

## Mistletoe Market

The elves are starting to collect items for the Mistletoe Market, being held on Dec. 17. Bring items you wish to donate to the school by Monday, Dec. 16.



## Dates to Remember:

Dec. 5 - Volleyball  
Jamboree - Gr. 5/6

Dec. 11 - K-6 Christmas  
Concert:  
2 pm & 6:30 pm

Dec. 12 - PAC Meeting

Dec. 13 - Report Cards  
go home.

Dec. 16 - 20 - Christmas  
Spirit Week

Dec. 17 - Mistletoe  
Market

Dec. 18 - Gr. 7/8 Drama  
Christmas Play

Dec. 20 - Last day of  
school

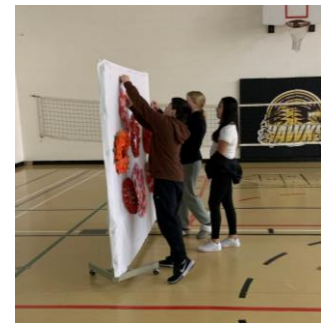
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# SMS NEWS

## November

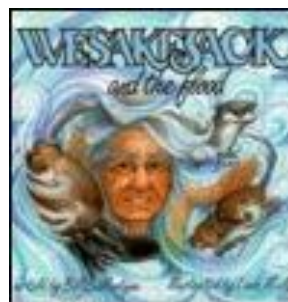
## Remembrance Day Ceremony

During our Remembrance Day Ceremony, we called upon representatives from each classroom to hang a wreath honoring the sacrifices made by our veterans and enlisted military personnel that assure(s) Canadian's the freedoms we enjoy. Our grade 1-4 students sang "Peace in my Heart". We had Jaxson Coutu and Jase Deprez, two of our grade 5 students, speaking on behalf of our student body. Finally, Lieutenant Colonel John Robbins shared some of his military experiences and his message regarding rights and freedoms.



## Elder Bill Visits SMS

Elder Bill Ballantyne is a retired teacher and author from the R.M. of Brokenhead. Elder Bill has authored several children's books including *Wesakejack and the Flood*. He visited Stony Mountain School earlier in the month to tell traditional stories from his own childhood. Students were highly engaged during Elder Bill's story telling over the lunch break. We look forward to having Elder Bill back again this school year! If you have any questions regarding Elder Bill, feel free to reach out to the school.



## Kindergarten News

The K's enjoyed celebrating Halloween at school. We also learned about Diwali and made Diyas in class. We will continue to explore family celebrations and traditions, this month.



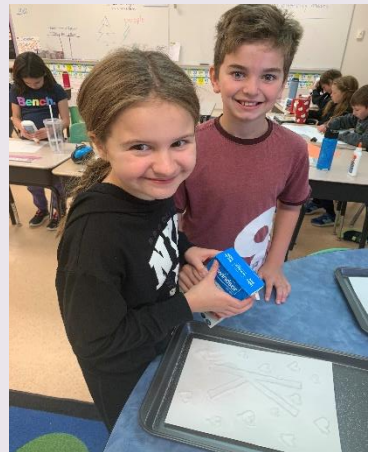
## 1/2 News

The grade 1 and 2's sang with the grade 3 and 4's at Remembrance Day Service. The grade 1 and 2's are busy practicing the songs for the Christmas concert.



## 3/4 News

The grade 3/4 classes have had a busy month! The three classrooms had two different guests visit this month. The Junior Achievement group visited classrooms to teach students about the money cycle and finances. Students got to interview their parents and learn about different jobs in our community. Later in the month, we had two guests from Take Pride in Reading come to the 3/4 classrooms to read a story and teach us about the three R's – reduce, reuse, recycle. All three classes are busily preparing for the upcoming Christmas concert.



## 5/6 News

In last month's newsletter, we wrote about Ms. Stewart's 5/6 class, and how they participated in the Recycle Everywhere Class Clean Up. The students toured around town to fill numerous garbage and recycling bags. They were entered into a draw and were chosen to WIN a class pizza party and \$5000 in school supplies. Congratulations to Ms. Stewart and her environmentally conscious class!



Care packages created by the 5/6 cohort have been completed and sent out with a personalized card added to each letter. Thanks again to our generous community for your support with this action project!

Students will be beginning to work on their SS cultural research projects in December. They will need to bring in a box (shoe box or slightly bigger) to complete their projects.

Our 5/6 MY Voice members have been working hard to make our school a better place! We appreciate their dedication and commitment to enhancing our school environment. We will be celebrating their hard work with a field trip on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Students will be going to the Christmas Cheer Board to help prepare packages, followed by a visit to the Human Rights Museum.



## 7/8 News

The 7/8 students have been busy working on completing assignments and writing tests to demonstrate their learning before report cards come out. To celebrate, they have had the opportunity to go on two field trips. The 7/8 Drama class attended Royal MTC's production of "The Play that Goes Wrong" on Nov. 7, and on Nov. 21, the entire group attended the Project 11 – Manitoba Moose School Day game.

The 7/8 life class had the chance to build a fire this month. After some work learning fire and burn safety, the life class built their own fire. This was capped off with some marshmallow roasting around the fire!



## Sports News

**Volleyball News** – The grade 7/8 Boys Volleyball Team had a very successful end to the year! After several strong games against Grosse Isle and Woodlands, the boys entered divisionals as the number four seed. After a tough start, the boys found their footing and ended up second in their pool. After an exciting win in the quarterfinals, the boys came up just short against Warren in the semis. They were able to end their season on a high note, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> after a thrilling three set victory over Stonewall. Overall, it was a great season for the boys!

The Grade 7/8 Girls Volleyball Team had a fun season! They ranked 1<sup>st</sup> overall in the regular season, and should be very proud of themselves for their strong work ethic, dedication, team work, and positive attitudes. They were a joy to coach! Unfortunately, they fell short at Divisionals, but fought hard. To end the season, the girls team played against the boys team and took on the Stony Mountain Staff! All the best as you move on to basketball, girls!



**Basketball News** – a sign up has been posted in the grade 7/8 locker area. Be sure to sign up if you are interested in playing for the Hawks this basketball season. Listen for announcements regard practices!



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