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## February Newsletter

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Gr. 3-5 Art Club  
Gr. 4/5 Boys Basketball  
Gr. 2-5 Chess Club  
Gr. 4/5 Band  
Gr. 4/5 Girls Basketball  
Gr. 3-5 Drama Practices (see schedule)  
Deadline to Register for Music Festival  
Gr. 4/5 Girls vs Hartland  
Popcorn on sale \$2.25  
Gr. 4/5 Boys Tournament in Canterbury  
Double header vs Keswick boys and girls at home  
Kindness Meeting #2  
Staff Appreciation Week  
Valentine's Day Parties, Sock Hop at recess  
Curling for 3/4K and 4/5J  
District Chess Tournament in Centreville  
Gr. 4/5 Girls vs Northern Carleton  
Curling for 3L  
National Kindness Day  
Family Day- Holiday- no school  
Tentative 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School  
Curling for 3M, 4M, 4/5A  
Gr. 4/5 Girls vs Perth  
SRC Dress Up Day- PJs for 50 cents  
Winter Carnival  
Yoga instructor in gym classes  
Pink Shirt Day (orders due the 7<sup>th</sup>)  
Skating for 1/2M, 2B, 4/5J, 4/5A  
Skating for KC, KS, 2D.3M.3L  
February Birthday Cupcakes Served  
Gr. 4/5 Girls vs Keswick (tentative)  
Skating for 1C, 1R, 3.4K, 4M  
March Break ...no school

### Happy Valentine's Day!

Valentine's Day is on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Teachers will hold parties for their classes on that day. Students may exchange valentine cards if they wish. Please remember to only send in treats that are nut free. There will be a sock hop in the gym first recess for those students interested.



### Pink Shirt Day

We are celebrating Pink Shirt Day on February 28<sup>th</sup> and are encouraging students to wear a pink shirt that day. If you are interested in purchasing an official Pink Shirt for the occasion, please send in your order by Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be celebrating National Kindness Day with our Kindness Teams on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>.

### SRC

Students will have an opportunity to wear their PJs on Feb, 23<sup>rd</sup> as part of our monthly dress up activities. There will be a prize for best dressed for those paying 50 cents. Popcorn will once again go on sale on Fridays until supplies run out. Popcorn can be paid for online (preferred) or in cash using our paper copy. The cost is \$2.25.

**Chess**

We have had almost 40 grade 2-5 students take part in chess after school on Mondays. The district tournament is in Centreville on February 15<sup>th</sup>, and we can take two students from each grade. We will hold an in-house tournament on February 5<sup>th</sup> and continue it on February 12<sup>th</sup> after school to help us select qualifiers. The top two winners from each grade from this tournament will advance to the district level. Please make sure your child is in attendance if they are interested in competing. Students can now register for the Provincial Online Chess Qualifier on Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM - 4 PM, played in lichess.org held on zoom. The qualifier is to narrow down the field of players that will participate in the Provincial Tournament at the Moncton Coliseum on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

**PSSC**

The NES Parent School Support Committee is proud to work collectively toward improved education development and student achievement, while supporting open communication. We meet on a bi-monthly basis, and meetings are open to the public. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the library. As you may know, February 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> is teacher & staff appreciation week! During this time, we'd love to show our appreciation for all of the wonderful staff at NES by providing them with treats throughout the week! If there are any parents who would like to contribute to this wonderful cause please feel free to contact me by email: [kadavidson95@gmail.com](mailto:kadavidson95@gmail.com) or by phone: 1-506-230-2315. We are planning a Cruising theme with a different destination each day. Monday- Destination Switzerland- all things chocolate, Tuesday- Destination France- pastries, sweets, macarons etc. Wednesday- Destination Hawaii- all things tropical- fruit and veggies, Thursday- Destination NYC- bagels & cream cheese, and Friday- Destination Italy- tiramisu, biscotti, cannoli, gelato. Admin will be providing a pizza lunch for the staff that day as well. Appreciation templates will be sent home as well if students would like to send a special thank you to a staff member. Thank you in advance for your consideration! Please be reminded that NES is a nut safe school. Thanks in advance.

- Kelsey Davidson, PSSC Chair

**February Birthdays**

Happy birthday to our February birthdays this month to Flora Saunders, Ava Pelletier-Landry, Joshua Sherman, Rondo Simon, Rogan Mabie, Bennett Brawn and Ms. Michaud. We will deliver birthday cupcakes sponsored by J-Lynn's for February birthdays on February 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Nackawic Music Festival 2024**

Nackawic Music Festival is pleased to announce the NINTH annual music festival in which local students and schools may participate. The Nackawic Music Festival will be held April 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> using an area church and local schools as venues. The online registration deadline for entering is February 8, 2024. The syllabus for the 2024 Nackawic Music Festival is currently available on-line at <http://www.nbfmf.org/nackawic-music-festival/>. Competition will be offered at various levels from beginner to advanced, in the following disciplines: Voice, Piano, Strings, Guitar, Woodwind, Brass, Percussion, Chamber Ensemble, Musical Theatre, Speech Arts, Choral, Band, Orchestra and Dance. Each performance will be adjudicated and receive instruction from a specialist in the discipline. Students, classes, bands, and choirs are encouraged to participate in the festival. If they are interested and/or need assistance with choosing repertoire, please have them contact the school or their music teacher. Original musical scores are required (please speak to the music festival liaison at your school for more info). Your child's class may be participating in the non-competitive classroom singing, choral speech, rhythm band, or dance classes. The festival also offers school, church and community choirs and bands a choice of competitive or non-competitive participation. Once registration is live, entries will be received online at <http://www.nbfmf.org/nackawic-music-festival/> and payments can be made via etransfer [nackawicmusicfestival@gmail.com](mailto:nackawicmusicfestival@gmail.com) (in the note of etransfer, put your child's name/category) or cash delivered to Melissa Lagacy (please contact for further drop off information 506-575-9626). If you have any questions about the syllabus or registration process, please contact Melissa Lagacy at 575-9626 or [nackawicmusicfestival@gmail.com](mailto:nackawicmusicfestival@gmail.com). If you would like to be involved in volunteering at NMF 2024 or supporting the festival, please contact: Melissa Lagacy (contact info above).

**Holidays**

Family Day will take place on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> and there will be no school for students. March Break runs between March 4<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> this year. We wish everyone an enjoyable holiday and we thank you for your ongoing support. Stay safe everyone!

**NES HEALTHY MINDS**

We would like to thank our most recent donors: Arlene and Bob Small, and those who donate monthly at our Redemption Center (Roxie Moffitt, Nackawic Motel and Pizza Twice). Also a special "thank you" to the Riverbend Chapel for their donation of mittens. If you have any questions about our program please contact Mrs. Priest at 506-575-6000.

**Skating**

We will continue our schedule for free skating by class this month. We are always looking for family volunteers to assist with tying skates. If you are interested, please contact the homeroom teacher. All volunteers need to have a volunteer package completed which includes a criminal record check and Policy 701 training before going. This can be picked up in the office. Students will need a helmet and skates to take part. We do have some extra skates at the school we can trade or loan.

Just let us know. Skating times:

**Feb.28**

8:45-9:45 1/2M and 2B  
10:45-11:45 4/5J and 4/5A

**Feb. 29**

8:45-9:45 KC and KS  
10:45-11:45 2D, 3M, 3L

**March 1**

8:45-9:45 1C and 1R  
10:45-11:45 3/4K, 4M

**Basketball**

We have appreciated all our coaches who have taken on the responsibility of the basketball program including Rahshida and Derrick Atkinson, Craig English, Jen Fox and Michael Simon. Basketball will wrap up the end of this month. Players are asked to make sure athletic fees are paid if not done so already. The games set for this month include:

- Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> NES vs Hartland 4/5 Girls
- Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> NES @ Canterbury 4/5 Boys
- Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> Doubleheader Keswick @ NES Girls at 4:30 and Boys at 5:45
- Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> NES @ Northern Carleton 4/5 Girls
- Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> @STU women's game at 6pm (team event)
- Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> NES vs Perth 4/5 Girls
- Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> NES vs Harvey B
- Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, NES @TBA 4/5 Girls

**100th Day of School- "The Giving Tree"**

Our school will be collecting toonies to help support Volunteer and Family Services in Woodstock. They support our families in Nackawic and bring food for our Breakfast Program. We will be celebrating the 100th day on February 20<sup>th</sup> (pending date depending on storm days between now and then). A sheet will be coming home explaining our "Giving Tree". We appreciate any support families are able to give! Thanks in advance!

**Winter Carnival**

We will hold our annual winter carnival event the week before March Break. Students participate in dress up days and recess activities to promote school spirit. Each team will gain points for participating and the team with the most points at the end of the week will receive a pizza party. The pie throw is back and is always a favorite! Information sheets will go home to explain activities in the coming weeks. Our theme this year is Kindness!

**Weather**

With the colder weather, remember to have children dressed warm for outdoor recess as well as during visits to our outdoor classroom. Labelling ski pants with your child's name would be appreciated as they often get mixed up or lost. If the wind chill is below -15, we will be inside. An extra change of clothes (especially mittens) is also handy in case clothing gets wet.

**Curling**

Grades 3-5 students enjoyed having Rocks and Rings in gym classes in January and are ready to give it a try on the ice at the Nackawic Curling Club. Students are asked to wear a helmet and return the permission slip and curling club waiver for this opportunity.

**Feb. 14**

8:45-9:45 3/4K  
10:45-11:45 4/5J

**Feb. 16**

8:45-9:45 3L

**Feb. 20**

8:45-9:45 3M  
10:45-11:45 4M  
1:15-2:15 4/5A