

MRS. MILLS KNAPP'S CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER

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Welcome 2015 and Ms. Guthrie



Art. Soon, and it feels like it could be any day now!, Ms. Guthrie will take over our Language and Music as well when I leave to start my maternity leave and she takes over full time. She has been a wonderful addition to our classroom, adding to our classroom dynamic, and helped to make this a smooth transition for everyone.

Monday for more detailed information.

We have also started writing persuasive speeches. Students have chosen a topic, narrowed it, researched it, and are now creating introductions to engage their audience. Our presentation dates are January 28th and 29th (with 2 exceptions—you know who you are!), with school presentations the week after, and area presentations the following week.

I hope you were all able to enjoy a wonderful holiday break with family and friends!

Despite all of these changes, we are moving ahead at full speed.

I wanted to take this opportunity to welcome Ms. Guthrie to our classroom. While I am unavailable to be with the class in the afternoons, Ms. Guthrie has come in and taken over Math, Science, Media Literacy and

On Monday, February 19th we are launching our Red Maple Program. I have conferenced with each student about their reading goals for this program. We have already begun reading a book together as a class, *The Last Train*, and we are hooked! Please look for the Red Maple Brochure coming home on

While my time with this wonderful class is winding down, I look forward to staying involved in their learning and their adventures in this grade 7/8 year. Baby boy and I will be in to visit just as soon as we are able ... But I'm not gone yet :) January and February promise to be busy, fun-filled months for everyone!

Contact Information

As we work together to instill in each child a sense of confidence, self-esteem, and responsibility, it is my hope that each will strive for his or her highest potential. If, at any time during the year, you should have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me as soon as they arise.

You may reach me by telephone at 705-728-3084, through notes in your child's Agenda, or in person anytime before or after school. It's always **best to make an appointment** to ensure my availability. Thanks in advance for your understanding and cooperation!

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Important Dates / Upcoming Events

- **Pajama Day:**
Thursday, January 29, 2015
- **PA Day (NO SCHOOL):**
Friday, January 30, 2015
- **Family Day Holiday (NO SCHOOL):**
Monday, February 16, 2015
- **Red Maple Think-Tac-Toe Assignments #1 and #2 Due:**
Friday, February 6, 2015 and Friday, February 20, 2015

Report Cards

Report cards will be coming home with your son/daughter on **Friday, February 20th, 2015**. Please take the time to review this together. It is always important to highlight strengths your child has shown, and work together to make a plan and set goals moving forward into Term 2.

