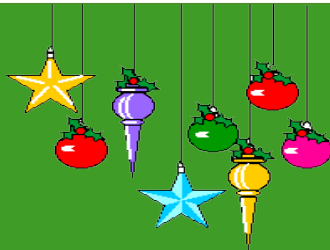


DECEMBER 2014



# EVERGREEN *Exchange*

## *Professional Development Sessions*

On November 20<sup>th</sup>, our ATA local hosted a “Benefits and Healthcare Spending Information Session” at École Mountain View School. The session was led by an ASEBP specialist who was able to answer a variety of benefit-related question. Many were in attendance. Teachers are encouraged to take advantage of the Healthcare Spending Account to reimburse health-related expenses. For more information about benefits, please visit [www.asebp.ab.ca](http://www.asebp.ab.ca)

There will also be a “Retirement Information Session” offered in the new year. On Saturday, March 7, 2015 from 9:00am to 3:00pm, teachers are welcome to attend this informative and interactive workshop. Various topics will be covered including ATRF information, benefits in retirement (ASEBP), and teachers will have a chance to speak one-on-one to knowledgeable representatives. Sign-up sheets will be in each school and the location will be announced shortly. As this is a very interactive day, videoconferencing will not be an option.

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Meeting is Monday,  
Jan 12th at 5:00pm  
in Niton Junction



# In Our Schools...

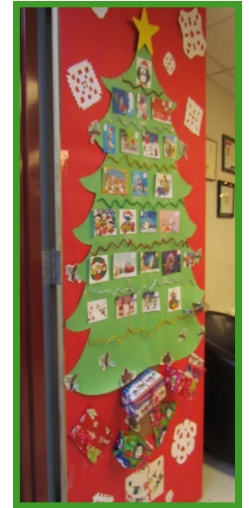
Jasper students and teachers had the chance to participate in some great activities related to Astronomy. As the town of Jasper was celebrating their annual Dark Sky Festival, several activities were planned in the school. Among these activities, students had a chance to listen to several feature speakers that came to make some great presentations to the entire school. They also went outside, with some special equipment, to look at the solar eclipse. This great week of activities concluded with students, as well as staff, building rockets and launching them!



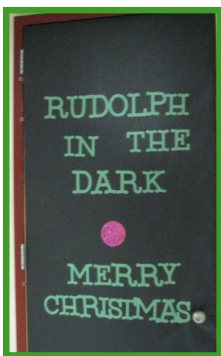
Jasper Gr. 5 and 6 students participated in the “Kids Helping Kids” session on October 27<sup>th</sup> at the Pyramid Lake Resort. Students learned how to be good conflict mediators and how to help manage difficult situations.

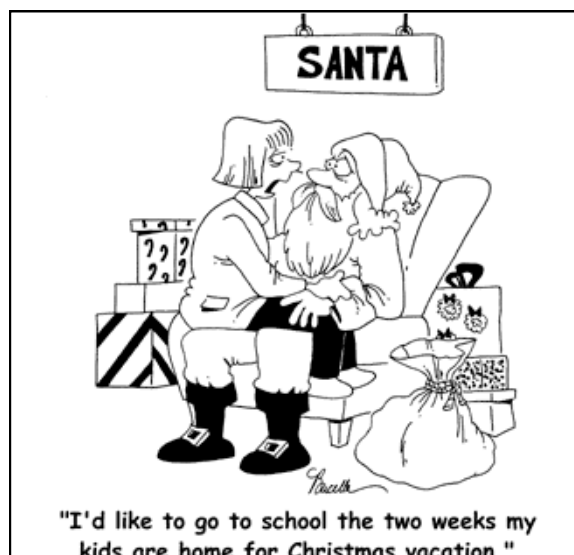






Students and staff of Grande Cache Community High School and the SonRise Program had fun showing off their creativity in the Christmas door decorating contest. Great job everyone!





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## The Evergreen #11 2014/2015 Local Includes...

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**Principal Rep** - Robin Hengel

## December Contest!!

Can you decipher these common Christmas Carols?

1. Happiness to the Global Ecosystem
2. Small male percussionist
3. I am experiencing nocturnal visions of a colorless holiday
4. Festoon the Corridors
5. A Non-summer fairytale area
6. Oh holiday conifer
7. Ten plus two twenty-four hour periods of holiday festivity
8. Hey tiny city in Israel
9. In a remote location in a barn stall



Please submit all answers to  
[jessicawestergard@hotmail.com](mailto:jessicawestergard@hotmail.com)

*(The contest is open to all non-CSR members)*