

Principal: Nancy Arniotis

School Secretary: Michelle Forgues

November 2008 Newsletter # 5

December 5, 2008

Winter Break

December 22nd

To

January 2nd

Have Fun!

Be Safe!



1. **PROVINCIAL ELECTION – MONDAY DECEMBER 8TH**
NO school for students
NO daycare
2. **DECEMBER 9th – TURKEY DINNER**
Turkey Dinner will be served in the cafeteria at the cost of \$4.50. If your child is not having turkey dinner, please send a bag-lunch as no other food will be served.
3. **STUDENT CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE**
We are trying something new this year. Students in classrooms who are participating in a gift exchange will bring in a homemade or recycled gift. It is the decision of the classroom teacher if an exchange occurs.
4. **TEACHER CHRISTMAS GIFTS**
At a recent staff meeting, it was moved and unanimously carried that in lieu of parents generously giving gifts to teachers, that they consider donating to a local charity such as the Angel Tree.
5. **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**
The Christmas Pageant will take place on December 19 at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend.
6. **McDOWELL PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST**
Brayden Foster, a Cycle 3.1 student won the McDowell Public Speaking Contest held on November 18th with his speech on 4H Club. He then travelled to G. Theberge School in Temiscaming on November 26th and 27th to represent McDowell.
7. **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**
Many classes participated in the Operation Christmas Child and once again we rose to the occasion and filled 50 shoe boxes.

Thank you McDowell Community.



8. PROBLEM BUSTERS

A new project has been taken on by students in Cycle 3. Their goal is to aid younger students resolve conflict peacefully. They can be seen patrolling the playground, clipboards in hands and ready to lend a helping hand. They are known as the Problem Busters.

9. S.E.A.C. (SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE)

Please see attachment.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| December 8 th | - | Election Day – No School
No Daycare |
| December 9 th | - | Turkey Dinner |
| Friday, December 19 th | - | Christmas Pageant - 11 a.m.
Last Day of School before holidays |
| Monday, January 5 th | - | Students return to school |



Season's Greetings to all!!!!!!

McDowell Staff

DR. S.E. McDowell Elementary Vision Statement

“Through teamwork, collaboration, and cooperation the school community strives to create a safe and caring learning environment. Our goal is to ensure that each individual develops as a life-long learner.”