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# Sussex Elementary School Family News

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## Sussex Elementary - Peanut and Nut FREE School for 2013-14

### 100 Days of School - A Great Success

Thursday Feb. 13th marked the 100th school day for this year. Counting to 100 is part of the grade 1 curriculum and gr. 1 students and grade 1 teachers recognize the day each year. This year the entire school joined in to collect nearly 700 non-perishable food items for the Sussex Sharing Club. (Photos on pg. 2)

### Attention Parents Who Drop Off their Children



I have witnessed and had reports from bus drivers of a few major traffic violations during the morning drop off time. Some drivers exit the main school parking/drop off area onto school street. This exit (added 3 years ago) is an exit only! It requires the driver to turn left during

bussing times since there is signage that does not allow any motor vehicle, other than buses, to go into the bus drop off and loading parking lot. This past week a blue Honda Accord and a Burgandy Dodge Truck went through this area. **When buses are in this area and they have the Red Flashing lights on, you are "passing a school bus with red lights on."** The fine for this driving violation exceeds \$800 dollars and the loss of 5 points. The other violation is parking on Duke St. and leaving the vehicle to take your child into the school. Duke St. is a town street that is clearly marked with no parking signs. There are lots of spaces in our parking lot! Use those and role model the right way to park with your child. We have asked the RCMP to monitor these situations in the AM whenever possible.

### SES Code of Conduct

- > I will be responsible!
- > I will be respectful!
- > I will make good choices!
- > I will be prepared!
- > I will do my best!



### Scholastic Book Fair

Due to the storm day on Friday Feb. 14th, the last day of the book fair will be on Tuesday Feb. 18th! Times are from 8:30am to 12:00pm.



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### Important Dates for your Calendar

No School for Students	Feb. 17th
Young Theatre NB @ SES	Feb. 18th
Skating (KMu & KR) (2S, 1D & KMc) (1Mac & 1G & 1H)	Feb. 19th
Pink Shirt Day at SES	Feb. 27th
March Break	Mar 1st-9th



## 100 Days of School Photos

Top Left - Grade 1 Teachers dressed to be 100 years old!

Top Right - Food items collected by the school. 10 boxes in total.

Bottom Left - A gr. 1 student project made from 100 marshmallows!

Bottom Right - The food box for grade 1 that shows 100 crossed off on

their number chart.

**Thank you grade 1 teachers and students for making the past week a very rewarding educational experience for all of SES!**



## Pink Shirt Day - Feb. 27th

Pink Shirt Day began in 2007 after two Nova Scotia teenagers encouraged their fellow students to wear pink T-shirts in support of a pupil who was being bullied. Since then, schools, businesses and communities across Canada have recognized this day.

The provincial government of New Brunswick is encouraging everyone to take a stand against bullying within our schools, communities and workplaces. AWARENESS of anti-bullying initiatives is key to fostering respect and tolerance for all members of our population and creates safe and healthy environments for both learning and working.

## Community News

The Kings County Lacrosse Association is providing a "try lacrosse" session for players and a question and answer session for parents on Wednesday, February 26th 2014 from 6:30 to 9:30 pm at Sussex High School. Sessions that may interest children at Sussex Elementary School include:

**Tykes (ages 7-8) and Novice (ages 9-10) 6:30 -7:15 pm**

Lacrosse NB members will be present to answer any questions that parents may have as well as accept player registrations and possibly recruit volunteers.

Website = <http://www.kingscountylacrosse.com>

Lacrosse email = [info@kingscountylacrosse.com](mailto:info@kingscountylacrosse.com)

## Grade 4 and 5 students tell us what they think

Kids do say the darndest things, and as parents and educators we love to hear them.

Just before Christmas, the Grades 4 and 5 students at Sussex Elementary School were surveyed by an independent firm contracted by the Department of Education to measure all kinds of things – from students' views on bullying and the value they place on their school, to breakfast eating habits and suggestions they have to make their school better.

These 70 students from Grade 4 and the 82 Grade 5 students had a lot to contribute in this survey that compared Sussex Elementary School to other schools across the country.

This is what we know from our students...they rate their school above the national average for being a place where they feel interested and motivated in their learning (77% SES versus 74% Canada average); they feel they are consistently encouraged and supported in their school (5.9 students out of 10 versus 5.1 Canadian average); and they feel the rules and expectations of them for appropriate classroom behaviour are clearly outlined by their teacher (8 out of 10 students at SES versus 7.6 out of 10 Canadian average).

We also learned:

- 54% of students at SES participate in school sports outside of gym class (48% girls and 62% boys). The Canadian average for the age group is 67% (with a smaller difference in gender participation nationally with 65% girls and 69% boys)

- Students of SES participate to a similar degree in school clubs as the national average for the age group. At SES, 51% of students say they participate in clubs, and the Canadian norm is 50%.

- 85% of students at SES say they feel accepted and valued by their peers and others at their school. The Canadian average for these grades is 86%.

- Students are in line with the average Canadian student of the same grade level when they say they work hard to succeed (92%), have positive homework behaviours (78%), and see themselves as well behaved in school (90%).

- Also similar to national average, 87% of students at SES say they feel safe attending their school; and they rated slightly above the national average with 8.5 students out of 10 saying they feel a positive teacher-student relationship. The national average in this category for this age group is 8.1 out of 10 students.

- 46% of students at SES are enrolled in French Immersion in Grades 4/5.

- When asked "Did you eat breakfast this morning?", 83% of students said yes.

- The students of SES like their trips to the cafeteria – 57% say they go once a week; 16% twice a week; 13% three days a week; 7% four days a week; and 7% get their lunch from the cafeteria every day.

### The truth, and nothing but the truth

In the survey students were asked to provide comments. They did not provide their names, but they did have lots to say. Here are a handful of their written responses with some spelling corrections:

*Q:* What do you like best about math?

- Everything

- I like math because everyday you get to learn new things and new strategies to help you figure out how to solve a really hard math problem

- Playing math games on the smartboard

- I don't like math but I like my calculator

- Nothing

- I really like + and a bit of –

- That I learn new things that will help me in the future to get a job

(see more questions and responses on page 4)



## Grade 4 and 5 students tell us what they think

*Q:* What are some of the things you really like about your school?

- I really like the new playground they just put in
- I love music, gym and lunch
- What I like about school is that my teachers are always kind
- In school I like that everyone can be involved in what they like
- We have yoyos
- There's a cafeteria, there's net books and computers, there's recess and principals that play hockey.
- The things I like about school are all my friends and the subjects we have, and out really cool playgrounds and the thing I really love at school is all the people that help me and the people that care about me.
- I love, love, love the murals

*Q:* What are some things that would make your school even better?

- More computer time
- Lockers, slushies, better food, better desks, Kraft dinner for lunch at cafeteria
- I would like to chew gum
- No bullying
- I would persuade my principal to get a pool for swimming contests and for exercise
- ...no school on Fridays
- We need longer recess
- A vending machine
- What would make the school better would be a water slide

For information on the *Tell Them From Me* student survey, visit [www.thelearningbar.com](http://www.thelearningbar.com).

Article written and submitted by SES PSSC (Thanks Tammy)



## Art is Elementary

The Sussex Artists' Co-op presents **Art is Elementary**, a collection of artwork produced by young Artists from Sussex, Sussex Corner, Apohaqui, Norton and Belleisle Elementary Schools. Brighten up your February by checking out some vibrant work! **Art is Elementary** will open alongside **Fakes & Forgeries**: some local takes on the old masters. Opening takes place 2-5pm on Saturday February 15th Refreshments will be served and all are welcome! **Fakes & Forgeries** and **Art is Elementary** will run until March 30th.



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## POPCORN SEASONING

This was a great fundraiser for us last year and we are looking forward to its success again this year!

Thank you to those that ordered seasoning! Over \$2700 dollars worth of seasoning was sold!

Look for the order form in your kid's backpack and in this newsletter. The order form is due back to the school on February 7th.

## Ongoing Fundraising Efforts

### Sussex Co-op 50/50—\$1

Each time you shop at the new Sussex Co-op, ask to play the 50/50. Until March 2014, they are generously donating all proceeds to the SES Home & School. It's a WIN WIN!

### Norrads Recycling Center

There is an account set up for SES at the recycling center. When you return your recyclables, let them know you would like to donate the refund to SES Home & School.

What an easy way to support your school!

### Join SES Home & School

We meet on the third Tuesday each month at 6:30 in the school library  
All are welcome!



Find us on facebook!

Sussex Elementary Home & School

### Why do we fundraise?

- Playground Equipment
- Educational presentations & special speakers
- Field trips & outings
- Books, Electronics (Smart Boards)
- Theatre NB productions & other acts- singing/acting
- Christmas Dinner for teachers and staff with movie & popcorn for students
- Teacher Appreciation Week

Thank you H&S for the coffee, tea, and treats on Thursday Feb. 13th.

SES Staff

We thank you for your past and continued support!