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- * Ms. Gosse for organizing the trip to St. John's for the Mining Symposium.

K – 6 Literacy Assembly

On Thursday, December 6th, Baltimore School will be hosting an Assembly and all K - 6 parents are invited. The Assembly begins at 9:45am. Students wishing to receive awards for levels one, two or three should have their completed reading log sheets returned to school no later than Tuesday, December 4th.

50/50 Christmas Draw

The next fundraiser will be in aid of purchasing technology and to also help with overall school needs. Each family will be given a book of 10 tickets to sell. Tickets will sell for \$2 each and 2500 tickets are printed. The draw will take place at the Concert on Monday, Dec. 17th.

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 29 - Pri/Elem parent teacher Interviews (1:30-4:00pm & 5:00-7:00pm)
- Nov. 29 – Kinderstart Parent meeting (6:30pm)
- Nov. 30- Dec. 1 – Paddy Kane Basketball Tournament
- Dec. 6 – K-6 monthly Literacy Assembly.
- Dec. 7 – First Kinderstart session
- Dec. 7 – Regional Elementary Spelling Bee
- Dec. 13 – Jr./Sr. High Concert (6:30pm)
- Dec. 17 – Pri/Elem Concert (6:30pm)
- Dec. 18 – Turkey Dinner for all students
- Dec. 18 – Santa visits K – 6 students
- Dec. 18 – Jr./Sr. High students are skating
- Dec. 19 – Pri/Elem students are skating
- Dec. 20 – Christmas Dances for all students
- Dec. 21 – Last Day before Christmas Break
- Jan. 3 – First Day back
- Jan. 21 – Mid-term exams begin

Kinderstart

The parent meeting for those who have students starting Kindergarten in September will take place Thursday, Nov. 29 @ 6:30pm in the Kindergarten room. All parents are encouraged to attend. The first session for Kinderstart students will be Friday, Dec. 7.

Report Cards & Parent/Teacher Interviews

The K - Grade 6 report cards will be sent home on **Wednesday, Nov. 28**. Parent-teacher interviews will take place 1:30 - 4:00pm and 5:00 - 7:00pm on the **Nov. 29**. All students will be dismissed at 12:30pm on this day. There will be no school for Kindergarten students this day.

Wall of Honour

We would like to enhance our Wall of Honour by acknowledging and paying tribute to former students who are serving or who have served in any division of the armed forces. Therefore, if you have a son, daughter, niece, nephew, grandchild, or neighbour we are asking for a framed 4 X 6 coloured photograph of the individual in their uniform in a 7 1/2 X 9 brown frame (to maintain consistency). A gold plate engraved with the former student's name, division of the armed forces, mission and date (if applicable) should be attached to the frame. If you would like more information or see a sample of the above, please check with Ms. Maloney.

Activity Tuesdays

Afterschool on Tuesdays and Thursday will be extremely busy at the school after Christmas. In the past, teachers have offered up their time to give students the opportunity to participate in various activities such as drama, krazy kids, scrapbooking, tap dancing, yoga, fitness, guitar club and badminton and many will do so again this year. The acquisition of extra bus runs at 3:45pm has enabled a great number of students to partake in these activities; over 120 students participated weekly last year. **This year we want to improve the offerings and are looking for parents or community members who may have a little talent in a certain area to come and share.** Come out and teach a group of students how to bake, how to knit, show them how to set rabbit snares, teach them how to tie knots, how to set and cook on a fire; these are only a few of the ideas and knowledge that your children would love to have. We often take for granted these activities, however, many of our students never get to experience these activities. The experience will be very much appreciated by the students and will be very rewarding for you.

New Pavement

If you have had the opportunity to drive onto the school parking lot this week, you would notice brand new pavement. Thanks to our School Council for their persistence in this effort. A reminder at this time also to all parents that the STOP signs placed at the entrance to the school parking lot need to be adhered to. The local RCMP has been notified to keep an eye out to ensure safety for all.

Basketball Season Begins

We try to ensure that each year all students who want to play basketball get the opportunity to play on a school team. This year we now have a coach in place for all our teams and we wish to thank the following people for committing their time and energy to our basketball program: Hoopster Girls (Terrilynn Kavanagh & Leanna Dalton), Hoopster Boys (Sean Walsh), Grade 5, 6 & 7 Girls (Leanna Dalton), Grade 5/6 Boys (Nancy Aspell & Maryanne Carey), Grade 7 Boys (Cheryl O'Brien), Grade 8 Girls (Paula Johnson), Grade 9 Girls (Jacinta McGrath), Grade 8 & 9 Boys (Liam Walsh & Sean Walsh), Sr. Girls (David Chidley) and Sr. Boys (Danny Williams & Paula Johnson).

Student Turkey Dinner

On Tuesday, Dec. 18th, we will be providing a turkey dinner to all students in our school. We have taken on this endeavour for the past 5 years with your help, and it has proven to be a tremendous success. We would like to continue this as an annual tradition. In order for this to succeed, once again we need your help. If you would like to donate a turkey, cook a turkey, donate vegetables, or just help prepare the meal at the school on Dec. 18, please call the school at 432-2090. We would like to know by **Friday, Dec. 7th** if you can donate any items or your time.

Christmas Tree Donation

Student Leadership is creating school spirit with their 12 days of Christmas activities. One of the many activities planned is a tree decorating contest by homeroom class. If you have a small artificial tree that you no longer are using, we ask that you donate or lend it to the school so that all classes can participate in this activity.

Mining Symposium for Girls

On Tuesday, Oct. 30, the girls from Grades 10-12 attended the women in mining forum at the St. John's Convention Centre. This educational event was designed to encourage young women to become leaders and also to draw to the mining industry. We heard real life stories and experiences from women who were much like us. We learned valuable life lessons that women can obtain and conquer any goal no matter how big or small. From this forum we learned that we are the leaders of tomorrow and everything is within our reach.

Olivia Walsh

Christmas Concerts

The Primary/Elementary Christmas Concert is on Wednesday December 17th at 6:30 PM. Primary parents should arrive between 6:00 – 6:15 and Kindergarten and Elementary Parents before 6:25. The concert will start promptly at 6:30. The Jr./Sr. High concert will take place on Thursday, December 13th at 6:30pm.

Congratulations

During our Awards ceremony on Nov. 23, a special award was presented to Jordan Mayo by our MP Scott Andrews. Jordan was the recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee award which is a national award that recognizes someone for their volunteerism and community service.

Santa and Mrs. Claus Gift Exchange

On Tuesday, December 18th, Santa and Mrs. Claus will be visiting the school to give gifts to the Kindergarten to Grade 6 students. In order for this to be a success, we ask that each child bring a gift for another student. Individual classes will be drawing names in order to ensure all students receive a gift. It is important that we stay at the \$10 range when purchasing a gift. If there are concerns or issues with this activity, please contact Mr. Budgell at the school. All students are assured of receiving a present.

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, is a simple way for Canadians to bless children living in the developing world by packing shoe boxes with a variety of gifts. Children who receive a gift-filled shoe box are often living in situations affected by war, poverty and natural disaster. Our shoe boxes this year are destined for Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Uruguay and Venezuela.

Once again this year students and their families have given generously to the world's largest Christmas project. We packed 43 shoe boxes and gave a monetary donation of \$297.48 to help cover shipping charges.

Star Students

Every week at Baltimore School, a student from each class (Kindergarten to Grade 6) is chosen as a STAR STUDENT based on the theme for that week. Themes are chosen based on positive attitudes including caring and respect for self and others. Here is a list of themes and students' names that have been selected so far:

Off to a Good Start

Mohamed Ibrahim, Carson Coady, Lynden Doyle, Cameron Murphy, Jordan Pomeroy, Gavin Swain, Liam Ryan & Devon Hawkins.

Being Kind to Others

Isabella O'Leary, Claudia Ryan, Alicia O'Brien, Kelly Aylward, Gracie Dalton, Natalie Dalton, Anu Sirimal-Durage, and Todd Walsh.

Using Our Manners

Sarah Fuller, Rachel O'Brien, Lasitha Wijesekara, Matilda Mulcahy, Laila Ibrahim, Keisha Jordan, Brooklyn Kenny, and Brianna Dalton.

Walking Safely in the Hallways

Mia Coady, Alyssa Rogers-Kenny, Zachary Ryan, Jenna Kavanagh, Dawson O'Leary, Kaitlyn Crocker, Emily Kenny, Abby Boland.

Healthy Eating

Claudia Ryan, Devon Randell, Nathaniel Walsh, Sarah Brophy, Katherine Kavanagh, Luke Shannahan, Brady Walsh, Trevor Dunne.

Great Listener

Julia Kavanagh, Jackson Boland, Alicia O'Brien, Carter Coady, Owen Coady, Destiny Nieuwhof, Kayley Walsh, and Taylor Aspell.

Halloween Spirit

Everyone in Kindergarten! Jara Dinn, Matilda Mulcahy, Robyn Kenny, Dylan Francis, Kendra Duggan, and Dawson Kavanagh.

Cleaning Up in the Cafeteria/After Snack Time

Trent Walsh, Daniel O'Brien, William Carey, Kelly Aylward, Brooklyn Kane, Aleya Coombs, Brady Carew, and Cassandra Ryan.

Acts of Kindness

Kenedi Chidley, Kaleb Hawkins, Evan Power, Katie Hawkins, Rachel Maloney, Cheyenne Ryan, Emma Power, and Christi Aylward.

Graduation and Awards Contributors

Baltimore School wishes to offer a heartfelt thank-you for the generous donations and continued support for our annual Cap and Gown and Academic Awards ceremonies which were held on November 23, 2012. These Ceremonies celebrated those students who, through dedication and hard work, achieve the highest pinnacle of their high school careers. Without your donations, it would be impossible for us to honor our students with the plaques, awards, and scholarships which they so richly deserve. Once again, thank-you for your continued support and we look forward to partnering with you in the future.

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