



# MINE CENTRE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS

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## Calendar of Events:

Wed. Nov. 11-09– Remembrance Day Assembly

Fri. Nov. 13-09– P. A. Day (no school for students)

Monday, Nov. 16/09– H1N1 & Seasonal Flu Shot Clinic 3-6pm in the School Library

Wed. Nov. 18-09-National Aboriginal Addiction Awareness Presentation– gr. 6-8

Thurs. Nov. 19/09– School Council Meeting– School Library 3-4pm

Monday, Dec. 7/09: First Term Report Cards go home

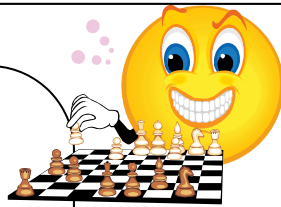
Thursday, Dec. 17– Christmas Concert @ 7pm

Dec. 21/09-Jan.1/10– Christmas Break



### Northern Ontario Chess Championships– Saturday, October 24/09

8 members of our chess team competed in the Northern Ontario Chess Championships in Thunder Bay. Reed Dennis, Ryan Stewart, Tiffany Morriosn, Cherish Johnson, Cynthia Morrison, Brandon Whitecrow, Destinee Perrault and Nic Dennis represented our school with excellence! Congratulations are extended to these students on their fine playing, sportsmanship and behaviour. We are very proud that they are members of our school community!



### Rainy River District School Board Protocol: Absenteeism Reporting During H1N1 Surveillance Period

In order to assist area health units with monitoring the number of cases of influenza in schools, schools of the Rainy River District School Board have updated phone absenteeism lines requiring parents to give reasons for their child’s absence, including flu like symptoms. When calling in a student absence, please give a short explanation for the absence; such as “My child is away today because of fever and cough”; “My child is absent because of diarrhea and vomiting”; “My child is absent due to an appointment” etc. Only aggregated information will be shared with the Board and public health; information on individual students will be kept confidential.



### School Website Updates

Our school website is in the process of being updated. You are encouraged to access information on our school website at:

**[http://www.tmenson.com/MCPS\\_WEB/mcps-main.html](http://www.tmenson.com/MCPS_WEB/mcps-main.html)**

Many thanks to Ted Menson who has been managing the site and will be looking after its maintenance until after Christmas. The Rainy River DSB will be revising its website template and providing training for school board personnel to maintain it in the new year.



**2009 GORD SAVOY MEMORIAL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS– Saturday, Oct. 31/09**

Congratulations to the LADY THUNDERBIRDS for their recent GOLD medal performance at the Gord Savoy Memorial Volleyball Tournament in Atikokan Ontario. The team played extremely well considering they lost a good portion of last year's line up due to graduation. The returning players showed a very noticeable improvement in their skills.



**Friday, Oct. 30th-Halloween Centres**

Many thanks are extended to our staff who planned and facilitated a fun filled day. Students participated in several centres throughout the day. In this picture, Mr. Saunders demonstrates a Halloween craft with Hailey Kabatay.

**Boat Races**

On Friday, Nov. 6th, four of our grade 7 & 8 students: Scott, Dana, Alyssa and Nic travelled to Dryden to participate in the Skills Canada cardboard boat competition. The students had 2 1/2 hours to build a boat using 2- 4 1/2 X 8 sheets of cardboard, 2 rolls of duct tape and some contact cement. The students followed a plan that they had designed with the assistance of Mrs. K. Dennis. After the building portion, Nic and Scott raced the boat from one end of the Dryden pool to the other. Once completing the race, Dana and Alyssa joined the boys in the boat for a weight bearing competition. Unfortunately, at this point, the boat sunk!! An excellent effort was given by all team members. Mrs. K. Dennis and Mrs. B. Dennis were extremely proud of "Team Tank"! Our team displayed excellent team spirit, cooperation and determination. Complete results will be posted on the Skills Canada Ontario website by the end of the week.



**Outdoor Clothing Reminder**

Winter is fast approaching and this is a reminder that students need to be properly dressed for outdoors. We suggest that students dress in layers—as it is often very cold in the morning, but does warm up somewhat in the afternoon. Unless it is extremely cold, children are expected to be outdoors during all break times!

