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## MORSE MEMORIAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**Literacy Corner:** Help! Parents are needed to help re-shelve the books in the book room. Also, we are still looking for donations of books for our book swap. A reminder: The November reading calendars are now due.

**Mt. View Annual Christmas Craft Fair:** This Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> is the Annual Christmas Craft Fair at Mt. View. The proceeds from this will go to support Project Graduation. The fair will be from 9 am to 3 pm. Free admission, lunch available, Christmas Trees for sale, and Santa will be there! They are in a new building with lots more space and lots more crafters. See you there!

**Books are Fun Sale:** This Saturday is also the Books are Fun Warehouse Clearance Sale. This is a great chance to get gifts at a discount. The sale runs from 7 am to 3 pm. They are located at 321 Purple Heart Highway in Brooks.

**Free Movies!:** The Colonial Theater in Belfast is sponsoring their 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Free Matinée Series. Shows are sponsored by area businesses each Saturday and Sunday between Thanksgiving and Christmas. All movies are 'G' or 'PG' rated. Everyone is welcome to attend, with family or without.

**Notification and Summary of No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Information for MSDA3:** The federal *No Child Left Behind Act* of 2001 (NCLB) requires all states, school districts, and schools to provide annual report cards to parents and communities that include Maine Comprehensive Assessment System (MeCAS) data disaggregated into subgroups, attendance and graduation rates, status of adequate yearly progress (AYP), and information on “highly qualified” teachers. This Report Card also displays statewide academic achievement results in grades four and eight on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) reading and mathematics assessments, as well as the participation rates for students with disabilities and limited English proficiency on the exam. Maine's NCLB Report Cards contain the following information:

**Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP):** Accountability information is provided for how well districts and schools are progressing toward all students being proficient in reading and mathematics. This system has been established to comply with the accountability provisions of *No child Left Behind*, which require, among other things, that each school makes “Adequate Yearly Progress” (AYP) toward meeting a national goal of all students being “proficient” in reading and mathematics by the school year 2013-2014.

**Qualifications of Teachers:** Information about the qualifications of teachers is provided for three areas; 1) the professional qualifications of teachers; 2) the percentage of classes not taught by teachers who are highly qualified in core academic areas such as mathematics, science, social studies, etc. This data is intended to help you understand the backgrounds and preparation of the teachers who are working with your child.

This NCLB Report Card details how Maine districts and schools are meeting the requirements of the federal NCLB legislation. More information about NCLB can be found at: [www.maine.gov/education/nclb/index.html](http://www.maine.gov/education/nclb/index.html) or by contacting the NCLB Clearinghouse at 624-6705.

More information is available on our website at [www.msad3.org](http://www.msad3.org) or on our Morse Memorial School site.

**Movie Night:** Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> we are having a Movie Night. This will be from 5:30 to 8:00. We will be showing the movie “*Santa’s Buddies*”. This event is free including hot chocolate, popcorn and cold drinks. Hope to see you there!

**Notes from the kitchen:** Just a reminder to make sure your child’s lunch balance is paid up. Any child who owes more than \$10 will be given a cheese sandwich for lunch. You can call Paula at 722-3636 to find out what you owe or with any questions.

**Holiday Concert:** Our concert will be held Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. Mrs. Dupuy has a great show planned. You don’t want to miss it! If anyone would like to make a dessert for the concert, please contact Mrs. Dupuy at 722-3636.

**PTCO Yard Sale:** It is not too early to start thinking about our yard sale. This will be held in the Spring. We are accepting donations now. You may bring them to the school or you may also call and have them picked up at your home. Thank you.

**PTCO News:** The meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup> is canceled.

**Winter Clothes:** Do you or your children need warm winter clothes? Do you know someone who does? Please call Debbie in the office (722-3636) and let her know gender and size. We have people who have offered to provide winter clothes. This will be kept confidential. Also, if you have any outgrown clothes you would like to donate to the school, they would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**Hannaford Helps Schools:** The Hannaford Helps Schools program will be ending on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. If you have any school dollars you haven’t turned in, they need to be submitted by December 18<sup>th</sup>. You mail either turn them in to Hannaford or send them in to school.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| <b>Saturday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup></b>  | Books are Fun Warehouse Sale<br>7am - 3 pm at Bob & Kristie Curtis's<br>722-3427 |
| <b>Saturday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup></b>  | Mt. View Craft Fair<br>Mt. View High School Gymnasium                            |
| <b>Wednesday, Dec. 9</b>              | Early Release Day, dismissal at 12:15  |
| <b>Friday, Dec. 11</b>                | Movie Night, 5:30-8:00 pm, Morse Gym<br>"Santa's Buddies" Free for all!          |
| <b>Thursday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup></b> | Holiday Concert, 1:30 pm Morse Gym   |
| <b>Friday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup></b>   | PTCO Holiday Craft Workshop for Morse<br>Students, during school hours           |