Nov. 19th Weekly Message for Families

Good evening, this is Mrs. Myatt with this week's weekly message.

Upcoming Dates:

November 24th – Professional Learning Day – No school for students.

November 28th – Family Bingo Night – 6:30pm in the school cafeteria

December 2nd – Seaside Park Artisan Market – 9am-2pm in our school gym.

December 4th – Report Cards are sent home

December 5th – Scholastic Book Fair begins

December 7th – Parent-Teacher Interviews 4:30-7:00pm (in-person) Grown-ups can visit our Scholastic Book Fair

December 8th – No School for students – Parent-Teacher Interviews 8:30-11:00am (inperson) Grown-ups can visit our Scholastic Book Fair

Student Drop-Off – We continue to experience issues with our morning drop-off of students. We are asking all families, who drop their students off at the school in the morning, to follow these guidelines:

- 1. Do not pull over to either side of the drop-off zone.
- 2. Stay in the middle and if you need help getting your child out of the car, a staff member will come over to help. If your child continues to have difficulty getting out of the vehicle we will ask that you pull up to the playground area (once cars in front have moved) where you can stop to help your child out of the car or we ask that you park along one of our side streets and you can walk your child to the front door.
- 3. Do not pass other cars.
- 4. Be alert and aware of staff crossing the road to get to the school from the staff parking lot.
- 5. Please be patient with others while waiting to drop your child off.
- 6. We all want to start our mornings in a positive way we ask that you remain respectful to our staff, who are there to welcome your child with a smile, and we are asking for your help in following the above guidelines.

Seaside Park Holiday Artisan Market – We are excited to welcome our Seaside Park school community to our 2nd annual Holiday Artisan Market. There will be over 40 vendors, 50/50 tickets, bake sale and more! Donations are accepted at the door as admission. All funds raised go directly back to our students for activities and learning opportunities.

School Wellness Survey – the school wellness survey was sent home two weeks ago to all of our Seaside Park families K-5 for grown-ups to complete online, at home. You will have received information, a link and a PIN code about the survey in your child's bookbag. The survey for grown-ups is also anonymous and voluntary. Your answers will help helps us understand the needs and strengths of students in our school and community. As of right now we only have a small percentage of families who have completed this survey. We would really appreciate it if you could complete this survey as it does provide us with some great data.

Scholastic Book Fair - We will hold a Scholastic Book Fair at our school from December 5-8. Students will have an opportunity to purchase books during their regular class library visits that week. Parents may purchase books during parent-teacher conferences. Our school receives a significant amount of book credit back from our Scholastic Book Fair sales. All of these book credits go back into our school library for the benefit of all of our students. We wish to thank all our library volunteers for their dedication to our school library program.

Student Illness – We are getting into the cold and flu season. We have also had some cases of pink eye. Students must stay home if they have a fever, diarrhea or vomiting. This is a 24-hour exclusion from school past the last incident where their symptoms are not being controlled by medication like Tylenol and Advil. Pink eye is also a 24-hour exclusion from school after first treatment has happened.

Head Lice – We have had a few cases of head lice at the school. This is a reminder to check your child's hair regularly for nits and live lice.

Weather - The temperature is starting to fall, and students should be coming to school dressed appropriately as we go outside most days. That means winter coat, hat, and mitts. It is a good time to dig out the snowpants and boots to make sure they fit and are ready to go at the first sign of snow.

Chartwell's – Chartwell's will be offering a *Christmas hot lunch/dinner* through Nutrislice online ordering on **Thursday**, **December 21**.

The dinner includes: turkey (with all the 'fixings) gravy, dressing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, choice of milk/juice and a festive cookie with candy cane for \$7.75.

The <u>cutoff date</u> for parents/guardians to order this Christmas dinner is Monday, December 4th. All other menu items will not be available to order on this day. This is also the last day of ordering for the cafeteria until the new year.

Home and School Association:

Here are some upcoming events and fundraisers brought to you by Seaside Park Home and School Association: Lancaster Santa Claus Parade - Thank you to Jennifer and the rest of the parade committee for working to ensure we represent our Seaside Park school community at the Lancaster Santa Claus Parade on Saturday, November 25th. Do you have a student who wants to walk in the parade? If you are interested in participating, we are looking for parents and students to participate on the day of. An information/permission sheet will be sent home with students on Monday. There is a meeting on Wednesday at 6 PM in the school library. Please contact Jennifer Beney at jenniferdbeney@gmail.com if you have any questions or to sign up.

-Thank you to all of our families who made school clothing orders. We expect delivery of the items mid-December. Mrs. Myatt will send out a notice for pick-up dates and times once the orders have arrived.

Family Bingo Night is quickly approaching Tuesday, November 28th at 6:30 PM.

As always, you can reach the SPES Home and School Association at seasideparkhands@gmail.com and follow the school FB page for events and fundraisers.

That's all for this week. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at the school at 658-2729 or through email at Jocelyn.myatt@nbed.nb.ca.

Thank you and have a great week!