

Happy February!

In February we mark the half-way point of the school year! It is hard to believe. We are getting outside as much as we can to enjoy this beautiful season; skiing, snowshoeing, sliding and playing in the snow. Please remember to dress for the weather. It has been a little unpredictable. Watch for information coming home from your child's teacher about special winter activity days.

Just a reminder, at drop off and pick up time, please do not park in the bus lane. The high snow banks are making our driveway smaller and smaller and our bus drivers need the space to drop off our students safely.

Our lost and found is growing. Please remind your child to have a look for any lost sweatshirts, hats or mitts. Remember to label favourite things as this helps us return them more quickly.

Report cards come home February 15th. Please connect with your child's teacher if you have questions or wish to discuss any concerns.

Have a great month and please contact the school should you have any questions, concerns or ideas.

Thanks,
Trudi MacKinnon
Principal



Mark you Calendars

Fri. Feb. 1	PA Day - NO SCHOOL
Fri. Feb. 1 to Sun. Feb. 3	Port Sydney Winter Festival
Tues. Feb 5	Nordic Ski Race Arrowhead Prov. Park, Mr. Marshall 8:50 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.
Tues. Feb 5	Volleyball Home Game After School
Wed. Feb 6	Jr Classes participate in Winter Activities
Fri. Feb. 8	Assembly A.M.
Wed. Feb. 13	Jr Classes participate in Winter Activities
Thurs. Feb. 14	Valentine's Day
Thurs. Feb.14	Volleyball Home Game After School
Fri. Feb. 15	Report Cards go Home
Mon. Feb. 18	Family Day - NO SCHOOL
Wed. Feb. 20	Jr Classes participate in Winter Activities
Wed. Feb. 27	Grades 4,5,6 trip to Arrowhead Provincial Park 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Wed. Feb. 27	Pink Shirt Day

School Council News:

Thank you to all the parents who put so much time and effort into making our school a great place for our kids.

School council is a great place to come and meet fellow parents and make an impact at our school. The next meeting is at 6:30 on Thurs Mar 7th in the library. We look forward to seeing you then.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennie Seward at 705 380 2564 or vkchairone@gmail.com



Junior Winter Activities

This year the Junior Division is going to be joining together to have some wonderful outdoor activities and learning together.

Mark your Calendars: Wed. Feb 6th, Wed. Feb 13, Wed. Feb 20th. Activities at the school will include cross country skiing, snowshoeing and an indoor activity.

On Wed. Feb. 27 Arrowhead Provincial Park for a day full of fun activities. Ms. Valliere's, Mrs. Marshall's, Mrs. Asmussen's, Mr. Marshall's Classes.



Dressing for the Great Outdoors

The outdoor learning environment plays an important role in the curriculum, providing students with opportunities to experiment and explore; ask questions and make observations; solve problems and build theories.

Please Include the following clothing

- Warm and waterproof hat and gloves/mittens that slip on and off easily
- Extra layers, including warm and waterproof winter jacket and snow pants
- An extra pair of warm gloves and warm socks (students should carry these in their bag).
- Winter boots

TRIPLE P PARENTING PRESENTS FREE WORKSHOPS

An Invitation for Parents from the Muskoka Triple P Network

Ideas for Parents of Children Aged 2 - 12

THE POWER OF POSITIVE PARENTING

Learn about the 5 key principles of positive parenting

Wed., Feb. 6th at The Huntsville Public Library 5:45 to 8:00 p.m., Healthy snack provided and free childcare.

Raising Confident, Competent Children

Discuss the 6 building blocks your child needs to succeed

Wed., Feb 13th at the Huntsville Public Library 5:45 to 8:00 p.m., Healthy snack provided and free childcare

Register at: www.muskokafamilyfocus.com or call: 705-645-3027, ext. 200

Port Sydney
WINTER CARNIVAL

February 1-3, 2019

Purchase Your Activities Wristband

Adults \$5.00 - Children 12 and Under \$3.00

Available at Jamieson's General Store and Port Sydney / Utterson Chamber of Commerce Office

Friday, February 1 - Activities

6:00pm to 8:00pm - Community Centre

Bon Fire • Hot Chocolate • Torch Light Tubing • Lions Club Skate Party

Saturday, February 2 - Activities

10:00am to 3:00pm - Community Centre

Tubing

Hot Drinks

Face Painting

Snowshoeing

Cookie Decorating

Broomball Tournament
(Register at Jamieson's General Store)

Skating at Lion's Rink

Silent Auction (All Weekend)

Yarn Circle with Knox United Church

Make and Take Craft with Port Sydney Daycare

Horse and Wagon Rides by Twin Maples Farm

Touch a Truck by Port Sydney Fire Department

Saturday, February 2

11:00am to 3:00pm

Community Centre

Soup & Grilled

Cheese Lunch

Chefs at Knox United Church
\$8.00 a Person

Tickets Available at Door

Saturday, February 2

8:00pm to 1:00am

Community Centre

Dance with DJ

\$15.00 - Sold in Advance

Tickets Available at
Jamieson's General Store or
Email "psparksandrec@gmail.com"

Sunday, February 3

9:00am to Noon

Community Centre

Pancake Breakfast

Port Sydney Parks and Recreation
Adults \$8.00 - Children 12 and Under \$6.00
Tickets Available at Door