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May Newsletter



May 9-10	Jump Rope for Heart in Gym Classes
May 1-29	VanGo Art Exhibit in the Library
May 3	Subject Council Day- no school for students
May 6	Pre-K Parent Information Night
May 6	World's Unbound Science Presentations
May 14-28	Provincial Assessments -Grades 4 and 5
May 9	Author visit to K-2 Prime Classes
May 10, 17, 24, 31	Free Hat Days for students, Popcorn Days (\$1.25 SALE)
May 12	Happy Mother's Day
May 13	NBTA Meeting...no school for students
May 16	Bingo Fundraiser for the Playground at 6:30 pm (doors open at 6:15)
May 17	Draw for Books for Bikes
May 20	Victoria Day... <u>no school</u>
May 22	Turn Around Award Ceremony
May 23	Playground Committee Meeting at 6pm
May 23	Pre-K Visit from 12:40-2:15 pm
May 24	Earth Rangers Presentation
May 27	Frisbee Rob visits
May 28	Spring Concert
May 29	4/5J Field Trip
May 30	Drama Club to Drama Festival
May 31	May Birthday Cupcakes
May 31	SRC Fun Day- Dress like a Spy Day-50 cents for contest
June 7	Drama Presentation of Frozen at 10:30 am and 7:00 pm

Provincial Assessments

Students in grades 4 and 5 will write Provincial Assessments between May 14th-28th. Grade 4 will write English Reading and Scientific Literacy; Grade 5 will write Mathematics (for English Prime students) and Grade 5FI will write Mathematics and French Reading. Results will be reported at the Provincial, District, and school levels in the fall of 2024. It is very important that students not miss any school during this time and be well-rested and nourished.

Books for Bikes

Our Masons from Granite Lodge #54 will do the draw for bikes on May 17th at 1:00 pm at our assembly. As you know they sponsor a reading program at our school that has been running since January where students were encouraged to read a book and fill out a ballot to have their name entered for a draw for one of two bikes per grade. There is still time to enter ballots. Check with the school if you need more ballots.

Worlds UNBound

UNB Science students did workshops with students on May 6th in each class. This was well enjoyed by students. Let's Talk Science also performed experiments with students on April 24th.

Jump Rope for Heart

We kicked off our campaign on May 1st with pledge forms sent home. Our jump event will take place in gym classes on Thursday, May 9th and all pledges must be returned by May 10th. A portion of the funds raised goes back to the school. Students can earn other prizes based on the sum of donations they gather.

No School

There will be no school for students on May 3rd due to Subject Council, May 13th due to the NBTA Day and May 20th due to Victoria Day.

NES Healthy Minds

How time flies, it is already May! We would like to thank our most recent donors who support our Healthy Minds by donating to our breakfast program, lunch snacks and toys for our playground: TOPS, Millville Legion Branch #59, shuffleboard group and UNIFOR Local 219. We are still receiving many donations as well for our "Feed the Hawks" program. Thanks also goes out to Dumfries Maples, shuffleboard group and the Big Axe Brewery. What a great community we have!

May Birthdays

Happy birthday this month to Stephen Ianni, Mahaley Williams-Fenton, Brooklyn Coulter, Jordyn Bradley, Leah Milburn, Cooper Kennedy, Emily Thurrott, Aiden Hatheway-Lockhart, Emery English, Charlie Stairs, Charlotte Clemens, Delilah Sawatzky, Anna Cernivz, Logan MacWilliams, Jordyn Bradley, Scarlett Crouse, Sharon Richardson, and Jolene Coulter. We will have cupcakes sponsored by J-Lynn's Grocer on May 31st.

Frozen Musical

Students in grades 3-5 have been working hard to prepare for our Frozen musical on June 7 at 10:30 am for the students and at 7 pm for the public. There will be no charge, but we will take donations at the door, and we will have a canteen open during the break. There will be no cafeteria services this day. Students will attend Drama Festival at Carleton North High School on May 30th.

Student Council

The student council will continue to run free hat days on Fridays. Popcorn will continue to be on sale on Fridays while supplies last at a reduced price of \$1.25 and then we will switch to ice cream bars. We will send new forms home when this happens. The last Friday of the month will be Spy Day where students may dress up like a spy. This costs 50 cents to participate in the contest and we will give a prize for the most creative.

Playground Bingo Fundraiser

The final bingo night will take place on May 16th at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria. You can buy bingo cards at the school for \$5 per card. Each card can be used for all three games. The grand prize will be 50% of the earnings. You also can buy cards at the door. Our theme is Pokemon, and we encourage you to dress up to be entered for a door prize draw. We have lots of great prizes.

VanGo Exhibit and Spring Show

The VanGo program consists of an exhibition of original artworks by NB professional artists that has been installed in the library for the month. NB professional artist Deanna Musgrave will deliver a program based on developing visual literacy skills among students through visual thinking strategies on May 21st and 22nd. The theme of the exhibit is Watch the Water. Classes are invited to visit the library to be inspired by the artwork and respond through art. Each class will display their inspired artwork on their bulletin board. Music classes will each prepare a song to perform at the Spring Show on May 28th at 10:30 am for the school and at 1:00 pm for the public. Please use the front doors to enter. Students will be outside for recess over lunch break.

Frisbee Rob

We are pleased to have back Frisbee Rob at our school to present to students on May 27th at 10:30 am. "Frisbee Rob" McLeod is a motivational speaker and frisbee ambassador living in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. He has 13 Guinness World Records, 14 World Championships and the Canadian Distance Record. Rob has spoken in 500 schools to 150,000 kids about physical literacy, resiliency, kindness, and self-awareness. He is the co-author of The Davy Rule and has been in the 2014, 2015 & 2024 Guinness World Records book.

Dress Code

As the weather gets warmer, students will begin wearing cooler clothing. At NES, we are asking that shorts completely cover everyone's bottoms, and no underwear purposefully shows. We ask that all shirts cover the stomach and be snug around the arm holes and neckline to provide appropriate coverage. All clothing (hats too) should be school appropriate with no inappropriate words or logos.

Pre-Kindergarten

We have 27 new students to welcome to kindergarten for the 2024-25 school year. There was an information night planned for parents on May 6th at 6:00 pm and for those who missed it, handouts will be sent home. We are planning a visit for children (and a guardian) on Thursday, May 23rd starting at 12:40 pm. More information will be sent to parents in the mail with more details. If you know of someone who has yet to register for kindergarten in the Fall, please pass this information along. Children must turn 5 before December 31, 2024, to register.

Turn Around Award

The 2024 TURNAROUND ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS are decided in May each year and are sponsored by Craig Manufacturing. The program recognizes students from each school in the district who have shown the most effort, commitment, and perseverance in turning around his or her life. Winners are determined by the success of those students from grades 5-12 who have made positive and significant changes in their lives. Staff selected Gideon Gonzales-Moser as this year's recipient. Gideon will receive a plaque, backpack, and a certificate at a special dinner on May 22nd at the Best Western in Woodstock. Congratulations Gideon on all your hard work!

Author Visit

Aimee C. Trafton, a Fredericton author will visit NES on May 9th to present to K-2 Prime students. She is author of "Amber Tambourine and the Land of Laugh-a-Lot" and has a new children's poetry picture book called Purple Popsicles (And Other Preposterous Poems) and will share this with classes. We will purchase a copy for each class and the library.

Earth Rangers

The Earth Rangers School Assembly is a dynamic and interactive presentation for K-5. Through the power of live animal demonstrations and positive, science-based information, the program educates students about the threats facing animals and the environment, highlights real conservation initiatives across Canada, and motivates them to want to get involved. During the 2023/2024 school year, the School Assembly will highlight Animal Saving Heroes - highlighting the work of conservationists and scientists in the field as well as the efforts of Earth Rangers members through Missions, Challenges and school-wide initiatives. We are delighted to have been sponsored by the McCain Foundation for this presentation on May 24th at 1:00 pm.