

Good evening, this is Mrs. Myatt with our weekly message for the week of May 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Seaside Park Night of the Arts** – Thank you to our Seaside Park community for supporting our Seaside Park Night of the Arts. It was amazing to see the bravery and confidence of our talented performers! Thank you to all who helped make this night a success!

**World Otter Day** - Excitement is building for World Otter Day on Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. The day is meant to raise awareness about how important otters are and also to highlight the threats that they face. We have recently formed a partnership with the International Otter Survival Fund on the Isle of Skye. Through that partnership, we have adopted Eden, a young otter who was recently abandoned. Eden will be cared for at the IOSF sanctuary until he is strong enough to return to wild. Funds raised from the popsicle sale that our Team Otter club held will go to further support Eden and the other otters in care at the sanctuary. We are learning so much about otters through this partnership. Follow our school Facebook page for more information as we get closer to May 31<sup>st</sup>. Help us recognize this special day and wear your school t-shirt on Wednesday.

**Soap Box Derby Day** - On Wednesday we will hold a school assembly at 8:30 am to unveil our two Soap Box Derby cars. This year we have cars sponsored by our PALS at Irving Tissue and Irving Pulp & Paper. We have 2 grade 5 drivers as well as 2 grade 5 alternate drivers for the big day. At the assembly all classes will have an opportunity to see the cars, along with our sponsoring PALS and the teams. The Soap Box Derby is an annual event which raises funds to support co-curricular learning adventures at Rockwood Park for students. The opening ceremony is at 9:45 at the Finish Line (bottom of Cranston Avenue) with the first race at the top of the hill at 10:00 am this Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Derby goes ahead rain or shine. Take a look at the following video for some fun footage of Derby Day! Come on out and support our two cars and their pit crew!

[Sunshine & Cheer at the 8th Annual Saint John Soap Box Derby - YouTube](#)

**Track & Field 2023** - Over 100 grade 4 and 5 students tried out for the West Side Track & Field meet happening this Thursday, June 1 (Rain date Friday, June 2, 2023). Fifty students made the team. Congratulations to all students who tried out and good luck to the students competing on Thursday!

### **Upcoming Dates:**

**June 1<sup>st</sup>** – Transition to Kindergarten day – on this day our current Kindergarten students will remain at home while we welcome our Pre-Kindergarten students to our school for the day.

Chocolate Bar Bingo at 6:30pm in the school cafeteria hosted by our Home and School Association.

Track and Field Day for selected Grades 4 and 5 students at RVMS. Rain date is June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**June 6<sup>th</sup>** – our Grade 5 classes will visit Beaconsfield Middle School.

**June 7<sup>th</sup>** – our Grade 5 Late Immersion students only will visit Barnhill Memorial School.

Marigold Planting for our Grades 3-5 students at Carleton Kirk.

**June 8<sup>th</sup>** – Marigold planting for our K-2 students at Hillcrest Church.

**June 15<sup>th</sup>** – School Fun day! Our Parent Association is looking for volunteers for this day. Please reach out to Jenn Beney, our Parent Association President at [jenniferdbeney@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferdbeney@gmail.com) if you are able to help! You will need to have an updated Vulnerable sector check and also the Policy 701 questionnaire completed.

**June 16<sup>th</sup>** – Grade 5 Advancement celebration at 9am in the school cafeteria. Due to our large Grade 5 classes we are asking that 2-3 family members per student attend this celebration.

**June 20<sup>th</sup>** – Grade 5 Fun day – Grade 5 families please send in the \$10 fee and baby pictures as soon as possible.

As always, should 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](mailto:jocelyn.myatt@nbed.nb.ca). Thank you and have a great week!