

MDJH

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PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Parent Newsletter



School Council Announces our FIRST FUNDRAISER — Jumping Bean Coffee

The MDJH School Council is hoping to raise \$9000 to pay for a class set of *Chrome Books*. With teachers and students working in "the cloud", a Chrome Book makes this endeavour easier, requiring no set up as students just log in to their Google account, and their work is available anywhere they have an internet connection. The MDJH School Council is promoting **Jumping Bean Coffee and Teas** as the first of our two fundraisers. To help with this fundraiser, we are looking for your support. Jumping Bean coffee and teas make wonderful Christmas gifts and/or stocking stuffers.



We are selling the Coffee packages for \$15.00 and the Speciality Teas for \$8.00.

Jumping Bean Coffee is available in 1 lb. (454g) packages and the following exclusive roasts are available:

Light House Roast (Light). East Coast Roast (Medium). Deep Water Dark (Dark). Decaffeinated.

We offer the following Jumping Bean Coffee Specialty Teas:

English Breakfast, Japanese Sencha Green Tea, Blueberry Tea, Newfoundland Wildberry, Newfoundland Bakeapple.

Please have the order forms back to the school by **December 3**, in time for Christmas Delivery. In lieu of selling coffee or tea, a donation of \$20 can be made to the school.

Student Council News

Adopt a Senior for Christmas

Each year the student council organizes an **Adopt a Senior for Christmas** project. There are seniors in our community nursing homes with no family nearby and the holidays can be a very lonely time for them. For the past few years, we have partnered with St. Pat's Mercy Home to adopt 25-30 seniors. Each homeroom will be given a Christmas wish list for a senior. Class reps will organize who brings in the various items on the list or organize a collection to purchase the items. Each student in the homeroom signs a card for their senior, the gift is wrapped and student council members deliver to St. Pats. The lists will be distributed to homerooms by Monday, November 21st. All gifts should be wrapped and ready to deliver by Thursday, December 8th. Any excess money collected will be given to St. Pats as a donation for the residents. Thank you in advance for your continued support of this worthwhile cause.

MDJH Spirit Wear

We will be accepting orders for MDJH clothing. Homeroom students have been given order forms. There will be some samples available for sizing across from the main office during lunch next week from Monday to Friday. All orders must be in by **Wednesday, November 30**.

Dates to Remember:

December 1, 2016—Christmas Concert

December 2, 2016—Report Cards go HOME!

December 5, 2016— 7pm - School Council Meeting

December 8, 2016— 1pm-7pm Parent Teacher Conferences

BOOK FAIR COMING SOON!

Call for Book Fair Volunteers

The **Scholastic Book Fair** will be arriving soon, and we're excited about sharing the joy of reading with our students. We invite you to participate in this year's Scholastic Book Fair from December 5th to 8th, by volunteering.

Scholastic Book Fairs give our school the opportunity to bring families, teachers, students, and books together. It's the ultimate book event! Additionally, a portion of the sales benefits our school library. It's the best way to raise funds while encouraging kids to read.

Being a part of something special is easier than you think. There are lots of ways to volunteer. We need people in a variety of areas, including:

- Helping with promotion, hanging posters and banners, and spreading the word about our Book Fair.
- Merchandising our Book Fair and table displays to create a terrific bookstore environment.
- Greeting customers at the door and working at our Cashier Table.
- Helping students and shoppers select just the right books.

If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about our Scholastic Book Fair, please contact:

Beth Power
bethpower@nlesd.ca
or 753-8240 ext 231.

Rafiki Bracelets For Sale

Macdonald Drive Junior High is a *WE school*, which raises awareness and funds for local and global causes.

As part of our global initiative this year, the student council is selling **Rafiki** beaded bracelets at a cost of \$10 each. The proceeds will help support Kenyan artisans create a better future for themselves and will also support our global cause – education in Ecuador.



Please support this worthy cause and help us reach our fundraising goal. More information can be found on the school's website. Bracelets will be sold until **Monday, November 21.**

Duke of Edinburgh Hike



Yearbook Photos

Many school groups and activities have started. Anyone having a team or group photo to submit to the yearbook can please email their photo to colettequann@nlesd.ca.



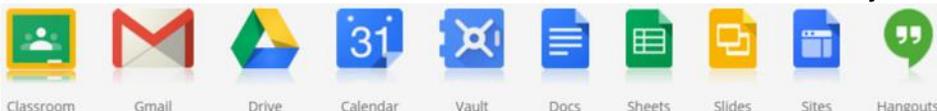
Photography Club

Leah Burke will represent MDJH in photography at the Skills Canada competition November 26th. Good luck Leah!



Celebrating Student's Successes

We want to acknowledge and celebrate the accomplishments of the students of MDJH. We have a **Wall of Celebration** where we place certificates of acknowledgement highlighting participation and success in a variety of activities. We want to know if your child has participated in any plays, musicals, has been on a team that has won some title, or has been recognized in any individual competition. We need your help with this. Please let us know so we can proudly display this on our wall. Please email colettequann@nlesd.ca with **Celebrate YOUR CHILD'S NAME** in the subject line.



Google Classroom/Google Apps for Education (GAPE) @ MDJH (2016 – 2017)

Last year, most MDJH students and many MDJH teachers started to use **Google Classroom** and several of the Google Apps available to them. Through an agreement between the NL English School District and Google, teachers and students in our province have access to a new online education platform called Google Classroom. As schools and teachers in our province realize the features and benefits of using this Google product more teachers with their students will be accessing the tools and resources (i.e. the Apps and features) available to them. During this school year all Grade 8 and 9 students at MDJH have been using Google Classroom in their Technology Education courses. Most of our Grade 7 classes will be using Google Classroom either for their Technology Education course or for another curriculum area.

In order for students to access their Google Classroom they need to "Log In" to the website (classroom.google.com). Once logged in, students will be able to access Classrooms created by teachers with specific assignments/projects/resources linked. Google Classroom is new to schools in Newfoundland and Labrador, it is so new that the MDJH teaching staff received a full day of in-service on the topic of Google Classroom, Google Drive and Google Apps on February 19, 2016, and this fall Ms. B. Power has facilitated two after-school PD sessions for teachers. Plans for more sessions are in the works. Many teachers at MDJH will be looking for opportunities to use this resource in different subject areas in the future.

As we typically expect students to be prepared for all classes including the bringing of appropriate books, pencils, pens we ask students to be prepared for accessing their Google Classroom by memorizing or recording their account details (individual username and password) so that they may be able to work in Google Classroom or with Google Apps when required. This username and password will be used in high school as well, so it needs to be secure and retrievable when needed.



The "Maker Technology Club": Looking for Expression of Interest

Students ... After Christmas we will start up the "Maker Technology Club" once again as an after-school extra-curricular activity. It will be held in the Technology Education laboratory (Room 119) and the times and dates will be posted after Christmas. Last year the main topic of focus for students was computer programming in the Python language but this year I'd like to see if there may be interest in Wood-turning. The Avalon Woodturner's Guild are friends to MDJH and it may be possible to get their assistance in learning a few woodturning skills. Do we have any students who may be interested in learning this craft? If you are not sure what woodturning is, contact Mr. G. in Room 119 or Google Search "Woodturning". Let Mr. G. know if you are "potentially" interested. Links to the "Avalon Woodturner's Guild": <http://www.avalonwoodturners.org/AWG%20Pages/home.html> and <https://www.facebook.com/avalonwoodturnersguild/>

Announcements



14th ANNUAL SKILLS CANADA INTERMEDIATE CHALLENGE
Saturday, November 26th, 2016
College of the North Atlantic, Prince Philip Drive Campus

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7:30am - 8:30am	Registration
8:30am - 9:00am	Orientation in competition room
9:00am - 3:00pm	Competitions (lunch break times vary)
10:00am - 2:00pm	Try-A-Trade Demonstrations
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<i>First Lego League Core Value Awards</i>
4:30pm - 5:30pm	Medals Presentation



Drop by the
College of the
North Atlantic
and support
our students!

Christmas Concert

When? Thursday, December 1.

Featuring the **MDJH Concert Bands, Choirs and Jazz Bands.**



Parking lot reminder

Coming off of Toronto Street there are two lanes. The right lane is for buses and traffic going around MDJH. The left lane is for parents/ guardians dropping off their children. PLEASE pull up to the **STOP** sign before letting your child out!

The drop off lane should only be used for quick stop, drop and go, even if the doors are not open yet. If parents do not want to leave until the doors open, they should park in the parking lot.

Please take a moment to watch **MDJH Drop Off Video**... the people may have changed, but the instructions are still the same!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ptiklLhvo>

December 5-11, 2016 is
Computer Science Education Week
Participate in an Hour of Code
Coding encourages logical thinking and provides exciting career opportunities!

jQuery, PHP, Ruby, Python, HTML & CSS, JS

Learn to Code

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION

Online Practice and Review Tools

The District has been working to build online self-assessment tools that allow students to practice and test their abilities.

Safety Video and Radio Contest

The Details

Create a 30-90 second video or a 30 second radio ad and become eligible to win \$2,000 in cash. Contest is open to all students grades 7-12 in Newfoundland and Labrador. Get your entry form and contest rules at workplacenl.ca.

Win Cash!
\$2,000.00

Deadline for entries is:
Friday, March 31, 2017

Workplace NL

workplacenl.ca

HEAD LICE

A case of head lice has been detected in the school. Anyone can get head lice, mainly through direct head-to-head contact but also from sharing hats, combs, hair brushes, headphones, helmets, hair accessories and other personal items.

Parents or guardians may feel frustrated or embarrassed, however the problem has nothing to do with standards of cleanliness. Please do your part to prevent the spread by checking your child daily for the next few weeks and weekly thereafter. Lice infestation is much easier to treat if caught early.

If your child has head lice, please start treatment immediately and notify your child's school. A booklet called *Managing Head Lice at Home* is available through your school or school nurse, this booklet may help you. This booklet can also be found electronically on the Eastern Health website:

www.easternhealth.ca > Your Health > Healthy Living A to Z > Head Lice > Managing Head Lice at Home (PDF)

Once a case of head lice has been found all family members should be checked as well. If you have further questions, please contact

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We're on the web!
<http://mdjh.info>

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SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Check our MDJH website for where you vote on November 22!