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January Newsletter

Jan. 6	First day back for students
Jan. 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29	Boys Basketball Practices
Jan. 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30	Girls Basketball Practices
Jan. 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30	Drama Practices 2:50-4:30pm (see schedule sent home)
Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31	Gr. 2-5 Advanced Chess at 2:50 pm
Jan. 13, 20, 27	Gr. 4-5 Band at 3:05 pm and Gr. 2-5 Chess at 2:50 pm
Jan. 16	PSSC Meets at 6 pm
Jan. 20	Indigenous Illustrator presentation for grades 4 and 5
Jan. 22	Bell Let's Talk Day
Jan. 23	Playground Committee Meets at 6pm
Jan. 27	Family Literacy Day with Guest Author
Jan. 31	January Birthday Cupcakes
Jan. 31	SRC Fun Day- Rock Your Socks Day- pay \$1
Feb. 3	Intensive French T2 begins for 5J and 4/5M

Welcome Back

We hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable break and we welcome the students back to school. With the colder weather, remember to have children dressed warm for outdoor recess. We require students to wear coats, ski pants, hats, mittens, and boots during winter months. 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.

NES Healthy Minds

We would like to "thank" everyone for the continued community support to our school. Thank you so much for supporting our Breakfast Program, Feed the Hawks Program and our playground initiatives: Nicky Waite, Henry Bertrand and Nancy Coy, Arlene and Bob Small, NVFD, Shuffleboard group and UNIFOR Local 219. They are much appreciated! For inquiries about donating to our school please contact Mrs. Priest at 506-575-6000.


**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!**

Family Literacy Day

Family Literacy Day® is a national awareness initiative created by ABC Life Literacy Canada in 1999 and held annually on January 27th to raise awareness of the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. Taking time every day to read or do a learning activity with children is crucial to a child's development, improving a child's literacy skills dramatically, and can help a parent improve their skills as well. We will be celebrating at school with a special guest author, Odette Barr who will present her books to the students throughout the day. Odette is a retired teacher/principal (NB, PEI, Nunavut), former interpretive naturalist (Canadian Wildlife Service, Parks Canada, U. of Guelph Arboretum) and self-employed writer-illustrator. Her publications include Follow the Goose Butt to Prince Edward Island, Teaching at the Top of the World, Follow the Goose Butt to Nova Scotia, Take Off to Tantramar, Follow the Goose Butt, Camelia Airheart, Forest Guide to Fundy National Park, and Beach Guide to Fundy National Park. She has won several awards for her books. As part of our Literacy Day activities, the Masons from Granite Lodge #54 are sponsoring a reading program at our school. Students can read a book and fill out a ballot to have their name entered for a draw for one of two bikes per grade at the end of the year. The more times they enter the greater their chances of winning. Ballots will be kept in classrooms and the program will run Jan. 27th through until May 16th. We hope you will do something special with your child to celebrate Literacy Day as well.

January Birthdays

Happy birthday this month to Bailey Anderson, Jackson Cronkhite, Owen Beaulieu, Fletcher Nason, Jack Whidden, Liam Davidson, Liam MacDonald, Westin Christie, Theo Nicholson, Micah Boudreau, Gavin Brewer-Morehouse, Gloria Prosser, Myles Skinner, Eli Kennedy, Mariana Cluff, Mrs. MacFarlane, Mrs. Blaney, Mrs. Knox, and Mrs. Connor. We will hold our celebration for January birthdays on January 31st. We wish to thank J-Lynn's Grocer for sponsoring our cupcakes all year.

Basketball

Practices resume this term for gr. 3-5 boys on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30pm and for gr. 4-5 girls on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:15-6:45 pm. We thank coaches Rahshida Atkinson, Jen Fox and Craig English for all their support! Please be reminded that fees are due by the end of the month to the office.

Student Council

Student Council will hold their fun day this month on Friday, January 31st and this will be a rock your socks dress up day. Students can participate in the best "rocking socks" contest by paying \$1. Students can still participate without competing in the contest.

Drama Club

Drama practices resume this month on Wednesdays and Thursdays starting January 9th. Please refer to the schedule sent out regarding who is needed each time for practice. Practices are after school until 4:30pm. The show will be in early May.

Band

Grade 4 and 5 band will resume on Mondays after school starting January 13th. Students leave NES at 3:05pm and walk to the high school for practice. Students are picked up at the high school after practice. Please reach out to Jennifer Meldrum at the high school if you have any questions.

Chess Club

Chess club will resume on Mondays after school until 3:30 starting on January 13th. Students who signed up for Advanced Chess will meet with Nathan Milburn on Fridays after school until 3:30 pm starting on January 10th. Students are preparing for the upcoming district chess tournament in February.

Christmas Daddies Donations

We would like to thank everyone for the generous donations during our Christmas concert. We were able to give the Lions Club \$471.00 to support their Christmas Daddies efforts. Thank you to all!

Guest Illustrator

We are pleased that special artist, Percy Sacobie will do an art workshop with grades 4 and 5 on January 20th in the afternoon. "Art has always been part of Percy Sacobie's life. A proud Wolastoquey from St. Mary's First Nation in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Percy has been making art for 25 years in varied media such as painting, drawing, digital media, beading, and carved wood. He began carving in Grade 11, studying under Ned Bear at Fredericton High School. Percy went on to earn diplomas in Aboriginal Visual Arts and Graphic Arts at the New Brunswick College of Craft and Design, followed by a Bachelor of Arts from St. Thomas University and an Education degree from the University of New Brunswick and is currently finishing his M.Ed. at UNB.

Legion Poster and Essay Contest Winners 2024

We thank all our students who participated in the Legion's annual contest. First place was awarded \$15, second place was awarded \$10 and third place was awarded \$5.

Kindergarten Posters

1. Amaya Demerchant- Dunbar
2. Astrid Sawatzky
3. Mattea Thibodeau

Grade 1 Posters

1. McKinley Seeley
2. Devyn Knight
3. Eliza Oliver

Grade 2 Posters

1. Rowan Kennedy
2. Flora Saunders
3. Rogan Mabie

Grade 3 Poster Winners

1. Bailey Anderson
2. Maxwell Brown
3. Rylen O'Donnell

Grade 4 Poster Winners

1. Jase Sharp
2. Isabella Harvey
3. Riley Heppell

Grade 5 Poster Winners

1. Ellie Wilson
2. Bella Chase
3. Emery English

Grade 5 Essay/Poem Winners

1. Esme Mean
2. Gloria Prosser
3. Shawn Rogers
4. Makenna Saunders-Harrison (Hon. Men.)

