about CPF, visit the NWT or National websites mentioned above or contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Madelon Haener

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