



Seaside Park Elementary School October 2024 Newsletter



Mission Statement: *Be respectful, responsible and safe citizens.*
Mission et valeurs: *Sois respectueux, responsable et un bon citoyen.*
School Website: <https://secure1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-S/2075/>

Important Dates

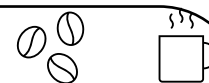
- October 7th – Java Moose fundraising money due
- October 8th – Cross country for grades 3,4 & 5 at Wolastoq Park
- October 9th – Terry Fox Walk/ Emergency evacuation practice
- October 14th – Thanksgiving No School
- October 15th-18th – Registration for Students Entering Kindergarten in 2025-2026
- October 19th – Seaside Park Fall Family Photo Sessions
- October 24th – School Picture Day
- October 28th-31st – Halloween Canteen
- October 31st – Orange and black day- No costumes

Weekly Communication

Please remember to listen to our weekly message from our Principal Mrs. Myatt every Sunday evening. She will send out a voicemail and an email with important information about the upcoming week, including special events, due dates, reminders, and more.



Seaside Park Fall Fundraising Events



Java Moose Coffee Fundraiser - Our first Fall Fundraiser is here! Please support our school with our Java Moose Coffee Fundraiser in support of our school playground. You can choose from grounds, beans or K-cups – all are \$11 each. There are many flavours to choose from including our very own Otterly Awesome Blend. Order forms are coming home with students tomorrow and all orders are due back to the school on Monday, October 7th. Please ensure to include your child's name and teacher's name on the top of the order form.

Family Mini Photography Sessions - Saturday, October 19th - \$25 for 5 edited and emailed images of you and your family – if you have registered for this event your timeslot will be emailed to you. Please arrive ten minutes prior to your timeslot to ensure we can adhere to the schedule. We are accepting cash only payments for this event. Please send the money to school with your child and their teacher will pass it on to the office by October, 17th. If you need to cancel your spot please notify Mrs. Bourque by Thursday, October 17th by email: stephaniel.bourque@nbed.nb.ca as there were many families interested in this limited event.

Toonie for Terry

Our Terry Fox School Run will be held on October 9th with a rain date of October 10th. This year our school has set a fundraising goal for The Terry Fox Foundation of \$1,000. If we reach this goal, Mrs. Schroeter will sport a popcorn head hairstyle the day of our walk! You may start sending in your "Toonies for Terry" to your child's homeroom teacher now or go online and safely donate any amount directly to the fundraising page the Foundation has created for our school. Let's all come together and reach that \$1,000 goal for cancer research and see Mrs. Schroeter's #OtterlyAwesomeHairstyle.

Link for Seaside Park Elementary's account:

[Seaside Park Elementary - Saint John, NB | Terry Fox School Run](#)

Otter of the Month

Otters of the Month The staff of Seaside Park are working hard to recognize our students who follow our school mission statement:

Be responsible, respectful and safe citizens.

We want to say just how proud we are of our Otter of the Month students for September and their efforts in being awesome!

Kindergarten: Everleigh B., Luke A., Isabel S., Ava T.N.
 Grade 1: Pike P., Paisley G., Khloe G., Alaiya M., Iris S.H., Olivia B.W.
 Grade 2: Lincoln D., Sadie D., Carly L., Sophie K., Belen H.
 Grade 3: Lovane H., Kaylee B., Sadie G.
 Grade 4: Andi L., Sarah V., Olivia B.
 Grade 5: Paisley C., Claire V., Louis E., Christopher K.

Did you know we have an Otter of the month wall in our lobby? Check it out!



PBIS

At our school, we use Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) to promote a positive and respectful environment. PBIS focuses on teaching and reinforcing positive behaviors like kindness and respect, which are essential to building a strong school community. As PBIS World reminds us, "Respect means you care enough to think about others' feelings before you act." We encourage you to regularly discuss kindness and respect with your child and explore how they can show these qualities both at school and in everyday life. These conversations help foster a supportive and inclusive environment for everyone. The mission at Seaside Park Elementary school is to foster respectful, responsible, and safe citizens.

Orange Shirt Day

Thank you to all of our staff and students who recognized "Orange Shirt Day" on Friday September 28th prior to Truth and Reconciliation day on September 30th. We stand in solidarity with Indigenous communities and honour the lives impacted by residential schools. Our Seaside Park Otters recognize every child matters.



Healthy Hair Happy Head

Healthy Hair Happy Head is a program developed in partnership with public health and UNB nursing students, to assist in the removal of head lice. The process involves the use of inexpensive, non-medicated hair conditioner. If you would like a brochure and/or a sample of hair conditioner, please contact Krista Turnbull, Community Schools Coordinator: krista.turnbull@nbed.nb.ca

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration will take place from October 15th to 18th for children turning five by December 31st, 2025. You can register online via the ASD-South website or in person at the school from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Required documents include a birth certificate, immunization record, Medicare card, and proof of address. If registering online, email the documents to patricia.calloway@nbed.nb.ca

Phys Ed News

57 grade 5 students signed up for weekly Striker Ball intramurals and grade 4 will be up next starting on October 15th!

Permission forms went home on October 1st for the Cross Country event taking place at Wolastoq Park on Tuesday Oct 8th. This event is organized by the Saint John Track Club & UNBSJ Cross Country / Track Team. Any interested grade 3, 4, and 5 students willing to run 1.1 km are welcome to participate!



Seaside Park Hockey

Seaside Park is recruiting students from Kindergarten to Grade 5 for its school hockey team. Players need their own equipment, including a mandatory neck guard, and must be able to stand and get up on the ice independently. The season runs from October to February with one game a week, mostly on weekends. The cost is \$175 for the season. Interested students can email Amanda MacDonald at amanda—lynn@hotmail.com for registration and more details.

Volunteering

We greatly value the dedication of all our school volunteers. Throughout the year there are often opportunities for parents and family members to volunteer at our school. Obtaining your volunteer clearance now means that you're all ready when an opportunity arises.

Find Information on volunteer clearances here: [SPES. Volunteer Information. September 2024.pdf](#) (nbed.nb.ca)

Service of Remembrance

Mrs. Smith's grade 3 class and Mrs. Shipley's grade 3 class joined Mrs. Turnbull and several of our Veteran friends for a special Service of Remembrance at Cedar Hill Cemetery. They recognized the life and service of Lieutenant Charles Murray Lawson from Saint John, who was also a teacher at Saint John High School prior to enlisting to serve in WWI. Lieutenant Lawson paid the ultimate sacrifice at the age of 32 in WWI.

The event was special in that each component of the Service of Remembrance was explained to the students along the way. They were so fortunate to have the opportunity to meet many Veterans who made the event possible. It was especially meaningful for the children to meet two, 100-year-old Veterans and another who will turn 100 in a few months. We wish to thank the 20+ Veterans who took part in the service and answered questions the students had. It was a very special event for all in attendance.

Halloween Canteen Celebration

Seaside Park Elementary is excited to celebrate Halloween with a special canteen event from October 28th to 31st! Each day, different grades will have their turn to visit: Grades 4 and 5 on the 28th, Grades 2 and 3 on the 29th, Kindergarten and Grade 1 on the 30th, and on the 31st, the canteen will be open to anyone who missed their turn. While students are not permitted to wear Halloween costumes at school, they are encouraged to wear orange and black to celebrate the spooky season on October 31st. We look forward to a fun and festive week!

PALS and Community Schools

Seaside Park Elementary School is a Community School as well as a PALS (Partners Assisting Local Schools) School. A variety of PALS and community partner initiatives support our work to further enrich learning for our students. These partnerships are felt in many positive ways throughout our building. Our school benefits greatly from the opportunity to use the Kids on the Go bus for co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. This is a 24-passenger bus provided free of charge by our PALS at J. D. Irving, Limited. Permission forms are always sent home for travel on the Kids on the Go bus, outlining details of the trip. From time to time, we may receive word of a last-minute cancellation of another school's bus booking, which would allow us to go on a field trip. All students will bring home a blanket permission form in the next week which will cover them for these last-minute opportunities. In such a case, you will always receive communication from your child's home room teacher with details of a last-minute outing.