



JANUARY  
2015



Burton School  
Burton, NB

January 2015

## School News

### Skating

We will be travelling to King's Arrow Arena for skating this month on January 15<sup>th</sup> and January 29<sup>th</sup>. Please dress your child appropriately as the rink may be cool. Of course children need a CSA approved helmet and skates. Parents are welcome to join us there at 9:10 AM.

### Dates of Interest

- January 5<sup>th</sup>-teachers' professional learning – school improvement planning
- January 6<sup>th</sup>- students return
- January 12<sup>th</sup>- 6:00 pm Home and School Meeting
- January 12<sup>th</sup>- 7:00 pm – PSSC are presenting their proposal for a new Daycare facility/Primary School. We welcome all parents to come and see the presentation.
- January 15<sup>th</sup>- skating King's Arrow Arena- 9:15-10:15
- January 29<sup>th</sup>- skating King's Arrow Arena- 9:15-10:15

### Urgently Needed

As we begin planning our next cluster, we are in need of parents who are willing to share their talents on Monday afternoons. We run from 1:15-2:00 and it is 5 weeks beginning on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Are you willing to cook with a group? Do ceramics? Scrapbook? We'd love to hear from you.

### Hot Lunch

Hot lunch will begin again next week. We will continue to provide milk for all students until the end of the month. For the month of January we will be preparing turkey soup for the children on Wednesdays. We had enough leftovers from our Christmas dinner that we were able to make soup for the children to have for the rest of January. We will begin heating it the slow cooker but should anyone be available to dish it up and deliver we would appreciate it! Teachers will ask students Wednesday mornings if the children want soup. **If your child does not like turkey soup or you think they might not like it, you will need to provide a lunch.**

### Student Recognition

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized during December's assembly for their "bucket filling" behaviour:

Kindergarten: Xavier Knight

Grade 1: Layla Myra

Grade 2: Marcus Currie

Phys Ed: Keaton Annis, Kaileigh Beyer, Jacob Winsor

Guidance Choice: Emma Layton

Principal's Choice: Jace Hynes

For January's assembly we will be having the kindergarten class doing a presentation. The assembly will be held on **Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 12:50 pm** in the gym.

Our theme for January will be common sense.

### PSSC News

On Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, members of our PSSC are presenting their proposal for a new K-2 school structure which has daycare facilities within it. We invite you to come to the school gym at 7:00 pm to listen to their presentation which they are hoping to bring forward to our District Education Council. We hope to see many families represented!

## Kindergarten

### Literacy

- ❖ We will introduce the sounds “sh, ch, th”
- ❖ The reading strategies “**Eagle Eye**” (Look at the picture) and “**Lips the Fish**” (Look at the word and get your lips ready to say the first sound) will be reviewed and practiced.
- ❖ We will continue to work on sight word recognition.
- ❖ We will continue to practice leaving spaces between words and “letter writing” (writing the letters they hear in a word).

### Numeracy

- ❖ We will continue to explore numbers, with a focus on numbers 6-10.
- ❖ We will also work on recognizing, at a glance, familiar arrangements of 1-5 dots or objects.
- ❖ We will be introducing poems this month with a number/counting focus.

### You and Your World

- ❖ Students will be learning about **needs** and **wants**.

## Grade One

### Literacy

- ❖ This month, I will be sending home a reading strategy per week in my weekly newsletter so that parents can put what we are doing in class into practice at home.
- ❖ The students will continue to meet in their strategy specific groups with me as well as one on one.
- ❖ In writing, we will be moving into our Writing For Readers unit, where we fix up our writing and our becoming more conscious of the people we are writing for.
- ❖ We will continue to work on learning our sight word and word wall words and how these words can be used in our writing.

### Numeracy

- ❖ Addition and Subtraction to 12

**Concepts: Addition, number sentence, doubles, subtract, mental math**

### You and Your World

- ❖ Healthy Bodies, Clusters, WITS

## Grade Two

### Literacy

- ❖ Daily Five and Cafe
- ❖ Concepts / Vocabulary: comprehension, fluency, expression, strategies
- ❖ Writing

**Concepts / Vocabulary: punctuation, spacing, million dollar words, details, lengthening of stories**

### Numeracy

- ❖ Addition and subtraction to 18

**Concepts / Vocabulary: addition, subtraction, sum, counting on, difference, equal, unequal, missing part, order, addition and subtraction sentences, compare, doubles, near doubles, even and odd numbers**

### You and Your World

- ❖ Technology, Economics, Clusters



## Guidance Corner

January's theme once again is Common Sense. This theme is very timely as the inclement weather provides children with the opportunity to practice problem solving. Common sense doesn't come naturally to all children – or adults! For many it takes practice. Instead of making all important decisions for your child, consider making observations and then asking your child's opinion. For instance, instead of handing your child his/her outdoor gear before he/she goes outside to play, say “Wow – sure looks cold out there today. I wonder what we should wear? What do you think?” This not only good problem solving practice, it is also empowering for the child – and may even get him/her to get ready faster!

## Principal's Corner

Did you know our teachers are working on improving teaching strategies in literacy? We are sharing and researching different methods to teach concepts in classrooms so they will have the maximum impact on student learning. We believe that all students can learn and continually strive for the best way to meet their needs.