



January News



<http://ssex.nbed.nb.ca>

January 2019

Coming up:

- ◆ January 21-25; Family Literacy Week
- ◆ January 21; PSSC Meeting at 7:00pm
- ◆ January 21; Grade 3 visits St. Croix Public Library
- ◆ January 22; Book Character Dress Up Day
- ◆ January 23; Family Literacy Night "Camping Out with The Aces" at 6:30pm
- ◆ January 28; Professional Learning Day for Staff; No School for Students
- ◆ January 30; French Immersion Info Session for Parents considering FI (Grades 1 & 6) for Sept. 2019
- ◆ February 04; Grade 5 Change of Program begins
- ◆ February 14; Day 100 (tentative)
- ◆ March 04-08; 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 were very anxious to get 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 support 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 tremendous 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, Judey MacDonald, 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

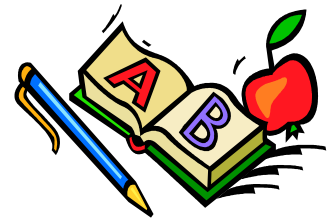
literacy-focused activities throughout Family Literacy Week, as well as a "Camping Out with The Aces Hockey Team" as a focus for our Family Literacy Night on January 23 at 6:30pm

If you ever have concerns or questions, 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 -20 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

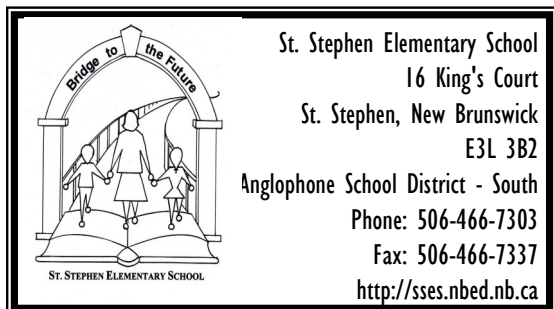
http://twitter.com/ASD_South . The new District phone line is a toll free: number: 1-855-535-7669 [SNOW]).

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 21 at 7:00 pm in the SSES Library.



What's Cooking at St. Stephen Elementary??

Grade 5 students at St. Stephen Elementary School will once again be "cooking up a storm". Judey MacDonald, our Community Schools Coordinator has organized this activity and with the help of staff and community members, will be providing all Grade 5 students an opportunity to take part in "Cooking Club" twice over the next several weeks.

Students will work in small groups to prepare a meal, discuss food preparation safety, proper manners, and table etiquette. They will enjoy their fully cooked meal at lunch. As you can imagine, it is a very popular activity!

Many thanks to the adults who work to make this club happen for students.!



Earth Rangers Visits SSES

On Wednesday, January 23, "Earth Rangers" will be visiting SSES. This show delivers a dynamic, interactive, multi-media experience that features live animals. Science-based information is used to educate the students about protecting biodiversity. There will be a focus on climate change, the impact on people, wildlife and the environment. We are very excited for this experience!

For more information about this you can visit their website at <https://vimeo.com/90145679/90d65c4539>

NATIONAL FAMILY LITERACY WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN ELEMENTARY

St. Stephen Elementary School will once again celebrate **National Family Literacy Week on January 21-25.**

January 21; Grade 3 students will visit the St. Croix Public Library on a tour/field trip. Students will be designing a "Book Cover" that will be displayed at the school.

January 22; 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 Tuesday!

January 23; We plan to host a **Family Literacy Night for all SSES families.** We are so happy to have The Aces Hockey Team assisting with this event! We hope you are able to join us and "Camp Out with The Aces". Bring along a blanket for the floor and meet us in the cafeterium for a time to enjoy reading story books and have a snack. Fill out a ballot at the door for a chance to win books, movie rentals, Aces game tickets, Aces apparel, or a Civic Center Pool Party Rental. **This event will take place at 6:30-7:30pm for all Grades K-5 Students and their families.**

January 24; 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 25; 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 time and for a time to "buddy read".

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

Thanks for your support and "Happy Reading"!