

“LEST WE FORGET”

We encourage all our students, their parents/guardians, and family members to attend the Remembrance Day Services at the Civic Center on November 11th. You should arrive by 10:40 a.m.



Remembrance Day Assembly

Harkins Middle School will honour all War Veterans during our annual Remembrance Day Ceremony....

Date: Friday, November 8th Time: 9:30 a.m.

We would like to welcome all parents/guardians and special guests to our ceremony!

No School for students on Monday, November 11th.

WHY DO WE REMEMBER ON NOVEMBER 11TH?

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The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month – this is Remembrance Day in Canada. We gather at cenotaphs and memorials in over 2,000 cities, towns, and villages throughout this wonderful country. We stand with our head bowed and we wear a poppy. We take part in a simple, but very moving ceremony to honour the many Canadians who were killed in World War I, World War II, Korea, and on United Nations Peacekeeping Operations throughout the world. During the two minutes of silence, we think of these brave people who were in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Merchant Navy. Canadians remember those who paid the supreme sacrifice in many ways. But what should the Remembrance Day ceremony mean to you—today? You are young, yet are exposed to conflict on a near daily basis. The Gulf War, the strife in the former Yugoslavia, Rwanda, Chechnya, Afghanistan and many other places may have no direct impact on our lives as they are so far away. Perhaps the most important thing to remember is that many of those who were killed were not much older than you when they went to war. Some left their high school and university classes to fly airplanes while still in their teens. Others stormed the beaches of Sicily, Italy and France and still others fought the battle of the North Atlantic in tiny corvettes. For many, these actions occurred before their 21st birthday and some did not even live to see this birthday. When you obtain your poppy and while attending the Remembrance Day service in your community, particularly during the two minutes of silence, try and relate to those people who left their homes, friends, and loved ones to fight for Canada during those dark periods of world history. Above all else, we must remember those who went to war and did not return. They paid the supreme sacrifice to ensure that this great country of ours remained free and democratic. If you do this, you will understand the true meaning of remembrance. The person, who more than any other, was responsible for the adoption of the poppy in Canada was a Canadian Medical Officer during the First World War, Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae of Guelph, Ontario.

So, wear your poppy with pride and ‘remember’ on November 11th.

NO SCHOOL ALL DAY

FOR STUDENTS:

Monday, November 11th—
Remembrance Day

Friday, November 22nd—
Parent/Teacher

9-11:30 a.m.

PD for Teachers p.m.

A huge **THANK YOU** from the Red Team to all parents/guardians who helped out at our Halloween Dance. We appreciate your time!

STARS of the MONTH

	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
BLUE TEAM	Octavia Tucker	Billy Galliah
ORANGE TEAM	Alex Tozer	Isaac Tozer
PURPLE TEAM	Katelyn Hogan	Harley Siddall
RED TEAM	Shaylin McFarlane	Breanna
McLean		
YELLOW TEAM	Matthew Power	Alicia Ward



Storm Line to check whether school is open:
778-7669
(778-SNOW)



From Mr. Richardson in the Guidance Center



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Harkins Middle School will soon be implementing our Anti-Bullying Week program from November 18th to 22nd. The week is highly interactive and teaches students the tools and skills needed to deal with bullying, through a variety of methods. The lessons will be delivered during the period of Student Enhancement. Each lesson involves a short assignment/discussion. I encourage you to speak to your child about these lessons and to encourage your child to speak to someone should they ever be involved in a bullying situation.

The goal of this program is to empower students with the tools necessary to make socially responsible decisions and develop positive social skills, setting them up for success in the future. We would like to set the stage for students to learn more about skills that will prevent bullying and abuse. To help children avoid developing negative behaviours or becoming a victim, they need to develop the knowledge and skills required to keep themselves safe and in healthy relationships.

More importantly, it is critical that every parent understands bullying in every aspect and participates in discussions with your children during this week and revisits the topic with your children throughout the school year. Many children will not tell their parents of any bullying for embarrassment or fear of being blamed. While the school will take every measure to make sure all teachers and students understand our anti-bullying procedures and policy, we need each of you to be extra involved with each daily lesson plan (10 minutes of discussion with your child). Children must feel safe in school and in their community, in order for them to perform to the best of their ability and achieve academically.

Thanks for your support,

(The Harkins Middle School Anti-Bullying Policy 2013-2014 is found on Page 4 of the Student Agenda.)

Mr. Richardson

WINNERS IN THE 2013 GAS CAMPAIGN

\$100 Prizes/Sellers

Melissa Doucette (Hayley Legacy)

Kevin Curtis (Emily Austin)

Evelyn Comeau (Kaitlyn Comeau)

Bruce McConnell (Kristen Gillespie)

Leo Watt (Katelyn Hogan)

Patsy McKibbon (Thane McKibbon-Hachey)

Dale Morrison (Morgan Morrison)

\$1500 Prize/Seller

Edison Russell (Logan Savoy \$100)

\$500 Prize/Seller

Diane Stairs (Ben Stairs)

Prize

5th Place Seller	Nathan MacDiarmid	\$25 Gift Certificate for Wal-Mart
4th Place Seller	Brittany Mullin	\$50 Gift Certificate for Wal-Mart
3rd Place Seller	Kristen Gillespie	Mountain Bike (Boys or Girls)
2nd Place Seller	Emily Austin	iPod Touch (16gb)
TOP SELLER	Ethan Johnston	iPod Mini

Daily Winners:

September 9th	September 10th	September 11th	September 12th	September 13th
Colin MacDonald \$35	Ethan Johnston \$35	Hannah Firlotte \$35	Logan Sheasgreen \$35	Rebekah Harris \$35
Brayden Allain \$25	Shaylin McFarlane \$25	Colin MacDonald \$25	Rebecca Hare \$25	Matthew Brennan \$25
Ethan Johnston \$25	Julia Plaxton \$25	Cassidy Matheson \$25	Alex Leslie \$25	David Norton \$25



Ms. Barrieau sends the results of the Halloween Spirit Week!

Thank you to everyone who made this fun week possible. Special mention to all Homeroom Teachers, WEB Leaders, Mrs. Kingston, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Hamilton, Ms. Beers and Ms. Waye for helping during lunch activities. Results are tabulated by considering the participation of a class in the **daily dress code** and the **results of that class in the noon activities**.

Winning classes for Grade 6:

3rd Place: 6B (Mrs. McKinnon)
2nd Place: 6E2 (Mrs. Malley)
1st Place: 6E1 (Ms. Richardson)

Winning classes for Grade 8:

3rd Place: 8E1 (Mrs. Kingston)
2nd Place: 8B (Mrs. Stewart)
1st Place: 8E2 (Ms. Beers)

Congratulations to all teams who participated!

Winning classes for Grade 7:

3rd Place: 7T (Mr. Thompson)
2nd Place: 7B (Mrs. Perry)
1st Place: 7M (Mrs. McQuaid Murphy)

WINNING CLASSES/SCORES OVERALL:

3rd Place: 7B (Mrs. Perry—76%)
2nd Place: 6E1 (Ms. Richardson—83.5%)
WINNER OF THE COVETED GOLDEN SNEAKER AWARD:

1ST PLACE:

**7M (Mrs. McQuaid Murphy)
with an 85% Score Overall!**

Skating Schedule:

November 15th (Day 4):

8:30—10:00 Blue

10:00—11:30 Purple

November 29th (Day 3):

8:30—10:00 Orange Gr. 8s

10:00—11:30 Red Gr. 8s

December 6th (Day 3):

8:30—10:00 Orange Gr. 7s

10:00—11:30 Red Gr. 7s



Sports Shorts!

RESULTS FROM THE ANGLOPHONE NORTH DISTRICT SOCCER JAMBOREES:

JV GIRLS—The girls played a very hard first game again NSER, coming up short with a 3-0 loss. The heavy rain and wind did not dampen their spirits, coming up against Dr. Losier in the Bronze Medal game with a 1-1 tie to end regulation time. Coming down to that last shootout kick, Madison McLean scored the winning goal with an amazing shot on net to bring home the Bronze. Way to go Harkins!

JV BOYS— Congratulations to the boys for bringing home the Bronze Medal! Goal scorers were Isaac Tozer, Josh Russell, Gehrig Hale, William Falconer, and Jake Tweedie. The boys defeated Dr. Losier 10-5 to bring home a very respectable Bronze for HMS. Well done boys!

VARSITY GIRLS—The Varsity girls lost in a shootout to move into the Bronze Medal game. The girls came out on top in a 2-0 finish against Dr. Losier to come away with the Bronze Medal. Ya-hoo!

VARSITY BOYS—The Varsity Boys Soccer Team were crowned District Champs after two convincing wins at the Jamboree! In game one, it was a 6-0 Victory over Nelson. Goal scorers were Ryan Stephens, Brayden Allain, John Henderson, John Kingston, and Mikey McCarthy with a pair. In the Finals, it was the Johnny Kingston show, as he scored 6 times en route to a 9-0 Victory over Dr. Losier, teamed up with Mikey, Brayden, and Ryan who once again found the back of the net in the Championship Game! As always, Captains Mitchel Hallihan and Alex Tozer provided sparkling defense and leadership, while goaltender, Ben Freeze, recorded both shutouts between the pipes.

Coach Menzies & Coach Burns want to thank their boys for their hard work and dedication and to congratulate them on their fantastic stats, putting up 67 goals while giving up only 3 en route to an 11-0 record over the course of the season.

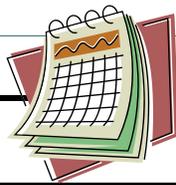
Under the supervision of Mr. Richardson & Mrs. Mutch, we now have a Noon Hour Activity Room at HMS which is open Monday—Friday, both lunches, for those students who signed up. Working diligently to make everyone welcome are hosts Jasper Firlotte, Jackson Lirette, Jasmine Lumsden, Carter McKinley, Nick Surette, and David Wilson. These students form our “meet and greet” team, meeting all participants at the door with a welcome smile and then helping them find an activity they would like.

Mr. Richardson has made up a schedule for the students who signed up for the Activity Room but all are welcome to join. It's not too late! Go to the Guidance Office, give Mr. Richardson your name, and he will put you on a list.

Games available to date are 2 ping pong tables, 2 air hockey tables, 2 Wii systems, a Sony play station, and several board games with the promise of a fozzle ball table to come! If anyone has something along this line to donate to our Activity Room, please call the school at 627-4088 and leave a message for our Guidance Counsellor, Mr. Richardson.

BRRR...Remember to dress for the weather! The temperature goes up and down, so remember to dress in layers.





DATES TO REMEMBER

November 8	Remembrance Day Ceremony at HMS (9:30 a.m.)
November 11	Remembrance Day NO SCHOOL ALL DAY
November 21	Parent-Teacher Interviews (4:30–6:30 p.m.)
November 22	Parent-Teacher Interviews (9-11:30 a.m.) PD for Teachers (p.m.) NO SCHOOL ALL DAY
December ?? (Date & Time TBA)	Family Night at HMS (includes entertainment & snacks for the whole family)
December 13	School Christmas Social—Dress Code Applies
December 20	Last Day before the break.
January 6	PD Day for Teachers NO SCHOOL
January 7	First Day for Students After the Break



Anglophone North School District is encouraging all schools in the district to promote the Food Drive for the 2013 Christmas Season. Each food item donated validates a ballot for a chance to win a prize for our school—the more donations, the more chances to win! Christmas 2012 the district donated 4,765 food items to the food bank and last year's prize draw for a multi-media system went to North & South Esk Elementary School. Here is a list of food items needed:

Nov. 4th–8th—Kraft Dinner

Nov. 11th–15th—Peanut Butter, Cheese Whiz, Jam

Nov. 18th–22nd—Cereal

Nov. 25th–29th— Canned Soup, crackers

Dec. 2nd-6th—Canned beans, milk, spaghetti, vegetables

Dec. 9th-13th—Boxes of Spaghetti, macaroni, and pasta sauce

Dec. 16th-20th—Canned meats, fish

CHESS is back at HMS under the guidance of Mr. Thompson.

Schedule as follows:

Day 1: Grade 7

Day 3: Grade 8

Day 5: Grade 6

SCRAPBOOKING with Mrs. McQuaid Murphy meets during lunch hour every Day 2 in her classroom, #210.

CHAT CLUB with Mrs. Campbell offers students the chance to send aid to orphaned children in Uganda through various entrepreneurial projects, as well as to keep in close touch via Skype broadcasting.

For a look at what's happening at Harkins Middle School, please visit our website at hms.nbed.nb.ca

Thanks to Ms. Barrieau, assisted by Mrs. Kingston, for their excellent work in keeping our website so up-to-date and informative.

More photos have been added to the site under the galleries for:

- Halloween Spirit Week
- HMS Cross Country
- Soccer
- and much, much more.

Check it out today!

Big Brothers/Big Sisters Boys & Girls Club presents the "Festival of Trees".

This year's theme..... "The Colors of Christmas"!

November 28th—December 1st

Daily 12–9 p.m. Sunday: Closes at 5 p.m.

Why not bring the whole family?

One price of admission for all: Adults: \$2 Children \$2

115 Maher St., Miramichi

Festival Information 778-2444 and on the web at

www.festivaloftrees2013miramichi.com

Decorated Christmas trees, wreaths, and gifts all available by silent auction.



Parents/Guardians Please Take Note

"Blue News Ticket to Win"!!

Beginning with this November Issue of BLUES NEWS, once you and your son/daughter have read this newsletter, please sign this ticket, cut it out, and have your child return it to her/his Homeroom Teacher **by Friday, November 8th.** One lucky ticket will be drawn for a movie pass!

My child and I have read the November Issue of Blues News.

Student: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

