# Toward Excellence

# Weekly Bulletin

### Children's Books Sought

NMCC students and employees are partnering with the ACAP to brighten and enrich the lives of area children by collecting and handing out children's books during the Holiday Lights Parade.

During last year's book drive, NMCC volunteers collected and distributed a record 6.000 books to youth along the parade in downtown Presque Isle. The campus is once again planning to accept book donations in advance of the parade and is hoping for help from the community.

This year's efforts have gotten a big boost in the form of a partnership with ACAP. The Countybased non-profit will help in the collection of books in the coming weeks and assist with distribution at the parade on December 4. The collaboration will make donating books more convenient for community members throughout the region by offering more dropoff locations.

Those with new or used children's books to donate may drop them off at the information window in the main lobby of the Christie building at the College, 33 Edgemont Drive Presque Isle; ACAP Main Office, 771 Main Street Presque Isle: ACAP Park Street Center, 44 Park Street Presque Isle: ACAP Employment & Training, 91 Military Street Houlton: ACAP Fort Kent Child Care Center, 40 Alfalfa Avenue; or ACAP Caribou Child Care Center, Bowles Rd Caribou.

The book collection effort will continue through November. For more information, or to arrange for a pick-up of a larger quantity of books, contact the NMCC development office at 768-2809.

# **Jason Parent Named to MaineBiz's Next List**

Jason Parent, NMCC's director of development and college relations, was recently named to Mainebiz's Next List, a list of 10 people shaping the future of Maine's economy. He was recognized in great part due to his role as president of the Maine delegation organizing the 2014 World Acadian Congress. The event, scheduled for August 8-24, 2014, is estimated to draw in as many as 50,000 people and generate up to \$50 million in economic impact across northern Maine, northwestern New Brunswick, and southeastern Quebec. For those who have not seen the article, you can view it on-line at www.mainebiz. biz/news47032.html. A number of employees and members of the General Advisory Council and the NMCC Foundation had the opportunity to congratulate Jason in person at a surprise reception held on campus on October 22.



President Tim Crowley and Jason Parent at the surprise party held for Jason on campus on October 28.

## **Campus Visitors to Review Two College Programs**

Visitors from external organizations will be on campus this week to review two programs in the Nursing & Allied Health Department. These reviews are designed to evaluate and determine program quality based on national or state standards.

Site evaluators from Maine Emergency Medical Services will be on campus on Tuesday, November 2, through Thursday, November 4. They will be reviewing the college's EMS training center. NMCC is seeking renewal of its state approval for another five-year period.

"This is important for the program as it verifies that NMCC's training center is meeting or exceeding the minimum required educational standards. It assures the EMS program is continuously involved in program improvement and evaluation," said Daryl Boucher, program coordinator for NMCC's EMS offerings and nursing faculty member.

A team will also be visiting on Thursday and Friday, November 4-5, from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs to review the Medical Assisting program. They will review program documentation, course outlines, evaluation instruments and program outcomes, meeting with various constituencies from across campus and in the community, including faculty, administrators, staff, students, recent graduates and regional medical professionals.

This site visit marks a key step in gaining CAAHEP accreditation for the program. Institutions applying for accreditation through CAAHEP are only able to apply after the first group of students have completed degree requirements and graduated from the program. NMCC began the process after its first class of medical assisting students graduated in May 2009.

For both of these allied health programs, the current site visit followed a comprehensive self-study of the respective program.

College employees are asked welcome our visitors to campus and to wear their name tags to make things easier for our visitors as they travel around campus this week.

# Lunch Menu

### Monday

Chesapeake Bay Corn Chowder Tomato Rice Soup Chicken Double Noodle Soup Meatball Sub Spinach Alfredo Ravioli Spaghetti Cauliflower Hot Pastrami Sandwich BBQ Bacon Swiss Mush. Burger Fried Chicken Patty Melt Seasoned Twister Fries Hawaiian Pizza Assorted Dessert

### Tuesday

Potato & Leek Soup
Minestrone Soup
Chicken Double Noodle Soup
Shepherd's Pie
Baked Macaroni & Cheese
Carrots
Grilled Ckn. & Chili Bowl
BBQ Bacon Swiss Mush. Burger
Fried Chicken Patty Melt
Seasoned Twister Fries
BBQ Chicken Pizza
Mediterranean Beef Panini
Assorted Dessert

### **Wednesday** Cream of Broccoli Soup

Chicken Vegetable Soup
Chicken Double Noodle Soup
BBQ Pork
Asian Sesame Pasta
Zucchini & Yellow Squash
Batter Dipped Potato Wedges
Italian Burger
BBQ Bacon Swiss Mush. Burger
Fried Chicken Patty Melt
Seasoned Twister Fries
Spinach/Bacon Flatbread Pizza
Whole Wheat Pizza Primavera
Chunky Chicken Salad Sand.
Assorted Dessert

### **Thursday**

Potato Chowder
Chicken & Rice Soup
Chicken Double Noodle Soup
Beef Taco
Tomato Basil Pasta
Corn
Red Chile Mexican Rice
Buffalo Chicken Sandwich
BBQ Bacon Swiss Mush. Burger
Fried Chicken Patty Melt
Seasoned Twister Fries
Taco Style Pizza
Rotini Marinara
Chicken Salad Croissant
Assorted Dessert

### **Friday**

Boston Clam Chowder
Beef Vegetable Soup
Chicken Double Noodle Soup
Singapore Chicken
Stuffed Shells
Broccoli
Herb Roasted Red Potatoes
Asian Shrimp Fajita
BBQ Bacon Swiss Mush. Burger
Fried Chicken Patty Melt
Seasoned Twister Fries
White Pizza Sicilian Style
Vegetable Pasta Mediterranean
Assorted Dessert

# Halloween Fun

The Student Senate sponsored several fun activities for Halloween, including their annual children's party, costume contest, Great Pumpkin contest and guessing contest. Congratulations to the those winning the costume contest, from left: Valarie Deschesne, most athletic; Patsy Carlson, best costume; David Genthner, most creative; and RoseMary Williams, best dressed. Each won a \$30 gas card courtesy of the Student Senate. Also receiving gas cards for winning the guessing contest were: Victoria Tanenbaum and Joan Mendoza, who tied with a guess of 201 for jar 1 (the actual amount was 202); and Shirley Wallace, with a guess of 2650 (actual amount was 2725).





Congratulations as well to the winners of the Great Pumpkin Contest. The winning entries were, from left: Erika Workman, most original; Melanie Davenport, most artistic; Austin Albert, most festive; Hillary Albert, most creative; and Cole Davenport, best carved. Each received a certificate and a bag of Halloween candy.

### **Weekly Movie Night**

Movie Nights will be happening throughout the semester on Thursday evenings beginning at 9:00 pm in the Reed Dining Commons. The movie playing will be posted earlier in the week with flyers in the resident halls and in the dining commons. This is a FREE event open to all students, employees and their friends/families. Snacks are provided.

Sponsored by Res Life & Aramark

### **Skating at the Forum...**

Students who present their NMCC student ID card at the door can skate for free at the indoor rink at the Forum. Call the Forum for times at 764-0491.

Courtesy of Student Senate

# **Hockey Team Plays Tonight**

The NMCC hockey team takes on the Wild tonight (Monday, November 1) at 7:30 p.m. at the Forum. Admission is free. Come and support your team!

# Events.

#### **MONDAY**

TRiO Workshop - Stress Management, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, Edmunds Conference Room Dutch Soccer Practice, 4:00 - 8:00 pm, Gym

#### TUESDAY

EMS Review, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, CED Classroom Little Feathers, 10:00 - 11:00 am, Gym Student Senate Meeting, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, CHR 201 PrISM, 4:00 - 5:15 pm, CHR 207 AYBL, 5:30 - 7:30 pm, Gym

### **WEDNESDAY**

EMS Review, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, CED Classroom
Faculty Management Meeting, 8:30 - 9:30 am, President's
Conference Room

**Safety Committee Meeting**, 9:00 - 10:00 am, Martin 3rd Floor Conference Room

AYBL, 5:30 - 7:30 pm, Gym

### **THURSDAY**

EMS Review, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Library Study Room 1
Medical Assisting Review, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Library Rm. 2
NMCC Foundation Annual Dinner, 5:30 pm, Library; 6:30 pm
Edmunds Conference Center

**Soccer Officials Meeting,** 6:00 - 9:00 pm, CHR 207 **AARA Meeting,** 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Electronics Classroom

### **FRIDAY**

Medical Assisting Review, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, Library Rm. 2 Equal Opportunity Committee Meeting, 9:00 - 10:00 am, Martin Third Floor Conference Room

Medical Assisting Student Meeting, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm, CHR 201

Medical Assisting Exit Review, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, Keegan Rm.

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