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December Newsletter 2021

Nov. 29	Report Cards issued
Dec. 1	50/50 Ticket Sales begin
Dec. 1	Ring a Bell
Dec. 2	Virtual Conferences 3-6 pm
Dec. 3	Virtual Conferences 1-3 pm (no school)
Dec. 6-10	Used Book Sale
Dec. 6,13	After School Basketball for Grades 3-5
Dec. 13	Candy Cane Grams on sale
Dec. 13	Last Day for Library- all books due
Dec. 16-17	Student Talent Show Recorded
Dec. 16-17	African Drumming Presentation
Dec. 17	Last Day for Food Services
Dec. 17	December Birthday Cupcake Day
Dec. 20	Christmas Concert Recorded
Dec. 21	50/50 Ticket drawn
Dec. 21	Christmas Dinner
Dec. 22	Concert available online
Dec. 22	Candy Cane Grams delivered
Dec. 23	Last Day of Classes (full day)
Jan. 10	Back to School

Happy Holidays

The last day of classes before Christmas break will be December 23rd. It is a full day. The first day back for students will be January 10th. We appreciate all the support parents and community have given to the school this term with all the many ups and downs of the term and we look forward to working with you in the New Year. The staff of NES wishes all students and their families a joyous and blessed holiday season!

Report Cards/Student Progress Conferences

Report cards for this term will be issued on November 29th. Conferences will be virtual or by phone this year and a form has gone home asking you your preference. This time will be indicated on the report card and teachers look forward to discussing your child's progress with you. Virtual interviews take place on December 2nd from 3-6 pm and December 3rd from 1-3 pm.

Gift Campaign

Thank you for all your support with our recent coffee fundraiser. We made a profit of \$2065. Our top salesperson was Maxwell Brown and he will receive \$100 worth of books during the spring book fair. The top selling class was KC selling \$1060 worth of items and they will receive a \$100 worth of books for their classroom. Thanks goes out to all who supported us!

Christmas Dinner

We are excited to offer our annual Christmas Dinner again. We are unable to invite in our school families, but students will have the opportunity to purchase the dinner online or through the special-order form. The form will go home with all the information in the coming days and will be served during our regular lunch time on December 21st in the cafeteria for those students interested in buying the dinner. Orders are due by December 17th.

Christmas Concert

Although we will not be able to hold an in-person concert this year, we are pleased to offer a virtual performance of each class. The concert will be recorded on December 20th and students may wish to dress up for this. It will be available through Padlet on our school website on Wednesday, December 22nd. Our concert theme is Christmas Around the World. It will be important for parents/guardians to know that if you did not sign off on the permission form for students being posted on social media, they will not be in the concert this year and will participate in practices but will not be a part of the recording. Please let your child's teacher know if you would like your permission status changed for this.

NES HEALTHY MINDS

We would like to thank our most recent donors: Lacey Christie, NVFD, UNIFOR Local 219, Robert and Arlene Small and Stephen and Kathleen Albee. Your donations are greatly appreciated to help with food and outdoor toys purchases. Any inquires can be directed to Mrs. Priest at 575-6000.

Used Book Sale

We are very pleased to have a donation of hundreds of used books from the former Millville School Library, courtesy of Phyllis Connor. We will have an opportunity for each class to visit the book sale and purchase from December 6-10. All money will go towards new technology for the school. Students who buy will get their name in the box for 2 special draws.

School Clothing

Just a reminder that there NES clothing is available online at <https://nackawices.entripsyshops.com/>. Great Christmas ideas!!

Student Council

The Student Council is planning a virtual student talent show to be recorded on December 16th and 17th. Students who are interested in participating need to see Mr. Graham to audition on December 13th. Students also would need permission to be able to be recorded to post on social media. We will have a special dress up week the last week of school: Monday: Concert dress up, Tuesday: Red and Green, Wednesday: Ugly Christmas Sweater, Thursday: Christmas hat and PJs. This will be a school spirit week with no charge. The SRC also is running a candy cane gram campaign starting December 13th until December 17th. They will be delivered to students on Wednesday, December 22nd. Students and parents can purchase a Candy Cane Gram for \$1, write a little message, and have it delivered to your child/student/friend, with a full-sized candy cane, on the morning of the 22nd. Please fill out the message card that will be sent home and send it in (with a \$1) to your child's homeroom teacher. All messages and money need to be in by Friday, December 17th. If you require additional forms, pls let your child's homeroom teacher know. Thanks for your support ~ Happy Holidays!

Christmas Daddies-Local Lions Club

We will not be collecting items at the school this year due to pandemic restrictions, but the local Lion's Club will still be accepting money donations, the Wellness Committee is having a new toy drive and the Waterfront Pub is collecting PJs. Please contact Ron or Sharon Berube at 575-8464 if you are interested in helping out. We thank you for helping us to support our community!! Merry Christmas!

African Drumming Presentation

We are excited to have our African Drumming presentation returning to NES on December 16th and 17th after a few years hiatus. They will follow all Covid protocols. Their presentation involves drums from many cultures including, Cuban, African, Middle eastern, European, Pakistan, Brazil, and First Nations. Each drum will get a brief demo looking at its history, country of origin, sounds & construction, then they will create a rhythm using the various voices of the myriad of drums. Each student gets to play a drum. Classes visit 1 at a time throughout the day.

Dress Warm

Just a reminder that students are all expected to go outside at recess and also during outdoor learning. Students should come prepared for the cold weather with proper footwear and warm outerwear.

Ring a Bell Campaign

During Ring a Bell Week, almost 70 000 students in Elementary and Middle school will be ringing bells for one minute in support of mental health. Nackawic Elementary students will be discussing Mental Health during the week leading up to the minute of bell ringing. NES will ring the bell on morning announcements on December 1st. They will be learning about how physical health, animals, nature and emotions relate to Mental Health.

Birthdays

Our students and staff who had a birthday in November were: Heyden Hinton, Georgia Dixon, Brody MacFarlane, Willow Cullins, Ryker Dore, Javier Lewis, Elizabeth Day-Wortman, Aubree Sharpe, James DeMerchant, Olivia Carr, Hazen McMann-Broniszewski, Emmett Davidson, Wyatt Corey, Mlle Jackman, Mme Agrell and Mr. Graham. Birthdays to be celebrated this month include: Frans Elsinghorst, Thatcher Mercer, Gideon Gonzales-Moser, Amelia vanOord, Leah DeMerchant, Landen Forbes, Quinn Ingraham, Kristan Eastwood, Noah Whittaker, Logan Milburn, Mme Fox, Mr. Dunn and Mrs. Cernivz. We will celebrate December birthdays with Independent Grocer Cupcakes on Dec. 17th.

50/50 Draw

Nackawic Elementary School will be holding a 50/50 ticket fundraiser. Each student will bring home a book of five (5) tickets. Tickets are \$2.00 each. They will be sold from December 1st to December 17th. The draw will take place on Tuesday, December 21st. All tickets and money must be returned to the school by Friday, December 17th. Please return any unsold tickets. If you wish to have more books, please send a note with your child, or call the school at 575-6000. The student who sells the winning ticket will win \$100. The class selling the most tickets will win a \$100 towards a class party. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward field trips, the playground and supplies needed for student activities. Good luck to everyone and thank you for your support.

Remembrance Day Contest

Unfortunately, we missed our assembly this year, but we did receive submissions for the art and essay contest sponsored by the Legion. In grade 4, first place for artwork goes to Zoey Chase, second place to Mya Kennedy and third place goes to Avery Maillet. In grade 5, first place for writing goes to Sidney Bourgoin, second place to Mallory Sharp and third place to Kaley Blakemore. A small token was given to all students who entered a submission.