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November 13th, 2009

1. Bouffe Pontiac

Bouffe Pontiac has launched its Christmas Food Drive. All donations received allow low income families from the Pontiac to have food during the holiday season. Last year McDowell did an outstanding job at helping out our Pontiac Community.

As usual we are asked to send non-perishable items. The food drive has officially begun and will end December 11, 2009.

2. National Art Gallery of Canada

Marion McGahern visited cycle 1, 2 and 3 classrooms and with the aid of reproductions, discussed and shared ideas about genre painting – painting about everyday life.

Mrs. McGahern hopes that you will come as a family to visit the National Gallery of Canada. For information about family weekend workshops call 613-998-8888. For other information call 613-990-1985 or visit the National Gallery web site: www.national.gallery.ca

3. Be on Time!

Punctuality is an important social skill we all need to have. Have your child practice this skill by arriving on time for school. Homeroom bell rings at 8:25 and all students should be in class.

4. Support McDowell Home and School Initiatives

- Scholastic Book Fair will once again be held in the gym during Parent/Teacher Interview, Tuesday, November 17 and Wednesday, November 18.
- Christmas Craft Sale will be held Saturday, November 21 in the gym. This event has grown over the years and has become very popular.
- Family Photos

5. Public Speaking Contest

Over the past 3 weeks cycle 3 students have been working on writing and delivering speeches. To culminate this activity representable from each class will complete with one another for the opportunity to represent McDowell's at the Western Quebec School Board Public Speaking Contest on November ____, at Maniwaki Woodland School in Maniwaki.

Thanks in advance

6. Request from Ms. A.

I have an idea on mind to create a very unique McDowell Christmas tree. In order to complete this project I am making the request for you to send any piece of "Custom Jewelry" you no longer want to keep to me via your child within the next week. The sparkler the better!

IMPORTANT DATES

November 16 th	-	Picture Retakes/Class Group Photos
November 16 th	-	Reports go home
November 17 th /18 th	-	Parent Teacher Interviews/Scholastic Book Fair
November 17 th	-	Public Speaking
November 21 st	-	Christmas Craft Sale