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Burton School
Burton, NB

January 2017

School News

Skating

We will be travelling to King's Arrow Arena for skating this month on January 19th. 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 9th-teachers' professional learning – school improvement planning
- January 10th- students return
- January 16th- 6:00 pm Home and School Meeting/ 7:00 pm PSSC meeting
- January 19th - skating King's Arrow Arena- 9:15-10:15 am
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Bussing Update



You may have noticed a casual bus driver this week. The Burton route is being posted again. I do not have a confirmed date as to when the new bus driver will start. Thank you for your continued patience as I realize the change of drivers we have had this year can be frustrating.

Hot Lunch

Hot lunch will begin again next week. Forms went home with your child Tuesday and are to be returned Friday morning. Please note late orders cannot be accepted, but we will accept phone calls if your child is not at school Friday. Unfortunately, refunds cannot be given but feel free to ask that their hot lunch be sent home the next day.

If you would like to volunteer Monday night or Tuesday morning we would love more volunteers to help prepare the veggies. Also if you would like to count hot lunch monies Friday mornings we could use your help. Please call the school and leave your name.

Student Recognition

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

Kindergarten: Arthur Durocher

Grade 1: Katelyn McMullin

Grade 2: Kaylee Galbraith

Phys Ed: Aiden MacMaster, Tyson Levi and Owen AuCoin

Principal's Choice: Charlotte Durocher

For January's assembly we will be having the kindergarten class doing a presentation. The assembly will be held on **Thursday, January 27th at 11:15 pm** in the gym.

Our theme for January will be 'common sense'.

PSSC News

We will be meeting January 16th, 2017 at 7:00 pm to discuss a proposal to DEC for an expansion to our school. Home and School also meet right before at 6:00 pm to discuss school events, fundraising and happening in our school. Parents are always welcome to attend.

Kindergarten

- ❖ All letters and their corresponding sounds have now been introduced. This month we will be practicing and learning about alphabetical order.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Students will continue to work on writing a sentence independently. We will practice leaving spaces between words, spelling some simple sight words correctly and using “letter writing” (writing words independently by writing the letter you hear in a word) to spell other words.

Numeracy

- ❖ We will continue to explore numbers, with a focus on numbers 6-10.
- ❖ Math Stations are being introduced to allow for individualized small group instruction.

You and Your World

- ❖ We will be learning about needs and wants.

Grade One

Literacy

- ❖ Reading: students will continue to meet with me weekly and work on the strategies they need to become better readers.
- ❖ Writing: we will continue to work on personal writing goals (sight words, details, etc...) as well as we will be beginning our "Writing For Readers" unit, where we fix up our writing and start to be more conscious of the people we are writing for.
- ❖ We will continue to work on learning sight words, word families and further develop phonic sounds.

Numeracy

- ❖ Addition and Subtraction to 12

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

You and Your World

- ❖ Community, 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, mental math

You and Your World

- ❖ Technology, Economics, Clusters

Principal's Corner

One of the programs we are working on implementing this year is called **Zones of Regulation**. It teaches the students that we can be in four “zones” according to our emotions. These zones are colour coded and are red, yellow, green and blue. The optimum zone to be in for learning is green. Children will be taught how to label the zone they are in according to their emotions, and activities they can try to make sure they can get into the green zone and ready themselves for learning. This year we are working towards the development of calming centers in our class, where children can spend a few minutes preparing to learn and reentering the green zone.

