

# HUSKIES HIGHLIGHT REEL

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST :

- Report cards will be released on Thursday, November 17th.
- Parent teacher interviews will be held on Thursday, November 24th. Details on appointment times to be included with the report cards.
- Professional Development day for teachers on Friday, November 25th.

## HighLights

- Senior Boys Volleyball team won Silver in Division B of Volleyfest
- Senior Girls Volleyball team won Silver in Division A of Volleyfest

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## Animal Rights Club

The Animal Rights Club held a “Blanket Drive” during October to collect gently used towels and blankets, as well as donations of cat and dog food, for the SPCA. More than 10 bags of donated items were handed over to the SPCA last Thursday.

As a Christmas project, Club members are now asking for donations of non-clumping kitty litter. We’ve learned that this item is greatly needed, and the supplies be given to the SPCA just before Christmas.

The Animal Rights Club would like to thank all those who supported the Blanket Drive over the past month.



## Gold Medal for Morrissey

Congratulations to Eamon Morrissey on winning a Gold medal at the 2011 Provincial Taekwondo Championships in Gander this past weekend. Eamon had other great results this season as well as indicated below. Great job, Eamon!

- January - Canadian Junior National TKD Championships - Silver
- May - International Battle of Warriors TKD Championships - Silver
- July - Junior PanAm Trials - Second and named as backup for Junior PanAM Games
- November - NL TKD Provincial Championships - Gold
- 2011 TKD Junior Heavyweight Canadian Rankings - #2



### Math League

The Mathematics Department would like to thank the students who participated in the Math League competition organized by Memorial University and held at District School on Thursday, October 27. MPSH had two teams. Our team comprised of Courtney Aker, Tyler Hoyles, Katelyn Mavin, and Holley Skinner placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the competition -- congratulations team! Our team comprised of Erica Hayward, Catherine Kelly, Ashley Osmond, and Keihan Power also represented our school exceptionally well. All of these students competed with students from nine other schools and engaged themselves in fourteen mathematics questions. The next Math League competition will be held on Saturday, November 19.



### Environment Club

Members of the Environment Club would like to thank the students and staff who worked hard during the past two weeks to plant over 480 spring bulbs on our school grounds. Because of their efforts we can expect a beautiful display in the spring of 2012.

MPSH Helping Hands Fund is dedicated to supporting

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students in need throughout the school year. With Christmas fast approaching the demands on the Fund become more pressing. Please consider donating to the Helping Hands Fund when you visit the school during parent-teacher interviews.

We would like to extend our thanks to those who have

### MPSH Huskie Recognition Program

At MPSH, the Huskie Recognition Program acknowledges students for their many achievements. Students are nominated by their teachers or peers to be recognized for meeting one of the following criteria - academic achievement, work ethic, outstanding performance in a specialty area, creativity/ initiative, a commitment to volunteerism, or as a Huskie ambassador. These students are honored for their achievements and awarded a certificate at a Huskie Assembly. Also, two students who have shown true Huskie spirit are chosen and receive a \$125.00 Village Mall gift certificate. The winners at the first Huskie Assembly of the 2011-2012 school year were Michaela Quinlan and Justin Wheeler. Both Justin and Michaela received nominations in the areas of academic achievement and Huskie ambassador.

### MPSH Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club provides the students of MPSH with an opportunity to begin their school day with a nutritious snack. It has been a great success with 75 to 100 students availing of the program each morning. All students are welcome and encouraged to come and grab a bite or just socialize with their friends.

Our menu offers a variety of foods including fruit – apples, oranges, bananas, grapes, etc. – homemade muffins, toast, bagels, English muffins, yogurt tubes, juice, white and chocolate milk, cheese, hot chocolate, and snacks to grab and go. Also, smoothies are available on Friday morning.

Food or monetary donations are greatly appreciated.

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### Gros Morne Trip

The morning of October 19th, forty-seven students and four chaperones boarded the bus and left the high school's parking lot to embark on a four day geographical trip to Gros Morne, located in Western Newfoundland. On the way we stopped by the Salmon Interpretation Centre in Grand Falls-Windsor, took pictures of the Exploits River, the changing colours of the leaves and everything else around us. After our short visit, we headed back on the road.

A few hours and a pit stop later we arrived at Killdevil Camp, our home until Saturday. The camp ground was spacious: cabins were placed around an open grassy area with the cookhouse, shower hut and campfire right across the field. Once we got settled into our cabins, we made way to the cookhouse for supper and "Icebreakers". The evening went by quickly with the visitation of a mama moose and her young and a bold fox joining us for late night conversations around the campfire.

Thursday morning started off early with breakfast and an outside class about moose (their food, bodies, habitat and "scat"). By lunchtime, we were all on the bus with our brown bagged lunches, ready to visit the Discovery Centre, Tablelands and Trout River.

At the Discovery Centre we were welcomed by Cedric, our tour guide for the day remaining and the next. Inside, we watched a short video on Newfoundland and worked on an assignment with the help of the information displayed in the building. Outside, we walked on Earth's mantle, the Tablelands and learned a lot from Cedric with his entertaining teaching skills. A half hour later pictures were being taken of the Old Man sea stack located in Trout River and sea shell seaching in a delta. Like the night before, the day was ended with a campfire.

For some of us, Friday morning started off with a small hike to the beach at 6:30 AM. After breakfast, we had the privilege to take part in a sacred Mi'kmaq ceremony and learn about their beliefs. The rest of our morning consisted of a bus ride to Green Point where we would meet Cedric again to learn about different types of rocks. In Green Point, Cedric held a class that he called "Geology 101" and also gave us the opportunity to look for fossils. After thanking Cedric and departing Green Point, we made our way to the Western Brook sand dunes, visited sea arches and also took a 3km hike to the Western Brook fjord, finishing the hike right when the rain started to pour. The bus ride back to the camp grounds gave us a chance to rest after the past couple of hours on our feet. The rest of the evening was full of down time with one more campfire before the trip was over.

Saturday was an early rise with cleaning the cabins and making sure everything is packed away for the eight hour bus ride back to Mount Pearl. Before leaving the national park, a group picture was taken in front of Killdevil Mountain.

Gros Morne has been a trip everyone thoroughly enjoyed and gave us the opportunity to learn outside the classroom experiencing everything first hand. Whether you're interested in Newfoundland's geological structure or just want to take in the beautiful scenery, Gros Morne is a site to see.

## *Writing 2203 Students Meet Minister Jackman*



*Photo by Keith Gosse/the Telegram* Education Minister Clyde Jackman (third from right) visited Mount Pearl Senior High School Monday to watch students use copies of *The Telegram* in the Newspaper in Education program. From left are Nicole Noseworthy, Caitlin Harty, Telegram publisher Charles Stacey, Jackman, David Barnes and James Randell.

On Monday, Nov. 15, four students of the school met the Minister of Education, Clyde Jackman, and Telegram publisher, Charles Stacey, while showing their work with the newspaper for a journalism unit in Writing 2203. They were asked to participate in a public relations launch of the Dept. of Education's \$10,000 annual contribution to a program which offers both print and digital editions of the paper to schools.

Education Minister Clyde Jackman, a former teacher, asked the four students questions about their study at MPSH and how they use the papers in class. His hope was that the papers will give students more information about their world. "It's current affairs, and our young people need to be aware of that," Jackman said to Telegram writer, Colin Maclean.

The four students impressed the Minister with their knowledge and understanding of media and current events. As a teacher ten years ago, his fear was that students would become less aware of the media and its role. Nicole, Caitlin, David and James proved his fear to be groundless, thanks to the efforts of the Newspapers in Education program and the Dept. of Education's commitment to it.