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The Claresholm school community works to develop literate, life-long learners who are:

- ♦ *Creative and critical thinkers*
- ♦ *Responsible and self-directed*
- ♦ *Ethical and involved citizens*
- ♦ *Able to adapt to change*
- ♦ *Team-oriented*
- ♦ *Effective communicators*

While achieving the provincially defined outcomes.



**Claresholm Schools  
CREATE Success!**

## “Christmas Wishes”

### *A Christmas Concert*

Starring: The Cast of the West Meadow Elementary School

Where: W.M.E.S. Gymnasium

When: December 20 at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Don't miss this amazing production of hard work and talent.

Parents with last name of M-Z are asked to attend in the morning and A-L please attend in the afternoon - if possible.

This program will be about an hour long, and in consideration of other families and children please stay for the entire program.

Admission will be a donation to the food bank.



Christmas Dress Up Day  
December 18

Dress Up like a Christmas  
Decoration!

Last day of school before  
Christmas Holidays is  
December 21. First day back  
for students is January 7.

Have a wonderful Christmas  
and a safe and Happy  
Holiday Season.

## Claresholm Schools Fundraising Society is selling FundScrip Gift Cards

We have a few cards available in the office. You can pick up an order form or order on-line at [fundscrip.com](http://fundscrip.com) using invitation code **4Q2XMT**. Order forms must be returned by **Dec. 4** in order to be ready before Christmas.

This is a great opportunity to surprise your friends or family with some cool gifts for Christmas and support our school!

Just a few samples of cards available are:

- Extra Foods - Home Depot
- Sobey's - Canadian Tire
- Subway - Wendy's
- Home Hardware - Toys R Us
- Chapters

Plus many, many, many more.



### Operation Christmas Child

W. M. E. S. would like to thank everyone who donated to Operation Christmas Child. Our Gr.6 classes made the boxes and the Gr. 3's filled them. 44 boxes were created that will make wonderful Christmas surprises for needy children around the world. Thanks again!

**We often see children arrive without proper winter attire.** Please ensure that your child has warm winter gear. With the exception of a very few inclement days the entire student body plays outside at recesses. Please keep your child safe by ensuring they have winter gear with them and if possible, an extra set of mitts and a hat in their back pack.

The Lost & Found box is full –  
Please look through it before the  
Christmas break, for any items that  
may belong to your child



**Remembrance Day - thank you to everyone who organized set up and participated in our Remembrance Day Ceremony. It was a wonderful tribute to our brave men and women.**



### School Council Meeting

December 18 at 6:30

Instructional Materials fees will be one topic on the agenda!

### Fundraising Society Meeting

January 21, 2013 at 7:00.



All parents are invited and encouraged to attend!

### November 30 – Deadline for ordering Cookie Dough and Cinnamon Buns!!

– These are frozen products which can be kept in your freezer. They are pre-portioned and will keep in your refrigerator for 3 months or in your freezer up to a year. – *Do your Christmas Baking easily!!!*



**Cookie Flavors include: Chocolate Chunk, Oatmeal Raisin, Peanut Butter, White Chocolate Macadamia, Triple Chocolate, Pecan Milk Chocolate, Circus Circus.**

### VOLUNTEERS

Please contact your child's teacher if you are interested in volunteering at school. We encourage you to share your special skills and talents, read with students, assist with numeracy activities and much more!

A criminal record check is required and can be obtained from our local RCMP detachment

### School Fees are due!

If you have forgotten how much they were, or would like to arrange a payment schedule, please contact Mrs. McLeod at the school office.



## WMES Snow Hills

WMES students had to opportunity to use our snow hills for a couple of days in November and had a great time. A Huge thank-you goes out to our Grade 6 leadership for fundraising and purchasing crazy carpets for everyone to use. We ask that students bring only crazy carpets from home and not hard, inflexible sleds. Hopefully, we will have snow again soon so that students can made use of our fabulous hills.



As part of our WE Day committee events, we are collecting pennies for a project call “WE Create Change” which goes to provide clean drinking water in 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries. There is a large tank set up in the office that is partly filled with pennies. The goal of the WE Day student committee is to have the tank filled to overflowing. We will be accepting pennies until the Christmas Break. Please help the We Team with this worthwhile global initiative.

## We Need Your Help!

Our hallways are more congested than normal at the end of the school day with students gathering and putting on their winter clothing to go home.

Please **remain in the common area** to meet your child after school. This will reduce added congestion that is causing us difficulty as well as providing the opportunity for children to independently get ready for dismissal!

Classroom teachers will ensure that your child is encouraged to meet you in a timely manner!

## By the Principal's Pen.



I would like to take this time to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and happy holiday! I am very proud of our students, families and staff for filling 44 boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Thank you so much for your generosity.

We have had an action packed first 3 months at WMES. Our student leadership team has been hard at work planning activities for the whole school – haunted and not so haunted houses for Halloween, Captain Respect and the Respectables have been teaching appropriate behavior in the school and we have had enough snow for a few days on the snowhill using the crazy carpets that they purchased. We have been taking part in cross graded activities such as buddy reading, noon-recess activities in the gymnasium and a peer playground patrol where Grade 6 students have been recognizing good behavior and assisting students with good decision making. Our We Team organized a successful “We Scare Hunger” food drive at Halloween and is currently collecting pennies for the Free The Children “We Create Change” program. These pennies will be donated to provide fresh water to communities and children who do not have this luxury. The We Team will continue to determine what action they will take and which “causes’ they will support and bring awareness to. The activities they organize will involve, inspire and engage the whole school and hopefully, some of the larger Claresholm community. Our crib club is drawing 20-30 Grade 5 &6 students and will soon include grade 4 students as well! Our Grade 4 Recycling Team and Grade 5-6 Safety Patrol team continue to make a difference at WMES!

I hope everyone has a safe and warm Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kathy Charchun

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Grade 5 Swimming 2:00 – 3:00	5	6 Grade 6 Swimming 2:00-3:00	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Dress like a Christmas Decoration   School Council 6:30	19 Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Concert	20 Christmas Concert—10:00 am and 1:00 pm	21 Grade 2 Swimming 9:00-10:00  Last day of School before Christmas	22
23	24	25 	26	27	28	29  <b>First Day Back January 7, 2013</b>

### December Birthdays:

3. Tristan O'Connor	10. Jackson Hamlyn	18. Max Sibbald	29. Caitlin Brufatto	
4. Robbie Hoffman	10. Alex Tourond	20. Grace Ferguson	29. Miriam Temem	
4. Henry Leishman	13. Mitchel Wicks	20. Kyler Mazerolle	31. Dakota Nicholas	
7. Brenndon Mackin	17. Taylar Kelly	26. Carter VanDyke		
8. Maleah Darch	18. Konnor Berg	27. Ian Webber		

