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Newsletter – Nov 24, 2017

Dates to Remember

Dec 6 – Annual Emergency Lock-Down Drill (a.m.)

Dec 7 - School Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. Library

Dec 19 – Christmas Program- all families invited – 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Dec 20 – Last Day of Classes before Christmas break; NOTE: Dismissal is at 11:40 a.m.

Dec 21- Jan 2 – Holidays

Jan 3 – Classes resume

Donations of Knitting Wool Needed: If you have wool you could donate for making mitts/scarves for students we have a grandparent willing to do the knitting. Please have the yarn sent to the front office and we will forward it.

Food for Learning: The Food for Learning program is available to provide snacks and lunches to any student who needs it. We have a limited budget for food so we do ask that the service be used only when necessary.

School Rink: Thanks to the city we have a rink that will be ready for skating in the next week! There are nets for shinny, but please use a tennis ball or soft puck only. We must keep the surface free of snow, and volunteers are needed. If you are willing to help with maintenance, please call the school (667-3625).

Early Dismissal Wednesday, Dec. 20th: Students will be dismissed at 11:40 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec 20th. Bus schedules have been modified to transport students at this time. This is an annual “adjustment” day, and the early dismissal is required to provide the 950 hours of instructional time each year.

Support for your child’s post-secondary education: Saving for college or university for your child can be tough. When you start early, with a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP), **your** money will grow more over time with interest (and are tax-free) until they are withdrawn to pay for the post-secondary education of a child.

Anyone can open an RESP to save for a child’s post-secondary education, including parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles or friends. To open an RESP, you and the child must have a Social Insurance Number (SIN).

Canada Learning Bond: The Canada Learning Bond is available to eligible children from low-income families who were born on or after January 1, 2014. Open an RESP and request the Canada Learning Bond for an eligible child. The Government of Canada will deposit:

- an initial \$500; and
- an extra \$100 each year the child is eligible until they turn 15, for a maximum of up to \$2,000 per child.

You do not need to contribute any money in order to receive the Canada Learning Bond.

Canada Education Savings Grant: The Canada Education Savings Grant is available to all children up to December 31 of the year they turn 17, regardless of family income. When you contribute money into an RESP, the Government of Canada will also contribute:

- 20% on the first \$2,500 you contribute each year, up to \$500 per year; and
- an extra 20% on the first \$500 of annual contributions for low-income families, for an extra \$100 each year; or
- 10% of first \$500 of annual contributions for middle-income families, for an extra \$50 each year.

A child can receive up to \$7,200 in Canada Education Savings Grant over their lifetime.

Follow these steps to receive money for your child's education after high school:

Step 1: Get a Social Insurance Number (SIN) for you and your child. Go to Canada.ca/social-insurance-number or call 1-800-622-6232 to find out how.

Step 2: Make an appointment with a participating bank or other financial institution of your choice. Bring the SIN numbers for you and your child and say: "I want to open a no-fee Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) and get the Canada Learning Bond for my child".

For more information:

- Go to Canada.ca/education-savings
- Call 1-800 O-Canada (1-800-622-6232)
- TTY 1-800-926-9105
- Visit a Service Canada Centre near you.

