



January News



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Coming up:

- ◆ January 15; Home & School Association—SSES Parent Info Meeting at 7:00pm; SSES Library
- ◆ January 20; PSSC Meeting at 7:00pm
- ◆ January 21; K-Kids Fundraiser for SPCA: "Dress Up as an Animal Day"; Cost= 25 cents
- ◆ January 23; Art Richard—Bilingual Musical Performance for Students
- ◆ January 28-31 Family Literacy Week
- ◆ January 27; Professional Learning Day for Staff; No School for Students
- ◆ January 28; Family Literacy Night at 6:00pm
- ◆ January 29; Book Character Dress Up Day
- ◆ February 04; Grade 5 Change of Program begins
- ◆ February 05; French Immersion Info session for Parents of children in Kindergarten and Grade Five; at 7:00pm; SSES Library
- ◆ March 02-06; March Break
- ◆ STORM LINE: 1-855-535-7669 [SNOW]

PARKING AT SSES

For your child's safety, parking is restricted along the "Kiss and Drop" area.

Please do not leave your vehicle parked along this area.

Keeping students safe is a priority at SSES. Thank you for your diligence and cooperation in this matter.

Message from the Administration

Students and staff are quickly getting back into our school routine after the Christmas Holidays. With the first days behind us, we are full speed ahead. We will continue to maintain a busy and productive school life; learning, growing, and meeting challenges creatively and collaboratively.

All our staff; Teachers, Administration and numerous members of Support Staff, are dedicated to supporting your child's education. We work every day to create a positive learning and working environment for each child and aim to provide them with a successful and positive learning experience while

at our school.

In addition to delivering the curriculum and encouraging every child to give his / her best effort, we offer a variety of additional activities to enhance learning. In partnership with community partners/ volunteers, our Community Schools Coordinator, Catriona McLanghan, facilitates a number of programs at our school including Lego Robotics, Cooking Classes for Grade 4 & 5 students, Mentors, and many other clubs and activities, too numerous to list! We are also excited to be participating in Family Literacy Week at the end of January again this year. We have organized special

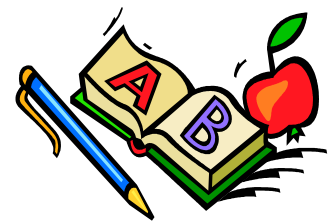
literacy-focused activities throughout Family Literacy Week, as well as a "Tropical Theme" as a focus for our Family Literacy Night on January 28 at 6:00pm.

If you ever have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Happy New Year!

Colleen Winchester, Principal

Courtney Parsons, Vice Principal



Be Prepared for Winter Weather!



Please keep in mind that as the cold weather continues, children need to be prepared for winter weather. We value the benefits that children get from having time to run and play outside in the fresh air. On extremely cold days; below -19 degrees; we have indoor recess. Please remind your child to have a hat, mittens, ski pants and a warm jacket each and every day since most days we will go outside.

School Closures

Anglophone South School District makes the decision to close schools, delay school opening, or to cancel bus runs when weather or road conditions threaten the safety of students. In the case of inclement weather and schools need to be closed for the day, an appropriate announcement will be relayed to the local radio stations prior to 6:30 a.m. This information will be posted on the District website (www.asd-s.nbed.nb.ca) . You can also follow this on twitter at

http://twitter.com/ASD_South . The new District phone line is a toll free: number: 1-855-535-7669 [SNOW]).

Parents are encouraged to access the above noted methods early in the morning, particularly on days when the weather is inclement.

Please Note: Schools may be closed by District (Anglophone School District- South), or by Education Centre(St. Stephen Education Center).

PSSC Meeting

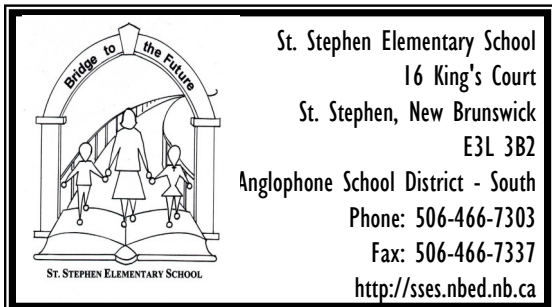
Please join us for a PSSC Meeting on Monday, January 20 at 7:00 pm in the SSES Library.

Lunch at SSES

After carefully exploring options to make lunch be a more positive experience for students, we have made a few changes that will take effect on January 13. These changes will allow for less congestion at the tables in the cafetorium, lower the noise level in that space, and generally make eating lunch a more enjoyable experience.

Every two weeks, a group of 3-4 classes will eat in their home-room classrooms instead of the cafetorium, even if they are buying lunch. This will allow them the opportunity to have lunch in a smaller, more quiet area, and further develop the relationships with their class peers. Lunch time will continue to be at the same time, supervised as it has been during any "Eat in Classrooms" day. This will take place over the course of a 3 part rotation, meaning each class will have homeroom lunch for 2 weeks out of every 6 week block of time.

We will continue to work towards fostering a safe, comfortable and enjoyable lunch time experience for all our students.



Attention: SSES Parents!!

A group of interested parents have started exploring the idea of forming a Home & School Association for St. Stephen Elementary School. An information session is being held on **Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 7:00pm in the SSES Library.**

We will have a representative from the Provincial Home & School Association in attendance to present to parents, as well as chairpersons from other local Home & School Associations to relay their experiences with Home & School.

We encourage you to come to the session and consider becoming involved.
"It takes a Village to raise a child."

NATIONAL FAMILY LITERACY WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN ELEMENTARY

St. Stephen Elementary School will once again celebrate **National Family Literacy Week on January 28-31.**

January 28; All SSES students will be designing a "Book Cover" that will be displayed at the school.

January 28; SSES will host a **Family Literacy Night for all SSES families.** We are excited to have a "Tropical Theme" for this event, and have some unique things planned. Bring along a beach towel for the floor and meet us in the cafetorium for a time to enjoy reading story books and have a delicious and healthy tropical snack. Fill out a ballot at the door for a chance to win books, beach towels, tropical drink cups, or a Civic Center Pool Party Rental.

This event will take place at 6:00-7:00pm for all Grades K-5 Students and their families.

January 29; This is "**Book Character Dress Up Day**" at SSES. Students are invited to come to school dressed as a favorite book character. (This activity is voluntary.) It will be interesting and fun to see some of our favorite book characters in school on Wednesday!

January 30; St. Croix Public Library Staff will visit Grades K-2 classes and read aloud to students. Classes will also host a "Secret Reader" that visits their class to read aloud to students.

January 31; SSES will hold a "**Big Read**" at 8:45-9:15. Children are welcome to wear their pajamas and bring along blankets for the floor. Older and younger students will "buddy" during this activity and for a chance to "buddy read".

February 03; Grade 3 students will visit the St. Croix Public Library on a tour/field trip.

All in all...a great week to **Celebrate Literacy at SSES!!**

Thanks for your support and "Happy Reading"!