

# NORTON ELEMENTARY NEWS



## BRRR! IT'S COLD OUTSIDE!

Just a reminder that now that the cold weather is here, be sure your child is bundled up when they leave the house. Students go outside unless it is colder than -20, so it is important that they be dressed appropriately - jackets, hats, mitts/gloves. Snow will soon fall, and it is always a good idea to pack an extra pair of socks and mittens just in case.

## PRINCIPAL'S POST

It's been a while, but we have decided to bring back the school newsletter! Some things will look familiar, and other features will be new.

Since our last newsletter, there have been several changes at NES. We have welcomed our new Administrative Assistant, Lily Kinnear-Fraze, and our grade 2 co-teacher Mrs. Carmichael. Mr. Bouley is filling in for the year while Mrs. Sampson is out on leave.

Our K-2 teachers are working with the Early Grades Literacy Assessment, also known as EGLA, which is an assessment tool used to zero-in on specific skills that students need to advance their reading levels. This allows teachers to individualize each student's learning needs in the area of literacy and we are seeing great results since we began using it.

Another initiative we are implementing is in the area of school wide behavior expectations. After a school wide assembly, it was decided that we would focus on the 3 Rs of behavior - responsibility, respect, and reliability. Beginning with responsibility, students and staff have been talking about what it means to be responsible and how to put that into our day-to-day practices in school and beyond. We repeat a pledge each morning to help everyone remember the lessons of responsibility and move on to put it into practice in our words and actions.

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## 2024-2025 KINDERGARTEN

On November 23, we hosted our Kick-off to Kindergarten, welcoming the parents of our next year's Kindergarten class to an informative hour of what they can do to help prepare their children for the year ahead. Our next event will be the Welcome to Kindergarten session where children will come with their parent or caregiver to visit 4 stations of activities they will experience in kindergarten. The tentative date for this event is Tuesday, February 6, 2024, with a storm date of Tuesday, February 13, 2024. If you know any families whose children will attend Kindergarten next year, please pass along these dates!

## THANK-YOU NESPA!

We are grateful to have a strong parents group this year who are working hard to raise money and organize our hot lunch program again this year. These volunteers are an invaluable part of our greater NES family, and we really appreciate their work on our students' behalf. If you are interested in helping out, the next meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

## SHOUT-OUTS!

We would like to give a huge shout out to our community and corporate partners who have donated winter clothing and money to our Nutrition Fund so far this year! Thank you to Asphalt Angels and Carnigan Thorn Insurance, Home Depot, and the Norton Branch of the Legion for their kindness!



## SCHOOL WIDE BREAKFAST

We are excited to announce that beginning Friday, December 1, 2023, we will be having a school-wide breakfast on the first Friday of each month. This month we will treat the students to 2 mini-muffins, juice, and fruit. We will also be keeping a stash of 'grab and go' snacks for those students who need an extra bite throughout the day. NESPA will also be treating the students with a school-wide breakfast on December 22, the Friday before Christmas Break!

# December

# 2023

Safe Arrival & Attendance : <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>

ASD-S Snow Line : 1-855-535-7669 (SNOW)

**PLEASE SEND A NOTE OR CALL THE SCHOOL BEFORE 1:30P.M. IF THERE ARE CHANGES IN YOUR CHILD'S AFTERSCHOOL PLANS.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
					 <b>School Breakfast</b> 1	2		
	3 Report Cards Go Home 	4 Grade 5 Curling  Breakfast Sandwich	5	6	7 Parent Teacher Meetings  Chicken Wrap	8 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>  Parent Teacher Meetings	9	
		10	11 Grade 5 Curling  Breakfast Sandwich	12	13	14	15	16
	17 <b>SILLY SOCK DAY</b>	18	19 <b>CRAZY HAT &amp; HAIR</b>  Breakfast Sandwich	20 <b>Elf Day</b>  Spaghetti	21 <b>RED &amp; GREEN DAY</b>  Chicken Wrap	22 <b>HALF DAY TODAY!</b>  Pizza <b>PJ DAY</b>	23	
	24 <b>Christmas Eve</b> 	25 <b>Christmas Day</b> 	26 <b>Boxing Day</b> 	27	28	29	30	
	31 <b>Bring on the NEW YEAR!</b> 	<b><u>Christmas Break!</u></b>						
		<b><u>December 25 to January 5</u></b>						

## HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR NES STAFF?

Sure, your children see us all everyday, but how well do you really know us? Each month we will ask a couple of questions to help you get to know us a little bit better!

#1 Which staff members were not born in New Brunswick? (Hint: There are 5)

#2 Which staff member has 9 siblings?