

MDJH

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PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Parent Newsletter

Toy Drive

Macdonald Drive Junior High is hosting a **toy drive** and fund raiser for needy families. We invite you to help by donating a new, unwrapped toy with a value of between \$10 to \$30. Consider kids up to about 14 years of age when shopping. You may also help by making a donation of \$5.00 or more. We expect to give any toys collected to the Happy Tree Foundation, and to distribute any funds collected to needy families in our school community. Donations can be dropped off at the office.



To show our appreciation for your generosity, we will enter our student donors for a prize draw. This is for a pair of quality wireless headphones. Be sure to sign our book at the office with the students' names and phone numbers when dropping off your donation.

Adopt a Senior

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. This year, each homeroom was given a list for a senior and gifts were purchased for 25 seniors at St. Pat's Mercy Home. They were delivered to the home on Thursday, December 15th. A big thank you to all our school community who donated to this worthy cause. Your generosity will make a senior happy this Christmas.



Dates to Remember:

December 21, 2016 — dismissal @ 12:30

Holiday December 22 — January 2, 2017

January 3, 2017— First Day Back, Day 5



Looking For Mathematics Help?

Drop by the Library from **2:10-3:10 each and every Monday**, or drop by **Room 206 from 11:48-12:15 on Thursdays**

Teacher supports and peer tutors are available. All are welcome.



Mathematics Recovery Assessments

Again this year, students at Macdonald Drive Junior High will be writing a mathematics recovery assessment. The recovery assessment serves as an opportunity to improve grades from previously completed units.

The **Grade Seven Recovery Assessment** will cover units one, two and three and is tentatively scheduled to be written on January 10th and 11th.

The **Grade Eight Recovery Assessment** will cover units one, two, three and four and is tentatively scheduled to be written in early February.

The **Grade Nine Recovery Assessment** will cover units one, two, three and four and is tentatively scheduled to be written on January 9th and 10th.

Teachers will be discussing the format of the assessments with their classes prior to the Christmas Break. However, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact your child's mathematics teacher.

Student Council News

Rafiki Bracelets

The Rafiki bracelet order has arrived just in time for Christmas. They were distributed during the week of December 12-16. Please note that if you ordered the "Let it Snow" bracelet, the packaging has changed to "Secret Santa." It is the same bracelet, however. Thanks again to all who supported this cause.

Yearbook Photos

Please submit team or group photos for the yearbook by email to colettequann@nlesd.ca.

Photography Club

The next Photography Club meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 4th. Congratulations to Leah Burke on winning gold in photography at the Skills Canada competition on November 26th. She will now represent MDJH at the provincial competition in the spring.

Celebrating Student Successes

We want to acknowledge and celebrate the accomplishments of the students of MDJH. We have a wall of celebration where we will place a certificate of acknowledgement highlighting participation and success in a variety of activities. We want to know if your child has participated in any plays, musicals or has been on a team that has won a 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.

Grade 9 Boys Basketball Team shows some Christmas Spirit

As part of the larger national Shoebox Project for women going through crisis in shelters, the boys filled 2 shoeboxes for the local St. John's chapter. These boxes, full of personal care items and basics to make a women feel cared for, will be donated to local shelters like Naomi House and Iris Kirby House and other places across the Province. We are very proud of the boys for their effort for this community building project and making a day brighter for at least 2 women.



Athletic Achievements

Congratulations go out to:

- The Grade 9 Boys Volleyball team, on winning Gold at Volleyfest 2016
- The Grade 9 Girls Volleyball team, on winning Silver at their recent tournament



Announcements

MUN Botanical Garden Light Festival: December 16, 2016

Check out the link below for information about the event and ticket prices: Discount available if purchasing online.

All Vocal Ensemble members arrive at 6pm for our 6:30pm performance at the Botanical Gardens. Please wear warm clothing, mitts, hat, boots, and your winter jacket as we will be performing outside. Hot chocolate will be served to students afterwards. We will be singing: Where Are You Christmas, White Winter Hymnal, We Wish You a Merry Christmas, The First Noel and Carol of the Bells.

www.mun.ca/botgarden/news.php?id=8243

MDJH Extra-Curricular Clubs and Groups 2016-17

<p><u>Yearbook</u> Ms. Quann / Ms. Sauv� Tues. after school, LRC (TBA)</p>	<p><u>Student Council</u> Ms. Quann / Ms. Sauv� As announced, 220, 11:48</p>	<p><u>Photography</u> Ms. Quann / Trevor Wragg (parent) Every second Wed. after school, 220</p>	<p><u>Art</u> Ms. Penney Day 3 Room 227, 11:30</p>	<p><u>Breakfast Program</u> Student Council Members (other students welcome)</p>
<p><u>Video Games</u> Mr. Walsh Fri., LRC, 2:15-4:15</p>	<p><u>Lego Robotics</u> Mr. Thorne / Mr. Smith Tues. after school, 123</p>	<p><u>ROV (Underwater Robotics)</u> Mr. Thorne / Mr. Smith Starts Jan. 2017, 123, Time TBA</p>	<p><u>LGBTQ</u> Ms. Brunet Mr. Devereaux Ms. K. Penney Day 4, Lunch, Room 124</p>	<p><u>Outreach</u> Ms. Anderson Ms. Doyle Ms. Dominix As announced, 109B 11:21</p>
<p><u>Library Helpers</u> Ms. Power Second half of lunch in the library.</p>	<p><u>Recycling</u> Mr. Devine Friday, 4th period 108</p>	<p><u>Math League</u> Ms. Doyle / Ms. Peddle Day 5, 208, 11:50</p>	<p><u>Choirs</u> Vocal Ensemble Ms. K. Penney Thurs., 2:30-3:30 Concert Choir Ms. Beresford, Pull Out</p>	<p><u>Bands</u> Concert Band (pull-out) Ms.K. Penney</p>
<p><u>Drama</u> Ms.D. Mills Tues. 2:15 - 3:15 rm 109 and additional times with drama fest - auditions in early Jan.</p>	<p><u>Board Games</u> Ms. Parsons / Ms. Kinsella Day 3, 11:48, 205</p>	<p><u>Skills Canada</u> Mr. Gillard Term 1 - Only</p>	<p><u>Maker Technology</u> Mr. Gillard Term 2 - TBA, 119</p>	<p><u>Duke of Edinburgh</u> Mr. Porter (See him for details)</p>
<p><u>Math Help</u> Mondays 2:10-3:10 in Resource Centre Thursdays 11:48 in Room 206</p>	<p><u>Sports Teams</u> (see School website for schedule)</p>	<p><u>F.U.N. - Friends of United Nations</u> Ms. Sheppard/Ms. MacNeill Wed./Lunchtime Room 218</p>	<p><u>Hour of Code</u> Mr. Gillard December, 119</p>	

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=ptiklbLLhvo>

Quebec Trip

Deposit payments for the May trip to Quebec City are now due. Please bring cheques - (\$350.00, payable to Uniropa) to Mr West or Madame Sauve by **Tuesday December 20th**. These have to be paid before the Christmas break

Healthy Snacking During the Holidays

December is a month of celebrations, enjoy this busy time and we hope these nutrition tips from **Kids Eat Smart Foundation NL** will help you prepare great meals and snacks for you and your family.

1. Plan ahead; spend an hour or two on the weekend preparing healthy foods for the week ahead.
2. Don't skip breakfast; eating breakfast provides you with the energy you need to get through your day and leads to increased concentration. When you eat a satisfying breakfast, you're also less likely to overeat throughout the day.
3. Have healthy snacks on hand; snacks are key to eating healthy when you're busy. Having one or two healthy snacks a day can curb your hunger and help prevent unhealthy options at the last minute. Take an apple or a banana with you on your way out the door. Keep your refrigerator stocked with cut-up veggies and small plastic containers of hummus or all-natural nut butters for dipping.



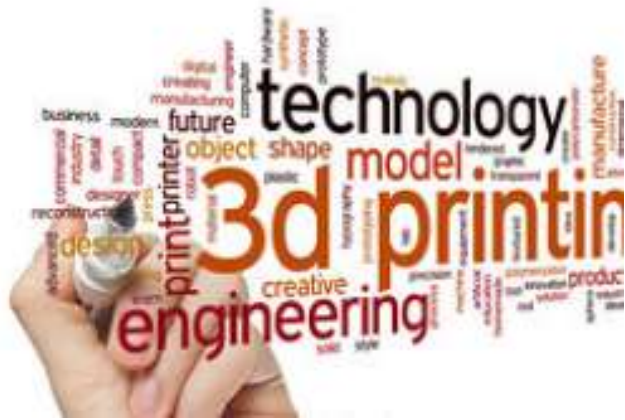
We hope you and your family have a happy and healthy Holiday Season.

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We're on the web!

<http://mdjh.info>



Request for Support: 3-D Printing

Have you heard about **Additive Manufacturing**? Maybe not. The popular term is 3-D printing; try Googling the concept and you will find that there has been a significant number of articles written about the innovative uses of 3-D Printing as a production/manufacturing process. MDJH is looking to expose its students to a design process utilizing this current technology. Even though the price tag on 3-D Printing has dropped significantly in the last couple of years, it is still a specialty item and we need support from our school community to invest in this direction. Is there a company or companies that would be interested in assisting us in making this initiative a reality? The startup costs for 3-D printing is approximately \$4000.00. Any interested persons please contact Mr. Gillard

The “Maker Technology Club”: Looking for Expression of Interest

After Christmas, we will start up the **Maker Technology Club** as an after-school extra-curricular activity. It will take place 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 help with 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 do a Google search for “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>
- <https://www.facebook.com/avalonwoodturnersguild/>

FUN CLUB

Are you interested in meeting new people and learning about new cultures? Do you want to play games while learning new perspectives? If yes, then join us at F.U.N (Friends of United Nations) Club! Maggie from the Association for New Canadians will host this new club and EVERYONE is welcome to participate. We will meet every Wednesday at lunch time in classroom 218 (Ms. MacNeill's room). Bring your lunch and a friend! We hope to see you there!

Reminder!

School will close at 12:30pm,
Wednesday, December 21, 2016.

It will reopen Tuesday, January 3,
2017, and will be Day 5.

Happy
Holidays!