

# St. Stephen Elementary School

## October Newsletter



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### From the Administration ...

#### *Dates of Interest:*

- October 08-12; Fire Safety Week
- October 08-12; Kindergarten Registration for 2019-2020 School Year; SSES Main Office
- October 10; Fire Safety Presentations to Classes
- October 11; Bus Safety Sessions & Evacuation Drill
- October 22; Lock-down Drill at 9:30am; No access to the school at 9:30-10:00am.
- October 23; Kick Off to Kindergarten Meeting for Parents of Pre-K Students at 6:30pm; SSES Library
- November 01-13; Gift Card Fundraising Campaign
- November 08; SSES Remembrance Day Ceremony
- November 09; Full Day Professional Learning Day for Staff—No School for Students



It is hard to believe that we are already into October! We have welcomed students to our school community and look forward to working with parents and caregivers over the course of the year. It is our continued goal to build strong relationships between your families and the people here at our school. It is when we work together that your children; our students; will have the best learning experiences.

September was a very busy month. Along with the traditional activities and excitement of beginning a school year, we sponsored a "Welcome to School Open House" for students and their families. This was a great way for families to visit the school in a relaxing and enjoyable atmosphere, while receiving valuable information from your child's teacher regarding routines, procedures, and curricular expectations at

the various grade levels. The turn out for this event was wonderful! We also held a Parent School Support Committee (PSSC) Information Night. This was an opportunity to learn more about PSSC and the role it plays in our school system. We encourage you to participate in our school community as a PSSC Member.

Students and staff participated in "Terry Fox" awareness lessons that culminated in a school wide "Terry Fox Walk" on Thursday, September 27th. Four students were the lucky winners of Terry Fox t-shirts. Our school made a donation to the Terry Fox Foundation, on behalf of students. We are proud to continue supporting this cause.

The Fall Cross Country Running program continued this year. Participating students in Grades 3—5 practiced each week and had the opportunity to run

in three SSEC meets. This program is an ideal way to promote participation in physical activity. Many thanks to Mr. Worrell for organizing this activity for SSES and to the teachers who assisted with this program!



We continue our focus this year on improving students' abilities in reading comprehension, writing, and number and operations. We will continue initiatives to enhance learning in these areas for all students.

Please talk with our teachers to discuss any concerns that you may have and share with them the successes that your child is having. Your involvement in your child's educational experience will positively impact their success at school. Thank you.

Mrs. Winchester, Principal

Mrs. Parsons, Vice Principal

### GIFT CARD FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN 2018

We are thrilled to partner with local businesses to produce our annual fundraiser! We have several St. Stephen businesses that partner with SSES on this campaign, and they donate a percentage of all sales of gift cards to our school!!

We are asking families and friends of SSES students to support our Gift Card Fundraising Campaign by purchasing gift cards that can be used to pay for everyday purchases, as well as for gifts. More information will go home soon.

The more gift cards we sell, the greater our profit!

Thanks for your support!



**MEDIC ALERT: "No Child Without"**

Medic Alert Foundation Canada has a program that provides FREE Medic Alert ID and membership for children ages 4-14 years.

Your child may qualify for this program if he/she has a medical condition, severe allergy, medications, or devices/implants.

Information is available at our school. You may also contact Medic Alert at *nochild-without.ca* or call 1-877-282-5378.



***Parents...Did You Know...??***

SSES has 2 Parent Information Bulletin Boards; one located in each entry area of the school. Please check out these boards for information about events happening in our community.



**Next PSSC Meeting**

Monday, November 19th

At 7:00 pm

In the School Library

St. Stephen Elementary School  
16 King's Court  
St. Stephen, New Brunswick  
E3L 3B2

Phone: 506-466-7303  
Fax: 506-466-7337  
<http://sses.nbed.nb.ca>



**HALLOWEEN TREATS AT ST. STEPHEN ELEMENTARY**

Teachers plan their Halloween celebrations within their grade level teams, and communicate to families about their plans.

In the past several years, we have encouraged families that want to send treats to school, to try to send healthy snacks.

There is increased diligence with this request as we work hard to provide a "Healthier School Food Environment". We would appreciate your cooperation when planning for treats for Halloween at school. We've seen some very unique and creative healthier options coming in over the past few years!

Thanks in advance for your consideration of this.

**SKATING PROGRAM**

Students at SSES take part in a Skating Program each year. This begins in November and continues until March. Students will be transported by bus to The Garcelon Civic Center for one hour of skating. Please refer to the schedule that was sent home to know when your child goes skating.

Children must have skates, a helmet, snow pants and gloves/mittens for skating. We have some skates and helmets on hand for children to borrow when needed.

Parents are welcome to meet us at the Civic Center for skating.

Donations of used skates and helmets are always welcomed at SSES! Thank you!!

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

Promoting regular attendance is a focus at St. Stephen Elementary School.

Teachers will be celebrating attendance in their classrooms.

A Celebration will take place each term for students with Perfect and Exceptional Attendance.

Having your child at school on time each day helps to build success in their learning.

Please remember that teachers require a *written excuse* for any absence from school. This can simply be written in your child's Agenda.

We appreciate your child arriving at school on time each day. Thank you!