

# ST. STEPHEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MAY NEWSLETTER

May 2022

## MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

It seems impossible to believe that this school year is going by so quickly. We've had some exciting events happening at SSES in the past couple of weeks!!

As we approach the end of this school year, we'll be busy with delivering curriculum, assessing student progress, planning engaging activities, and looking towards year-end events.

These last two months of school will be as exciting as the other months. We still have 20 % of the school year to complete and we look forward to continuing and maintaining high expectations for learning over the next several weeks as teachers and students work to complete the curricular outcomes for each grade level. We appreciate your support and acknowledge how your help from home certainly contributes to the success of the school year for each and every child.

Thank you and Happy Spring!

~Mrs. Colleen Winchester, Principal

~Mrs. Courtney Parsons, Vice Principal



## Kiwanis K-Kids at SSES

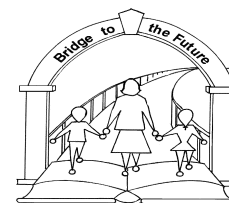


SSES K-Kids is a student-led club that is sponsored by our local St. Stephen Kiwanis Club. The objectives of K-Kids are to provide Grade 4 and 5 students in our school with opportunities for leadership and working together in service to their school and community. This year, two Grade 5 students make up our K-Kids executive: Hallie Conley and Natalie Russell. Some exciting fundraisers that the executive and the K-Kids members have planned are a Sock Hop and a yard sale to raise money for Ukraine. We will keep you posted for any upcoming fundraisers that our K-Kids may be having.

Thank you so much for your support!

## Important Dates :

- May 11; SSES Home & School Association Meeting at 7pm; SSES Library
- May 10 & 11; Grade 4 Provincial Assessments
- May 12; K-Kids' Sock Hop fundraiser for Ukraine
- May 17 & 18; Grade 5 Provincial Assessments
- May 18; PSSC Meeting at 7pm; SSES Library
- May 23; Victoria Day - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- May 27; No School for KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS
- May 27; Kindergarten Orientation Day for Pre-K Children
- June 20; Family Picnic Day (Rain date: June 21) at 12:00pm
- June 22; Grade 5 Closing Ceremony at 9am



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**THANK YOU FOR NOT PARKING AT THE KISS AND DROP. THIS IS THE SAFEST PRACTICE FOR YOUR CHILDREN.**

## **SSES Loves our Home & School Association**

The St. Stephen Elementary School Home & School Association is amazing! The role of a Home & School Association is to engage parents, foster communication between the school and parent community, and to enrich the school community.

We would like to recognize the great work they do to support the needs of our school and students.

Last week, Carla Booker and Heather Cloney, members of the Home & School Association presented a cheque to SSES in the amount of \$499.06 to pay for 1-year subscription to Social Express, a research based interactive program that gives students an opportunity to learn and practice foundational skills, understand other's perspective, create stronger relationships, and focuses on emotional intelligence. We all know that social-emotional learning is vital for students. SSES is lucky to have such a wonderful Home & School Association that supports our needs as a school!

They are also fundraising for new playground equipment. This is a huge undertaking and the support of the school community and families will be so appreciated in this endeavor.

We hope you'll consider joining the SSES Home & School Association. The next meeting is Wednesday, May 11 at 7:00pm, in the SSES Library. Hope to see you there!

## **A Message from SSES Home & School**

**Thank you to everyone who helped sell tickets for our spring ticket fundraiser! We are just under \$30,000 toward our goal of \$100,000 for the playground!**

**Winners of the prizes were:**

**IPad - Chantal Perron**

**Mayfield Gift Card -**

**Chris Mcloon**

**Air Pods - Erin Comeau**

## **Pay It Forward Day 2022**

This year our goal was to collect the needs of our furry friends for our local SPCA and fill one or more local business trucks with the help of our community. Our hope was that all these small acts of kindness would once again cause a domino effect of generosity and kindness.

On April 28th, World Pay It Forward Day, three of our local business car dealerships helped load and transport all the items that were successfully collected throughout the previous weeks. We filled all three trucks before leaving the school. Students were thrilled to participate in the process and see what they accomplished. Another fabulous Pay It Forward goal met!! Way to Go SSES!!!!

