ST. STEPHEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



January News



http://sses.nbed.nb.ca

January 2021

Coming up:

- January 13; Home & School Meeting at 7:30pm; Online
- January 20; PSSC Meeting at 7:00pm; Online
- January 25-29 Family Literacy Week
- February 01st PL Day Cancelled (It was switched to Oct. 30)
- March 01-05; 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.

If you are walking your child to the door of the school, please park at the end of Princess St, on Young St., or in the Visitor's parking area and use the sidewalks to get to the school entrance. We have students coming through the staff parking lot amidst parked and moving vehicles and this creates a dangerous situation.

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 provide them with a successful and positive learning experience while at our school.

We are excited to be participating in Family Literacy Week at the end of January again this year. We have organized themebased days during the week of January 25-29 to promote literacy in fun and exciting ways throughout Family Literacy Week.

We realize that returning to the Orange Phase of COVID-19 Safety brings further guidelines and restrictions, but we are happy to report to you that the children are managing the changes very well. Teachers purposely plan for quiet, individual work at times in their day so that the children get a break from wearing their masks during the larger blocks of learning time, and find this is helpful for them. Thank you for your role in supporting and encouraging your children with these changes at school.

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 safetv 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.asds.nbed.nb.ca). You can also follow this on twitter at

http://

twitter.com/ASD_South . The 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.

<u>Please Note:</u> Schools may be closed by District (Anglophone School District–South), or by Education Centre(St. Stephen Education Center).



St. Stephen Elementary School 16 King's Court St. Stephen, New Brunswick E3L 3B2 Anglophone School District -South Phone: 506-466-7303

<u>Face Masks</u>

Please try to send your child to school with 2 clean masks each day. Some students find their masks become damp and uncomfortable throughout the day and an extra mask would be helpful. Thank you!



If you are looking for information on services in New Brunswick there is a new 211 line to help you with anything from financial supports to healthcare to housing. If you have a question and can't find the answer, dial 211 and somebody there will be able to help connect you to programs and services in our community.

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| $\frac{1}{2}$ 7:00pm, as an online meeting. | $\frac{1}{2}$ 7:30pm., in an online meeting. |
| ☆ If you would like to join the | ★ Everyone is welcome to join. Please con- ★ |
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NATIONAL FAMILY LITERACY WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN ELEMENTARY

St. Stephen Elementary School will once again celebrate **National Family Literacy Week on January 25-29**. Although we are unable to host a Family Literacy Night event, we are happy to have organized theme-based days throughout that week to promote literacy and provide the students with creative ways to enjoy books and what they have to offer. The following is a schedule of the Theme Days. The week will conclude with a "School-Wide Read" at 8:45am on Friday, January 29, while still remaining in their bubble classes.

HAPPY READING!!

January 25; "Hats Off to Reading" Day - Students can wear their favorite hat throughout the day at school.

January 26; "Sock It To Me With a Good Book!" Day –Students can wear crazy, unique, mismatched or fun and favorite socks to school.

January 27; "Wild About Reading" Day - Students can wear any animal prints or animal related clothing and accessories to school.

January 28; **"Reading Makes You Bright" Day-** Students can bring a pair of sunglasses to school and may bring a flashlight for an exciting reading opportunity.

January 29; "Hunt for a Good Book" Day - Students can wear their camouflage or hunter orange clothing to school

January 29; "School-Wide Read" at 8:45am. Students can bring in their favorite book to read.

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

Thanks for your support and "Happy Reading"!