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Why can't the Sun melt Snow?



Sunlight carries heat with it. This heat is enough to melt ice, but ice is transparent. Sunlight penetrates thick layers of ice without making it melt.

There are some things in nature that have a great capacity to toss back or reflect a great deal of the sun's light that falls on them. One of them is snow. Newly formed snow reflects about 90 per cent of the sunlight that falls upon it. This means that the sun is powerless to melt clean snow. And when snow does melt, it is not because of the sunlight. Snow does not melt on a spring day because of the sun's heat. It melts because of the warm air from the sea.

1. BOUFFE PONTIAC

McDowell Staff and students will once again take part in the Christmas food drive. We are collecting non-perishable food items. The food drive will end on Friday, December 12th.

2. LEADERSHIP PROGRAM – School Safety Patrol

Five students have received crossing guard training by a police officer. They are anxious to begin but cannot without adult supervision from the community. Any volunteers?

A.m. = 8:10 to 8:25 P.m. = 2:55 to 3:10

Please sign up on the community bulletin board in the front hall of the school or phone the school.

3. ELECTION DAY

The Quebec Provincial Election will be held on December 8. Students will **NOT** come to school on this day.

4. UNICEF

The McDowell Community raised \$350.00 for the Unicef campaign. Students contributed to a good cause and they were also entertained by the Staff's Halloween play. Fun was had by all.

5. SPELLING WITH SPEZZA

This is an Ottawa Senators initiative to promote the importance of spelling. One of our Cycle 1.1 students received perfect marks in spelling for the month of October and was selected to attend a Senator's game! Lucky duck!

TURKEY DINNER

Traditionally Barb Tanguay has always served a turkey dinner for the students in the month of December. This year it will be served on December 9th at a cost of \$4.50. The meal includes a drink and dessert.

6. MILK PROGRAM

If your child is not taking milk, please send a note notifying the teacher. The more exact the number, the less milk that goes bad.

7. REMINDER

Once again we ask that iPods, MP3's and other technological games not be taken out on the schoolyard. Too many things can go wrong!