



## DECEMBER NEWS 2016



December 2016 was a month unlike any other as we reached out to the greater community and provided for those in need within our midst. Several classrooms collected food items and bought Christmas gifts to make Christmas Cheerboard hampers, which went to support local families.

Donations from concert goers, in the form of a silver collection, provided a healthy sum, which supported the Middlechurch home's Santa for Seniors campaign.

Then children from the two grade 4s, a gr. 7, the 4/5 and the 2/3s industriously filled 319 shoe boxes to make Christmas a happier experience for the children of Red Sucker Lake First Nation. Due to the generosity of West St. Paul families and those of Beausejour School some small toys, school supplies, toiletries, food and clothing items were transported free thanks to Freight line and Perimeter Air.

In addition to this flurry of activity, students enthusiastically spent a number of weeks this fall practicing their musical selections in preparation for the annual Christmas concert. In order to fully showcase the talents of our 460 students two separate concerts were presented. The first night, Dec. 20 began with the Grade 6 band demonstrating their accomplishments followed by the quick footwork of the Gr. 3 tappers.

## A Season of Giving

Then each class, Kindergarten to Grade three, was featured. The evening was brought to a close with the grades 1/2/3 classes combined, one hundred forty voices strong, singing a lovely medley of tunes, which included Roger and Hammerstein's Edelweiss and My Favourite Things. Equally entertaining was the concert presented Dec. 21 by the children from Grades 4 to 8. The Grade 7 & 8 band shared their repertoire of Christmas songs followed by some pieces by the WSP Jazz band. A dance number by the Gr. 4 tappers preceded numbers by each intermediate class. The evening was rounded out with an exceptional performance by the jazz choir and then the gr. 4 & 5 one hundred voice choir, all thanks to the expertise and skilled instruction of our music specialists, Lianne Fournier & Earl Isaak.



The following morning, Dec. 22, Serina Shewchuk and Shelley Torz's team of committed volunteers, which included Dawn Moniz, Pat Fulcher, Maria Mathwig, Jeff Zylstra, Bryan Robertson, and Cathy Gingera, efficiently implemented the well oiled routine they have perfected over a number of years to make the 2016 pancake breakfast a huge success. In a short period of time 460 students and many staff devoured a record number of pancakes and sausages. The Middle Years dance completed the afternoon and students headed off for Christmas break.



### Highlights:

- *Christmas Cheerboard Hampers*
- *Santa for Seniors*
- *Shoebboxes for Red Sucker Lake*
- *Christmas Concert Dec. 20 & 21*
- *Pancake Breakfast*