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Weather



TODAY:
SNOW, 2-4 CM
HIGH -2
SUNRISE: 7:23
SUNSET: 4:06



FRIDAY:
MIX OF SUN
AND CLOUD

HIGH -4
LOW -8



SATURDAY:
SUNNY

HIGH -3
LOW -17



SUNDAY:
60% CHANCE
OF FLURRIES

HIGH -3
LOW -7



MONDAY:
60% CHANCE
OF FLURRIES

HIGH -2
LOW -6

Celebrating the season with the Boys and Girls group in Potton



THE SCOOP

MABLE HASTINGS

Last Friday, the Missisquoi North Youth Centre Boys and Girls Groups celebrated in the spirit of the season by joining together for the annual Christmas party held at the Youth Centre in Mansonville.

Boys and girls groups are weekly afterschool programs offered by the Volunteer Centre for youth aged 5 to 12. The boys group meets Thursdays after school until 4:30 p.m. and the girls group meets Fridays after school until 4:30 p.m.

The annual Christmas party brings the youngsters from the two groups together for an afternoon of holiday fun.

The afternoon began as the children arrived at the centre from school where

they were treated to a horse drawn sleigh ride provided by Roger and Adam Cote from the Cote Meadows Farm.

Following the sleigh ride the youth let their creative juices flow as they made reindeer bird feeders and mason jar candles as gifts to take home to their parents. Candy cane limbo, freeze dance and fun followed as those gathered danced up a storm. Shortly after that, Santa made a visit with presents that included a lime green T-shirt for each youth with the youth program logo.

The joyous spirit of the season rang through the air as the youth enjoyed healthy snacks and delicious punch while sharing their excitement with friends.

Staff and volunteers were pleased with the turnout and enjoyed watching the smiles on the kids' faces as Santa handed them their gifts.

"I've had the pleasure of filling in at the Youth Centre in the position of Assistant to the Youth Director, a position normally filled by Sarah Jersey who is on maternity leave until January," explained Eleanor Cote.

"Sarah will return in January and I am proud to say that I have been hired to continue on at the Youth Centre as an Animator for the older youth Drop-in



group," she added.

Eleanor along with temporary youth animator Julia Hastings and volunteers Norma Clifford and Melissa Paige kept the children busy and at the party's end, the children and their parents were wished the very best of health and happiness for the holiday season and the coming New Year.

One of the younger youth summed up the day perfectly when he said, "I had a great time and I loved the sleigh ride but, I find it really hard to believe that Santa wears pink running shoes!"

To find out more about the Volunteer Centre's Boys and Girls Groups, visit the website at www.cabmn.org or call the Youth Centre at 450-292-0307.



Ben by Daniel Shelton

