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Rothesay Elementary School Newsletter December 2021



Christmas at RES

We are planning a few community outreach and fun events for students and staff in December. Please see below all the fun that is coming soon.

Christmas Cheer Campaign

-**Fill the Sleigh** with personal care items for the Salvation Army, KV Food Bank, and ASD South high school needs program. December 1-20

-**Spread the Cheer Campaign** - Each class will have a specific project that will be sending positive CHEER to our Community December 15- 23

Fun activities for students and staff

Tuesday, December 14 - Fit and Festive Trail.

Thursday, December 16 - Wear your ugliest/craziest holiday sweater in support of the Children's Wish Foundation.

Friday, December 17 - Grinch Day. Dress up in your favourite Grinch attire (or wear something green).

Monday, December 20- Red and Green day. Wear some red and green clothes and pack some red and green snacks in your lunch!

Tuesday, December 21 - Schoolwide Christmas Story Time - 1:15-1:30

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Mark Your Calendar!

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- **December 24 to January 9th Christmas Break.**
- **January 10th - Classes resume after Christmas break.**

Christmas Families

It is that time of year again when we want to make Christmas special for every student at Rothesay Elementary. Last year, we supported 7 families which included 20 children! Our staff wrapped and delivered these to families just before Christmas. This is a perfect opportunity to involve your children. By teaching your children the value of giving rather than receiving, you're instilling in them a sense of pride and self-esteem; character traits that will take them far as they grow. Nurturing generosity in children, and teaching them that they are capable of creating an impact, can help them become better at giving in the future. We will be accepting monetary donations as well as compiling a list of specific items that are needed. If you would like to help out, please contact Alyssa MacIsaac by email at Alyssa.macisaac@nbed.nb.ca.

PSSC Information

PSSC stands for Parent School Support Committee and is a committee of people whose task it is to work towards the improvement of their school. Parents of students in the school make up the largest group of people on the PSSC. The principal and a teacher representative also sit as members, and there may also be community members on the committee.

All members of the PSSC serve for a three year term and would be involved in a variety of discussions and decisions related to such things as education issues, the school improvement plan, and reviewing the school performance report, to name just a few. All parents who are not employees of the school but have children at the school are eligible to participate.

The PSSC members for this year include: Sarah Simms, Del Heiney, Erin Demmings, Shauna Gray and Christina Fraser

The chairperson of the PSSC is Sarah Simms and she works closely with the principal in setting agenda items and reviewing meeting minutes. Minutes of our PSSC meetings this school year are posted on our school website at the following link

<http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASDS/1927/PSSC/Pages/default.aspx>

Christmas Sled

Our Christmas sled will be set up in the lobby of RES for collection between Dec 1 and Dec 17. Items for the sled can be individual items from the Dollar Store or your house. This year, we will be donating to the KV Food bank, Hampton Food Bank, ASD-S high school personal care item program, and the Salvation Army. Here is a list of suggested items:

Razors	Shaving cream	Deodorant	Toothpaste
Toothbrushes	Brushes/combs	Hair accessories	Shampoo
Conditioner	Socks	Kleenex	Hand soap

December Growth Mindset Theme is Perseverance

What is "Grit" and Why it is Important for Children

Grit is perseverance, or "stick-to-it-iveness." All difficult, long-term achievements require it, and research by Angela Duckworth and her colleagues at the University of Pennsylvania show that a growth mindset fosters it. Grit is important for children and adults alike because if you are taking on challenges, setbacks are inevitable.

In one study, with psychologist Heidi Grant, they looked at pre-med students in their very difficult chemistry course. Many of them got disappointing grades on the first exam or two, but how they reacted to those grades made a big difference. Some students doubted their abilities and lost heart, but others rolled up their sleeves and dug in. They met with the professor or teaching assistants, they went to review sessions, they joined study groups, and they found older students who had done well in the course to mentor them. Even though the two types of students didn't differ in their initial preparation or ability, those who showed grit earned significantly higher final grades.

Maintaining perseverance and effort is a challenge for some students and they need to be continually reminded that they can achieve success through hard work, perseverance and grit.

Ugly Christmas Sweater day

December 16th is Ugly Christmas Sweater Day. Students and staff are invited to wear a Christmas themed sweater and make a donation in support of the New Brunswick chapter of Children's Wish Foundation. This donation can be made through <https://makeawish.crowdchange.ca/2100/team/1401>. When you click on the link, click on buy items or donate, then click on general purchase.

Thank you for your support.

UNICEF

Rothesay Elementary is a registered KIND school with UNICEF. KIND stands for Kids in Need of Desks. Every child has the right to an education, yet millions of children across the world struggle to learn while sitting on the floor or on the ground. Giving them a desk, where they can write and learn, is the first step toward keeping eager young students in school. In Malawi, 70 percent of students do not have a desk or chair. KIND schools aim to change that by delivering desks and other learning essentials to schools in need. KIND schools also provide secondary school scholarships to Malawian girls who are most at risk of missing out on an education.

We are pleased to have made a donation of \$475 this fall from the proceeds of our book basket. Congratulations to Arthur Crosby in Grade 1 Hannah on his win!

You may make a donation at any time of the year if looking for a reputable charity to support by visiting our link at: https://fundraise.unicef.ca/kind-schools-2021/res-supports-unicef?ea.tracking.id=AMP_Email#_ts=3126259619cfc6474685

Guidance News

Dear R.E.S. Families,

November was a busy month as we celebrated Career week, as well as Respect and Diversity week. Once again, a big thank you to our parents who took the time to educate our students about their careers, as this is valuable learning.

Our peer helpers have been working hard and I am very proud of them. They continue to work on school community projects, that include beautifying our school, spreading some holiday cheer by making cards for senior citizens in our community, assisting with the breakfast program by keeping classroom bins filled, baking muffins for the breakfast program, and operating our Friday canteen carts. Keep up the great work!

During the month of December, we have a focus on gratitude, which means appreciating the good things in life, no matter how big or small. Making the practice of gratitude a regular part of your day can build happiness, self-esteem and provide other health benefits. One activity you can do with your child is to have a gratitude conversation. List 3 things you were grateful for throughout the day. Spend a moment discussing each one. Make this part of your routine by practicing before a meal, before bed or at another regular time.

I continue to offer one-on-one support to students. I am currently facilitating the Rainbows program, which is a peer support group for children who are struggling with a recent loss (death, divorce, or separation). It helps children to express their feelings in a safe and healthy way. If you think your child may benefit from this program or one-on-one counselling support, please let me know. If you have any questions about guidance programs or services, please contact me at 847-6333 or jill.hossack@nbed.nb.ca.

I wish you a very safe and happy holiday.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hossack

ANGLOPHONE SOUTH SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL CLOSURES DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

ANGLOPHONE SOUTH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Anglophone South School District is committed to the safe and efficient transportation of students and recognizes that it may be necessary to cancel a bus run(s), close school(s), or delay school opening to ensure students are not endangered by hazards brought on by poor weather or road conditions. Our decisions must be made prior to 6:30 a.m. and they are based on the forecasts we have, and information we are able to collect on road conditions.

The following options are considered when deciding what to do during inclement weather situations:

1. Schools are open as usual in which case no announcement will be made.
2. All schools are closed for the day with an appropriate announcement being relayed to:
 - the local radio stations prior to 6:30 a.m.
 - the District website (www.asd-s.nbed.nb.ca)
 - follow us on twitter http://twitter.com/ASD_South
 - the District Information Phone line - for school closures (toll free: 1-855-535-7669 [SNOW]).
 - subscribe online for email notifications at <https://asdsbp.nbed.nb.ca> and choose the Parent Portal
3. Schools are closed by Education Centre:
 - Hampton Education Centre
 - Saint John Education Centre
 - St. Stephen Education CentreSchools within an Education Centre may be closed depending on conditions.
4. School bus runs are delayed one/two hour(s). **On these occasions, all schools will open at their regular time to receive students. Students arriving late will not be penalized.**
5. Schools may be closed early on days when the weather conditions are anticipated to deteriorate significantly during the day. Every effort will be made to notify parents by telephone for students in Kindergarten to Grade 5. We use media, voice mail and email. Families are reminded of the importance of ensuring alternate arrangements are in place for their child(ren) in cases when they or another adult will not be available to be home.

During the winter months, there may be occasions when the condition of a particular road along a bus driver's route is hazardous. Individual school bus drivers have a responsibility to recommend to their supervisor either the cancellation or delay of their individual bus runs should they have a safety concern. Whenever possible, notice of a late bus or a cancelled bus run will be announced on the radio and posted on the Website.

While the loss of valuable instruction time is always a concern, the safety of students is paramount. The decision to close schools is always made with this in mind. **If schools remain open, and as a parent/guardian you feel that conditions in your area are not safe for your child to go to school, then ultimately you have the final decision whether or not to send your child to school.**

Absences on these days will not be a factor in a student's attendance record.

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