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Automated Telephone Contact System

Last week we conducted a test of our automated telephone contact system. Once the system is successfully launched the purpose will be to notify parents of school closure during the school day due to a power outage or a storm. The system could also be used announce school wide events i.e. Parent/ Teacher interviews. Presently we are trying to iron out some minor problems that we encountered with last week's test. In the New Year we will attempt another test of this system.

Book Fair a Tremendous Success

We would like thank all parents/guardians and students that supported our annual bookfair. A special thank you to the parent volunteers that generously gave their time during the five days the book fair was opened.

Christmas Holidays

St. Edwards School will be closing for the Christmas Holidays at 1:00 pm, Friday, December 19, 2008. Please note: **There will be no cafeteria service on this date.** All kindergarten students will attend the morning session and will be dismissed at 11:00 p.m. Students in grades one through six will be dismissed at 1:00 pm. School will open for students in grades one through six on Monday, January 5, 2008 (Day 7).

Kindergarten Closeout - Monday, January 05, 2009

There will be no classes for students in English and French Immersion Kindergarten on Monday, January 05 to allow kindergarten teachers to prepare for upcoming Kinderstart Sessions. First day of classes for Kdgtn. students following the Christmas Holidays will be Tuesday, January 06.

Recycling for the C.B.S. Food Bank

For our final recycling collection day prior to the Christmas Holidays, Wednesday, Dec 17, we are encouraging all students to bring in recyclables. The proceeds from this collection will be donated to the CBS Food Bank for the purchase of turkeys for Christmas Hampers. Please note: participating students will be eligible to win the end of the Term Recycling Prizes.

Grades K-3 a party at the Bulldog Gym

Grades 4- 6 a party at the Bulldog Gym

Safety Issues and Christmas Parties

Several students in our school have a **life- threatening allergy to all peanut/ nut products** - including peanut oil. This allergy is so severe that if the affected child **TOUCHES** nut products an allergic reaction will occur. Parents must not send to school any food which contains peanut butter or nut products. We would ask all parents to be mindful of this when sending in snacks and treats. Several other students in our building have life threatening allergies to fish products. Students will not be permitted to bring fish products into the building. Also, a student in our building has a severe allergy to eggs. We would ask students not to bring eggs into the building.

We would also ask that parents and students to refrain from wearing scented products as there are many persons in our building that are sensitive to scented products.

Over The Hedge Movie

Last week information was sent home to parents of French Immersion and grade six Core French students about the movie Over The Hedge. Students in these classes will attend the movie Monday, Dec 15. A reminder to all parents that both permission slip and the fee must be returned to your child's teacher.

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to all parents and students that participated in this year's Operation Christmas Child. Our students' generosity and enthusiasm in sending the boxes filled with toys, school supplies were most evident. We are pleased to announce that 288 boxes from our school were collected and have been sent to assist children in desperate situations.

On behalf of the staff of St. Edward=s School, we would like to thank you for the cooperation this past term and we wish you the best the holidays have to offer. May the peace and happiness of Christmas be with you throughout the Christmas Season and into the New Year.

Dates To Remember:

Monday, December 15
Wednesday, December 17
Friday, December 19
Monday, January 05
Tuesday, January 06

Over The Hedge Movie
Recycling for the CBS Food Bank
Dismissal for Christmas Holidays - 1:00 pm
Classes commence for students grades 1-6
Classes commence for Kdgtn students

