



## BICENTENNIAL SCHOOL

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## Bicentennial Christmas Concert

December 11th (Tuesday)  
Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.  
Concert begins at 7:00 p.m.



(If school is closed due to inclement weather that day, the concert will be held at the same time on Wednesday December 12)

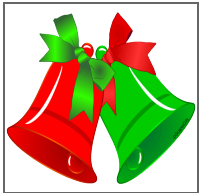
Students participating in the concert are asked to arrive at the school at 6:30 p.m. and to wear clean, neat clothing. No t-shirts, jeans or mini-skirts, please!



Band students' parents will be running a bake sale at the concert. The Christmas Concert Bake Sale is always a sell-out, so arrive in plenty of time to buy some goodies! Items will be priced from .25 cents to \$2.00. Proceeds from the bake sale will be used to help get the Band to special events in 2013.

## Are you hoping for a really good seat at this year's Christmas Concert?

This year for the first time at Bicentennial, we are raffling off a prize of 10 pairs of front row seats to the Christmas concert. Information sheets will be sent home to each household inviting families to buy the raffle tickets (\$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00). The draw will be held at the elementary assembly on Monday December 10th and winners will be contacted by phone.



**Another first at Bicentennial this year is a CD of Traditional Christmas Songs by our Elementary Students.** If you wish to pick up your CD at the concert, you must pre-order by Dec 7th. We will continue to take orders until Dec 14th or until sold out. Each CD will cost \$10.00. Look for an order form in your son or daughter's backpack!

## EXTRA! EXTRA! Read all about it...

Our Library Assistant Ms. Page will be setting up a Scholastic Book Sale that will run during the week of the Christmas Concert. Visit Room 2 before or after the concert (across from the Gym on the Victoria Road side of the school) to find fabulous books.



## Dates to Remember

Christmas Concert 7pm	11th
Snow Date 7pm	12th
Report Cards go Home	13th
Last Day before Christmas Concert	20th
First day back after Christmas	Jan 3rd
SAC @ 5:30pm	Jan 15th



## Guidance News

Thanks to the staff and students for a great first term at Bicentennial School. It has been a pleasure getting to know many of the students from Primary to Grade 9. I have been spending some time with the Grade Nine students working toward helping them be prepared for choosing courses for Grade 10 which they will be asked to do before March Break. Recently, Grade Nines enjoyed a presentation from Junior Achievement volunteers who led them through activities related to learning about personal finances.

The Grade Primary to 6 students have been thinking about the theme of Friendship this past month. The Primaries did a

fabulous presentation that started us thinking about how we make and keep friends. We look forward to drawing the Gotcha names from the Big Bin on December 10th during our assembly. The month of December is going to be filled with activities that help us focus on peace and giving to others. We would like to ask that each elementary student bring one food bank item to add to our box of donations for the local food bank. The elementary students would like to challenge the Junior High students to do the same. Bicentennial



al should be able to collect over 300 food bank items for our local food bank!

Last month our Student Leadership Team worked hard to organize a dance. Not enough tickets were sold for this event. Undeterred, this team is moving forward to partner with the Kiwanis Club of Dartmouth to begin a variety of community building and leadership activities. This new Builder's Club will be supported by community volunteer, Ken Wilkie and Ms. Hassall. One of the first activities for the Builder's Club is to help us set up and decorate the Angel Tree.

Ms. Manning-Ryan  
Guidance Counselor

## Schools Plus -Bicentennial School Angel Tree

In the spirit of giving during the Holiday Season, Bicentennial will, again this year, have the Angel Tree on display in the main foyer of the school, starting on December 3rd. Students, parents and any members of the Bicentennial community are invited to take a tag from the tree and make a donation toward the local food bank. Donations of gift cards from Sobeys, Superstore, No Frills, Wal-Mart, etc. are preferred as they can be used to meet such a wide variety of needs. Please drop these off at the main office.

Ms. McAvoy, the School Plus Community Outreach Worker will ensure delivery of these donations to the local food bank in time to meet the needs of members of our community who may need some extra help at this time of year. Donations must be received at the school by December 17th.



Happy  
Holidays!



## School and Bus Cancellation Communication Points

As part of the School and Bus Cancellation policy (approved 27 January (2010), principals are asked to remind their school communities regarding school cancellation procedures.

**Parents should be reminded** that the policy refers to both weather cancellations and also emergency closures.

All schools belong to one Family. If any school is closed outside of the Family, the school's name will be announced separately. If you have additional questions, please contact your School Administration Supervisor.

Principals of elementary and junior high schools must have a communication network devised so that parents can be contacted if school is cancelled during the day.

It is recommended that elementary and junior high schools use their Safe Arrival Program or similar initiative to monitor students who have not arrived at school on inclement weather days in particular, as is their practice on any school day.

Principals should communicate with staff and parents regarding the educational value of various activities used with smaller groups of students when busses are cancelled. It is important that meaningful learning activities occur on this day.

### Key Message Reminders to Parents:

The decision to cancel school will usually be made as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible and it will be communicated on the radio, the Board's website, the main switchboard and through the school cancellation number - 464- INFO (4636).

Parents must ensure that students are properly dressed for the weather conditions, regardless of whether they walk or travel by bus.

Before dropping students off at school on inclement weather days, parents should ensure that staff have arrived and are immediately available to provide supervision.

If busses are cancelled and schools are open, parents must use their own discretion with regard to sending their children to school.

When schools are open, meaningful learning activities will be going on in classrooms.