

Natoaganeg School



Dear Parents:

DECEMBER 2015

NEWSLETTER

We are getting closer to the holiday season and have a busy few weeks ahead of us. Please read your monthly newsletters to be informed about what's happening at Natoaganeg School.

Our visit with author **Joseph Bruchac** was a great success! The children enjoyed his music and story telling. Each student also recieved one of his wonderful books.

On **Monday, December 7th** our grades K5-Gr. 4 will be going to the **Clay Cafe**.

On **Wednesday, December 9th** we will be having our **Christmas Dance** from **4:00-6:00pm**.

On **Saturday, December 12th** there will be a **Breakfast with Santa**.

On **Tuesday, December 15th** it's **Ugly Sweater Day**. Students will be also going **skating** from **8:40-10:40am**. Other events are also planned for this day. **A detailed notice will be sent out on Dec. 8th with all up and coming events.**

The **Christmas Concert** will be held on **Wednesday, December 16th** at **10:30am**. Students will be dismissed after the Christmas Concert for the holidays.

Attached is a calendar. please post this so you may track any upcoming events.



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Breakfast and Lunch Program:
Eel Ground School would like to continue with its early morning breakfast program & lunch, open to all students, Monday through Friday of the week.



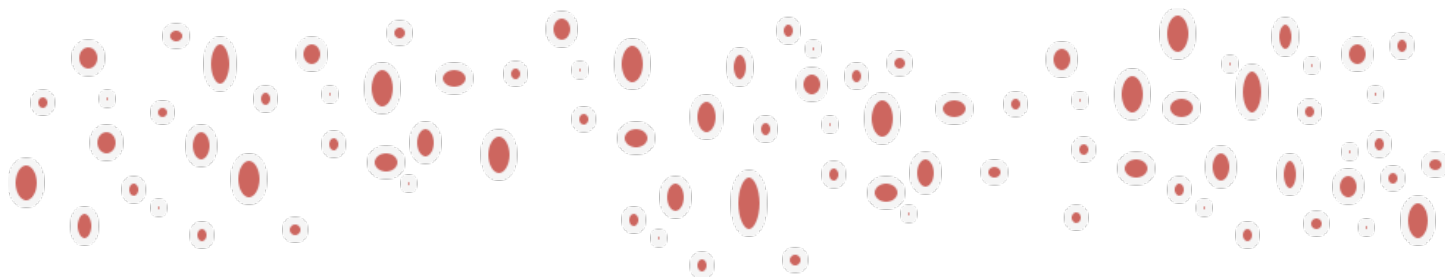
Goody Cart:
A reminder that we will be selling healthy items in the goody cart once again this year and also reminding parents there is no borrowing.

There will be a snack break from 10:10-10:25.

Snack ideas:

Apple
carrot sticks
cheese string

No sugary drinks allowed, chips or treats with lots of sugar.



UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER DAY

Tuesday, December 15

All Students & Staff are encouraged to wear an ugly Christmas sweater. If you wear an ugly sweater, you'll get your name entered to win a holiday prize!

*Remember it is also skating day!



Natoaganeg School Food Drive

Natoaganeg School is having a Food Drive for the Eel Ground Food Bank. From December 1st to December 14th, we are challenging each classroom to bring in items for the food bank. Classrooms will earn 10 points for each item brought in and the class with the most items will win a reward. Get in on the Christmas Spirit and help out your community celebrate the holidays with a donation to the Natoaganeg School Food Drive.



Breakfast With Santa

Breakfast with Santa will take place on Saturday, December 12th. A notice will be sent out when details have been finalized.



Every Day Counts, and ATTENDANCE does matter! (Nov.) 65 lates 80.5 Absent



Student Absences

We would like to remind parents/guardians to please keep in mind that it is very important to contact the school office as soon as possible if your child will be absent from school on any given day.

Clear and timely communications from home is essential for the school to keep track of student absences.

If we need to contact you about your child's absence, please have current contact numbers up to date and be patient and understanding with us as there may be other issues we need to attend to first.

ATTENDANCE: "WE ARE ALL RESPONSIBLE"



Education Only Helps those in Attendance Especially if you are on time and in perfect attendance- Don't miss out---- YOU ARE WORTH IT.

Attendance is important to the overall academic and social success of your child.

Attendance will be taken within the first 10 minutes of each school day. Parents and/or guardians are required to contact the school each and every day your child is absent.

If parents do not call before 10 a.m., school staff will call you at home or at work to find out the reason for the absence.

Students with perfect attendance will go into a monthly draw to win a Tim's card to take their parents for a coffee to thank them for bringing them to school on time and everyday.

Just a Reminder: If your child is late for school, please remember to escort them in the building. Students that are late are to be signed in. Also if the students leave the school at anytime during school hours, they are to be signed out too.

- **Discipline that is:**
 - firm yet kind, rather than harsh and unforgiving
 - understanding yet accountable, rather than punishment-oriented
 - clear and predictable, rather than unpredictable
 - modeling active problem-solving with siblings and with each other, rather than angry outbursts, accusations, and aggressiveness

Christmas Tree Cookies

Ingredients

Original recipe makes 5 dozen 2-inch cookies

- 1 1/2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cream of tartar

Directions

Mix confectioners' sugar, butter or margarine, egg, vanilla, and almond extract. Stir in flour, baking soda, and cream of tartar. Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours.

Heat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Divide dough into halves. On lightly floured cloth-covered board, roll each half out to 3/16 inch thick. on lightly floured cloth-covered board. Cut into Christmas shapes. line Bake on parchment d baking sheets for 7 to 8 minutes. Let cool on wire racks and decorate as desired.



"This is great dessert when you are having company. They are in the shapes of Christmas trees. Use green and red sprinkles and any kind of frosting to decorate."

<http://allrecipes.com/Recipe/Christmas-Tree-Cookies/Detail.aspx?evt19=1>



Recognition of this Month's Perfect Attendance

We would like to express THANK YOU to all parents for recognizing the importance of our attendance policy.

K4

Skylaa Stemm

K5-Grade 1

Johnny Larry
Raymond Larry

Grade 2

Abigail Stewart

Grade 3&4

Preston Francis
Racheal Martin
Landen Doyle
Savana Barnaby
Kaido Simonson
Gianna Walker
Khrissa Ward
Mariah Ward

Grade 5

Mathyis Ward
Piel Ward

Grade 6&7

Samuel Simon
Kohen Simonson
Sage Simon
Janessa Francis

Grade 8

Hanah Gould
Kylo Patles
Lindsay Milliea
Kolton Patles

We need to improve on tardiness & absenteeism. This month we had 65 lates and 80.5 absents.

Congratulations to **Johnny Larry** and **Hannah Gould** for winning the Tim's Card to treat their parents at TIM HORTONS for a donut and coffee in appreciation of getting them to school on time.

Numeracy & Literacy



Throughout the year we will be compiling websites full of activities & games for parents in the areas of Math & Literacy. If you have any to share, please let us know and we will add it in the next newsletter.



<http://www.primarygames.com/holidays/christmas/games/>

Merry Christmas, students, parents/ guardians! We thought that everyone would enjoy this online story and math game.

http://familychristmasonline.com/stories_other/night_before_christmas/night_before_christmas.htm



SUCCESSFUL NEWSLETTER DELIVERY BALLOT

Winner for October's monthly newsletter is **Marcus Martin**. We had 32/79 Ballots returned this month. Sign below to indicate that your son/daughter has delivered to you this month's newsletter. Tear this ballot off and have your child return it to the ballot box outside the office by Friday November 6th. Each month a draw will be made for a gift certificate.

Parent Signature _____

Child Name _____

Class _____