

**Good afternoon Parents & Students,**

**December 21, 2023**

**CLASSES RESUME MONDAY, JANUARY 8TH, 2024!**

### DID YOU KNOW?

**PRINCIPAL'S CORNER** ... It is essential to take time, pause, rest, and enjoy refreshing moments. We are entering a time of rest with a break from school, and we want to wish everyone a wonderful time together. Many will celebrate Christmas during this break, we wish you all a Merry Christmas.

Others may be celebrating Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or some other seasonal holiday, may your moments of connection and reflection be meaningful to all of you. As you take time to connect with family, share a meal, and travel to see friends from far and near, may you have some of the most beautiful moments with one another over this holiday break. During this time, we will welcome a new year, and we look forward to seeing all our students return to school after a time of rest. Remember, a new year is a fresh start! It is a time to set new goals, overcome barriers to success and leave the past year behind you. We are excited to see what 2024 has in store for all of our Team Awesome members!

**CHRISTMAS MARKET was a big success! We would like to express a heartfelt & sincere thank you to all who donated:**

**Businesses:** Fitness on the Go, Jewelry Box, Dads & Lads, Peavey Mart, Canadian Tire, Shoppers Drug Mart, Advanced Paramedic Ltd., Anchors & Arrows, GN Carriers, Canadian Dollar Store, OT Sports, HomeHardware

**Individual/Families:** Jodi Roberts, Lila Clarke, Marlee Demas, Gillian Southern, Tracey Boucher, Stephanie Milley, Laura Guey, Katrina Randall-Martin, Judy Boyer, Denise Kennedy, Amanda McGillivray, Joan Blench, Phyllis Milligan, Lana Vassallo, Barb Kashuba, Kaye Tice, Jeralee Neufeld, Kim Holmes, Linda Lunden, Thorp Family, Barb Haines, Ryder Ouellet, Jeanette Danks, Brandy Giesbrecht, Janeen & Howard Johnson, Andrea Milligan, Rachelle Nickerson, Milo Vey, Lindsay Butz, Sheilla Neufeld, Lynn Petluk, Denise & Pat Morey, Shukla Family, Stevens Family - hopefully we have not missed anybody!!



*Shopping ...*



*Christmas Elf wrapping ...*



*... Ready to put under the tree!*

**REMINDER - 5 & 6 FR Imm - Swimming Sessions** - January 8, 9, 11, 12 & 15; 1-2 pm



### **HOT LUNCH PROGRAM**

Remember to purchase a \$60 Lunch card (\$6 per meal for 10 lunches) through your SchoolCash Account so your child doesn't run out. Lunch cards will be recorded /tracked in a google document here at the school which will alleviate any lost cards. Students will also be told when they have two lunches remaining on their card; they will need to let you know so you can purchase an additional Lunch Card.

The following will be the new menu starting in the New Year:

**MONDAY** – Subway (6" - Turkey, Ham or pizza); **TUESDAY** - Hot Dog/Grilled Cheese (fundraiser)

**WEDNESDAY** – Pasta Day; **THURSDAY** – Taco in a bag; **FRIDAY** - Free Lunch

### **NORTH PEACE PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL**

Our school is currently helping students who want to challenge their public speaking skills by participating in the North Peace Performing Arts Festival next spring. A sign up sheet is in the library along with the Provincial Syllabus listing the eligible classes. Students can enter a persuasive speech on a topic they are passionate about; they can recite a poem; tell a story; or act a scene from a play. They can work in pairs, small groups, or submit solos. If you are interested in having your child participate, please contact your teacher or go to [www.northpeacefestival.ca](http://www.northpeacefestival.ca). The entry deadline is January 20.



Festival is not just about music. It's about setting goals, learning techniques that help control anxiety, getting up on an empty stage and showing confidence even if you're trembling inside. It's about getting feedback from an adjudicator who helps you improve so you can do even better next time. It's about integrity and growth.

Voice: Classical, Folk, Sacred, Popular, Musical Theatre Solos, Duets, Choirs ...

Instrumental: Piano, Violin, Flute, Horns, Recorders ... if you play it, there are classes in the syllabus for you. Talk to Mr. Bekevich.

Speech: Creative Storytelling, Persuasive Speeches, Poetry, Prose, Monologues, Reader's Theatre, Choral Speech ... talk to your teacher or Ms. Blench in the library for help finding the piece which is right for you or your group.

### **DREAMING OF A GREEN CHRISTMAS**

Give our planet a Christmas gift! Our school uses Tru Earth laundry strips, wool dryer balls, and dishwasher tablets to help reduce our carbon footprint for future generations.

Please join us by going to this link:

<http://tru-earth.sjv.io/TANorris>



Our fundraiser will **earn 20% on every sale** made through our Tru Earth Fundraising link.



*The very best of wishes for a Love filled Holiday Season  
& a Prosperous New Year to you and your family from*

*The staff of T/A Norris Middle School*