

Blues News

January 15, 2010

2009 Winners of the Remembrance Day Contest

Category Junior - Poem

1st Place - Andrea Bell
2nd Place - Arun Sharma

Congratulations!

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week Feb. 14-20!

Welcome

A huge "Harkins Welcome" to Mrs. Shelley Mountain-Collette who will be teaching on the Red Team while one of our favourite teachers, Mrs. Maloney, is off on maternity leave.

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Interim Report Cards will be sent home with students on January 26th.

Yearbook
Preorders should be made by March Break so you are not disappointed. Order through Mrs. Collette #310

\$25.00

Green Team students are still collecting pop tabs with proceeds going to charity. Start collecting today!!

Tutorial Schedule TUTORIAL SCHEDULE

Blue Team (Beginning in Term 2)

Mrs. McKinnon—Language Arts—Wednesdays (3-4 p.m.)
Mrs. Blakely-Doucette-Math & Science-Thursdays (3:15-4 pm)
Ms. Savage—French & Social Studies-Tuesdays (3:15-4 pm)

Green Team—Math

Miss Breau—*Day 3 (12:00-12:30 p.m.) Grade 8
*Tuesdays (3:15-4:00 p.m.) Grade 8 (Students should bring a snack.)
*Day 4 (12:00-12:30 p.m.) Grade 7

*Be sure to sign up the day before with Miss Breau so she can prepare her copies.

Purple Team

Ms Miousse—Day 2, 3 and 4 (12:30—1:00 p.m.)
At times, Ms. Miousse will tutor students after school when arrangements have been made with the parents.

Miss Barrieau—Math—Day 3 at lunch.

Red Team—Math

Mrs. Kingston—Day 4 (12:00) - on her classroom

Orange Team

Ms. Stewart—Language Arts & Science—Day 1 (3-3:45 p.m.)
Mrs. Hamilton—Math—Thursdays—(3:10—3:40)
Mrs. Hamilton's homework is posted online at <http://hms.nbed.nb.ca/teacher/mrs-hamilton>

February Social - Feb. 12, 2010

Sponsored by the Blue Team!

Time: 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Doors Open at 5:55 p.m.

CANTEEN AVAILABLE

NO LOCKER USAGE

Arriving after 6:30 p.m.?

Your parent/guardian must bring you in.

Leaving early?

Your parent/guardian must come in and get you.

Admission: \$5 (\$1 goes to a charity)

See Page 4 & 7 of Agenda for Dress Code for school and Socials

Interested in supervising at our Socials?

Please call the school at 627-4088 and leave your name and number.



STARS OF MONTH

DECEMBER

Blue Team - Arun Sharma
Green Team - Janie Gaston
Orange Team - Noah Savard
Purple Team - Zachary Sullivan
Red Team - Zachary James
Yellow Team - Kaitlyn King

Harkins Middle Web Address

hms.nbed.nb.ca

Middle Level Council will be hosting a parent/student night with Canadian Idol Judge, Farley Flex, at James M. Hill on the evening of May 6th. More details to follow. Local student talent will also be showcased. Admission is a donation at the door and proceeds will go to District 16 school music programs. For further information contact Mrs. Hamilton at krista.nowlan-hamilton@nbed.nb.ca



From the Guidance Center

Welcome back from your break! Hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable time off!

It's time to ring in the new year with some sound resolutions for being successful at school!

- attend classes.
- pay close attention to your teacher.
- get extra help if you need it.
- do your homework every night.
- get caught up on missed work.
- study in advance for tests.
- get plenty of sleep (8-9 hours).
- eat healthy and exercise.
- have a positive attitude.
- work hard to do your best!

Random Acts of Kindness—Don't forget our Random Acts of Kindness program. Fill out a ballot (available on the counter in the Main Office) giving someone's name and the nice thing they did for you. Draws are made every Friday and those lucky students receive a certificate and gift of appreciation for being so kind!

The following students had their names drawn this morning for practicing "Random Acts of Kindness":

Alanis Bjurstrom, Sereena Rambaran, Karina Au, Stephen Miller.

Honourable mention to Miss Breau for being an amazing teacher!

Special Draw! All of the names posted on the wall by the main entrance for practicing Random Acts of Kindness this Fall were put in a draw for a movie pass that students could enjoy over the holidays.

Lucky winners were: Haley Bohan, Gabby Fournier, Chantal Gauvin, and David Murdock.

Congratulations to everyone who makes Harkins a 'kinder place to be'!

Thank you to Mrs. Malley and all the students who contributed in any way to the campaign in aid of our local SPCA. Harkins raised \$300 in cash and Canadian Tire money as well as 10 boxes of goodies and lots of towels, blankets, etc.

Well done Harkins!

The Orange Team would like to congratulate Mrs. Pauline Smith who was the winner of the Christmas baskets. A grand total of \$347. was raised which will be used toward the Orange Team ski trip in February. A sincere thank you to all parents and guardians who contributed articles for the baskets and to everyone who purchased a ticket.

Gifts of Magic!

In November, we told you about Ms. Miousse's Grade 6 students who were participating in a Christmas charity program, Gifts of Magic. It was suggested that students approach a parent, a relative, or a friend who would usually give them a gift at Christmas, and ask them to give the monetary value of the gift to this program so that we could, in turn, send our donation to UNICEF to provide life-changing gifts to children around the world. Some students even volunteered to take money from their own savings! Congratulations to those who responded by providing crucial aid to children living in areas affected by poverty, conflict or natural disaster. Thank you for your kind donations! Students participating were Candace Arsenault, Erinn Chambers, Emily Connell, Megan Coull, Spencer Daigle, Gabrielle Dubé, Chantal Gauvin, Jillian Harris, Brendan Matchett, Brittany Matchett, Michael McPhee, William Melanson-O'Neill, Lexie Mitchell, Hillary Morris, Talon Mullin, M'Kenzie Norton, Alecia Robichaud, Zachary Sullivan, Ryan Taylor, Robyn Travis. Items that our students are providing through this funding are anti-malaria tablets, bed nets, high-energy biscuits, measles vaccines, one bicycle, oral rehydration salts, polio vaccines, porridge, soccer balls.

Dark Skies and Dark Parties

The Grade 6 Purple Team are again participating in a Dark Skies exchange with University of Connecticut and other American schools. They will again monitor light pollution in the night sky and share their findings. In addition to this project, the Purple Team received enough Galileoscope telescopes for each student to participate in a sky gazing initiative.

With the help of Miramichi Rural School, they will host a Star Party and have the opportunity to visit the new space observatory at Miramichi Rural School.

Winter Wonderland

December 14th—18th found the students at Harkins Middle School participating in a “Winter Wonderland” of activities. Tuesday—:“Star Wars Snowball Fight”; Wednesday-“Find the Santa”; Thursday-“Rudolph’s Sleigh Relay”; Friday-“Door Decorating”. Themes for each day were Tuesday—“Red or Green T-Shirt Day”; Wednesday-“Scarf or Tie Day”; Thursday-“Red Nose or Antler Day”; Friday- “Festive Season or Santa Hat”.

Points were tallied and winning classes were:

Grade 6—1st	6L	Grade 7—1st	7B	Grade 8—1st	8F
	2nd 6E2		2nd 7A		2nd 8C
	3rd 6E1		3rd 7E & 7L		3rd 8B

In random draws, one student in each homeroom class was awarded a 2008-2009 yearbook at the December 18th Assembly. Winners were:6A-Patrick Haché, 6B-Kassidy Blackmore, 6C-James Murphy, 6E1-Megan Coull, 6E2-Ryan Taylor, 6L-Jillian Harris, 7A-Connor Ryan, 7B-Patrick Manderson, 7C-Sandra Duguay, 7E-Jacob Power, 7L-Lindsey Gallant, 8A-Chloe Joe, 8B-Graham Shunamon, 8C-Noah Savard, 8E-Karina Au, 8F-Jessica White.

Mrs. Sullivan invites you to check out our Harkins Middle School Home & School

As a result of our informational meeting held on December 3rd, we are very pleased to announce the offices have been filled by the following members.

Mrs. Peggy Bass—President, Mr. Darryl McKinnon—Vice President/Treasurer, and
Mrs. Sonya Mahibir—Secretary.

From The N.B. Federation of Home & School here is the “Why to Join”;



- We provide a forum for discussion between the home and the school.
- We promote quality education for all students in the public school system.
- We are an independent voice that can lobby the government on issues that you as parents bring forth at meetings.
- We are a strong unified voice having representation locally, provincially, and nationally.
- We provide information on many educational issues affecting the quality of education and school for children.
- We are partners with other educational stake-holders such as the New Brunswick Teachers' Association and the New Brunswick Department of Education.
- We are involved in fundraising for our school.
- We are involved in our children's education, the key to their success.

Watch for news of the time and date for the next meeting of our Home & School.

We are planning an evening (time and date to be announced) to discuss “Cyber Bullying”, a very sensitive issue, especially when it involves students.

Join with us and put forward your suggestions for other topics that would be of interest to you and to all our parents/guardians.

Home & School was started many years ago by concerned parents and is totally committed to bridging the link between “Home” and “School”!



Technology Club

The Tech Club has been following Harkins events closely and has prepared three new photo stories for your viewing pleasure. They were there to cover the Food Drive, Bully Awareness Week, the Grade 6 Web Potluck...and more! You may view these stories and find lots of other useful information about Harkins Middle School's happenings and events by checking out our website at hms.nbed.nb.ca (click on the **Video** tab for the Tech Club reviews).

Celebrate Heritage Week 2010 February 8-15.

BRR! COLD WEATHER FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Reminder to parents and students about dressing for the cold weather! When the temperature falls between -18 and -28, it only takes 5 minutes for exposed skin to freeze! If the temperature is below -28, it only takes 1 minute for skin to freeze! It's very important to take extra precautions to protect your face and hands. **Even though temperatures have not gone down to this degree as yet, students are coming to school with just a hoody on.** That's not enough! Please wear your winter coat, hat, and mitts or gloves. Layering your clothes also helps...that means to wear a shirt, then a sweater and/or a hoody, then your warm winter coat on top! **Parents, please encourage your child to dress for the weather! Sometimes they need a gentle reminder.**

Dates to Remember	
January 20	2nd HPV needle for Grade 7 Girls
January 26	Interim Report Cards issued. (No Parent-Teacher.)
February 8-15	Celebrate Heritage Week 2010
February 12	Blue Team Social (6-8:30 p.m.)
February 14-20	Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week
March 1-5	MARCH BREAK!
April 2/April 5	Good Friday/Easter Monday—NO SCHOOL
April 6	Report Cards issued.
April 8	Parent-Teacher (4-7 p.m.)
April 9	Parent-Teacher (9-11:45 a.m)/PD for Teachers (p.m.) NO SCHOOL
May (TBA)	3rd HPV Needle for Grade 7 Girls (Date TBA)
May 6/7	Subject Council for Teachers/NBTA for Teachers NO SCHOOL
May 24	Victoria Day—NO SCHOOL
June 25	Last Day for Students

Sports Shorts!

Hoop Season in Full Swing

The JV Boys played their first season game Thursday, with the tip off against Miramichi Rural.

The Varsity Boys will be attending a tournament in Campbellton January 23rd and 24th.

- Practice continues for the boys :
- Mondays (6-8 p.m.)
 - Thursdays (6-7:30 p.m.)
 - Saturday (11-1:00 p.m.)

Congratulations to the boys as they defeated Quebec 55-51 in action on January 10th!

The Varsity Girls Team had a successful "weekend win" as they captured Gold at the Bliss Carman Invitational Tournament. Well done Lady Blues! On Thursday, the girls defeated the Nelson Varsity Boys' with a 15-point break! Awesome!

In the event of an early dismissal/storm day closure, for the most part, students travel home on the same bus that they arrived at school on. Call the District Office for information on Storm Days at 778-SNOW (7669).

Harkins Middle School is a NUT SAFE SCHOOL
This means that some students have life-threatening allergies to all nuts (not just peanuts). Please ensure that no nut products of any kind are brought to school with your child.

"Blues News Ticket to Win"!!

Once you and your son/daughter have read this newsletter, please sign this ticket, cut it out, and have your child return it to the Homeroom Teacher by Wednesday, January 20th. One lucky ticket will be drawn for a movie pass!
My child and I have read the January Issue of Blues News.

Student: _____ Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Find us on the Web at
hms.nbed.nb.ca

-Need Homework? Please call the office by 9:30 a.m. and advise whether you will pick it up between 3-4 p.m. or want it sent home with another student.