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February Newsletter

Feb 1	Grand in Hand Basketball Fundraiser draw
Feb. 2	Gr. 3-5 Drama Auditions at 3-4:30pm
Feb. 3 and 10	Gr. 2-5 NES Chess Tournament 3-4pm
Feb. 8	Deadline to Register for Music Festival
Feb. 8, 22	Jr. Chef Program 3-4pm
Feb. 13-17	Staff Appreciation Week
Feb. 13-March 2	Final 50/50 tickets on sale/draw date March 2
Feb. 14	Valentine's Day Parties
Feb. 14	TNB presenting S.T.O.P. at 10:35
Feb. 15	District Chess Tournament in Centreville
Feb. 17	Random Acts of Kindness Day
Feb. 21	Tentative 100 th Day of School
Feb. 20	Family Day- Holiday- no school
Feb. 21	3R, 4A, 5F to Meduxnekeag Trail 8:45-12:10
Feb. 24	Pink Shirt Day at NES
Feb. 24	February Birthday Cupcakes Served
Feb. 27-March 3	Winter Carnival
March 6-10	March Break ...no school

Happy Valentine's Day!

Valentine's Day is on February 14th. Teachers will hold parties for their classes on that day. Students may exchange valentine cards if they wish. Please remember to only send in treats that are nut free.



50/50

We will run our final 50/50 fundraiser from Feb.13th -March 2nd with the draw on March 2nd. Tickets are \$2 and must be paid for in cash. All students will receive one book of tickets to sell. If you cannot sell your tickets or do not wish to participate, please return them to the school. If you would like more tickets, contact the school but we will only issue new tickets once previously issued tickets are paid for. The top salesperson will receive an NES prize pack. Money raised go towards playground upgrades and school activities.

Pink Shirt Day

We are celebrating Pink Shirt Day on February 24th and are encouraging students to wear a pink shirt that day. If you are interested in purchasing an official Pink Shirt for the occasion, please place your order online by Feb. 1st and Mr. Powell has agreed to pick up our order and deliver them to students before Feb. 24th. All orders must be online through the website and orders need to be verified with the school so we will know which orders to pick up. (send a note to your child's teacher to inform us). Thank you.

<https://bgcfred.com/events/pink-shirt-day/>

**Chess**

We have had almost 40 grade 2-5 students take part in chess after school on Fridays. The district tournament is in Centreville on February 15th, and we can take two students from each grade. We will hold an in-house tournament on February 3rd and continue it on February 10th after school from 3-4pm. The top two winners from each grade from this tournament will advance to the district level. Please make sure your child is in attendance if they are interested in competing.

NES HEALTY MINDS

We would like to thank our most recent donors: Shuffleboard group and the Waterfront Pub, Arlene and Bob Small, UNIFOR Local 219 and all the donations made at Flewelling's Funeral Home in memory of Ralph McManus. Our Breakfast Program is thriving, our snack cupboard is full, and we have toys to play with in the snow! Our Playground Committee is working towards getting a new larger piece of equipment.

Nackawic Virtual Music Festival 2023

We are planning to be an in-person/live music festival this year! Adjudication for Nackawic Music Festival will be held the week of April 17-18. The deadline for online registration is February 8, 2023 (online registration info and payment info stated below). Once online registration is complete, an email with instructions on how to complete the virtual submission will be sent. The syllabus for the 2023 Nackawic Virtual Music Festival is available online at <http://www.nbfmf.org/nackawic-music-festival/>. Competition will be offered at various levels from beginner to advanced, in the following disciplines: Voice, Piano, Strings, Guitar, Woodwind, Brass, Percussion, Chamber Ensemble, Musical Theatre, Speech Arts, Choral, Band, Orchestra and Dance. Each performance will be adjudicated and receive feedback from a specialist in the discipline. Awards and prizes will be offered. Students are encouraged to participate in the festival. If they are interested and/or need assistance with choosing repertoire, please contact the school. Depending on provincial directives, your child's class may be participating in the non-competitive classroom singing, speech art, rhythm band, or dance classes. The festival also offers school, church and community choirs and bands a choice of competitive or non-competitive participation. Registration can be done online at the website above. There are three options for payments: Etransfer (*preferred payment method) to nackawicmusicfestival@gmail.com (in the "note/memo" section of the EMT, put the registrant's name), PayPal (extra 4% finance charge applies), or mailing a cheque to Melissa Lagacy 4275 Rte. 105, Upper Queensbury, NB E6G 1Y1. If you have any questions about the syllabus or registration process, please contact Melissa Lagacy at 575-9626 or melissa.lagacy@yahoo.ca or nackawicmusicfestival@gmail.com. We look forward to your involvement in Nackawic Music Festival 2023!

February Birthdays

Happy birthday to our February birthdays this month to Ava Pelletier-Landry, Abby Godin, Joshua Sherman, Ryder Curtis, Rondo Simon, Vivian Knox, Rogan Mabie, Mr. English and Ms. Michaud. We will deliver birthday cupcakes sponsored by J-Lynn's for February birthdays on February 24th.

Drama

Drama Club is gearing up again for grades 3-5 and will run on Mondays and Thursdays after school from 3-4:30. Auditions will take place on Thursday, February 2nd between 3 and 4:30. We will be performing Annie in May. Interested students have taken a try out form home.

Skating

We will continue our schedule for free skating by class this month. We are always looking for family volunteers to assist with tying skates. If you are interested, please contact the homeroom teacher. All volunteers need to have a volunteer package completed which includes a criminal record check and Policy 701 training before going. This can be picked up in the office. Students will need a helmet and skates to take part. We do have some extra skates at the school we can trade or loan. Just let us know. Skating times:

- Thursday, February 16th
- KC and KS-8:45-9:45
- 5J and 5F- 10:45-11:45
- Wednesday, February 22nd
- 3R and 3/4M- 10:45-11:45
- Thursday, February 23rd:
- 2K and 3M-8:45-9:45
- 4/5M and 4A-10:45-11:45
- Friday, February 24th
- 2T and 1M- 8:45-9:45
- 1C and 1/2 M- 10:45-11:45

100th Day of School- "The Giving Tree"

Our school will be collecting toonies to help support Volunteer and Family Services in Woodstock. They support our families in Nackawic and bring food for our Breakfast Program. We will be celebrating the 100th day on February 21st (pending date depending on storm days between now and then). A sheet will be coming home explaining our "Giving Tree". We appreciate any support families are able to give! Thanks in advance!

Winter Carnival

We will hold our annual winter carnival event the week before March Break. Students participate in dress up days and recess activities to promote school spirit. Each team will gain points for participating and the team with the most points at the end of the week will receive a pizza party. The pie throw is back and is always a favorite! Information sheets will go home to explain activities in the coming weeks. Our theme this year is Disney!

**Weather**

With the colder weather, remember to have children dressed warm for outdoor recess as well as during visits to our outdoor classroom. Labelling ski pants with your child's name would be appreciated as they often get mixed up or lost. If the wind chill is below -15, we will be inside. An extra change of clothes (especially mittens) is also handy in case clothing gets wet.

Basketball

We have appreciated all our coaches who have taken on the responsibility of the basketball program including Jordan Staples, Michael Simon, Bradwell Wilson and Craig English. Basketball will wrap up the end of this month with the exception of canceled games that might need to be rescheduled for later. We appreciate all those who have supported the grand in hand fundraiser to pay for the cost of rentals and refs. The draw will be on February 1st at the 4-5 boys' basketball practice. We appreciate Amy Levesque organizing this for us. The games set for this month include:

- Tuesday January 31 Hartland @ NES 6:30 4/5 Girls
- Thursday February 2 NES @ Harvey 6:30 4/5 Boys
- Thursday February 2 Woodstock @ NES 3 Girls (controlled scrimmage)
- Monday February 6 NES @ Woodstock 6:30 4/5 Boys
- Tuesday February 7 NES @ Liverpool (Fredericton) 3 Girls
- Friday February 10 NES @ Perth 6:30 4/5 Girls
- Monday February 13 Woodstock @ NES 6:30 4/5 Girls (controlled scrimmage)
- Friday February 17 Florenceville @ NES 6:30 4/5 Girls
- Tuesday February 21 Perth @ NES 6:30 4/5 Girls

Games are dependent on officials being available.

Holidays

Family Day will take place on Feb. 20th and there will be no school for students. March Break runs between March 6th -10th this year. We wish everyone an enjoyable holiday and we thank you for your ongoing support. Stay safe everyone!

PSSC

The NES Parent School Support Committee is proud to work collectively toward improved education development and student achievement, while supporting open communication. We meet on a bi-monthly basis, and meetings are open to the public. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 18th at 6:00 pm in the library. As you may know, February 13th-17th is teacher & staff appreciation week! During this time, we'd love to show our appreciation for all of the wonderful staff at NES by providing them with treats throughout the week! If there are any parents who would like to contribute to this wonderful cause please feel free to contact me by email: kels_n@hotmail.com or by phone: 1-506-230-2315. The following are items we'd like to deliver during the week: Bagels & Cream Cheese, Fruit, Vegetables, Sweets, and Coffee/Donuts. Thank you in advance for your consideration! Please be reminded that NES is a nut safe school. Thanks in advance.

-Kelsey Davidson
PSSC Chair

TNB Performance

TNB Young Company will be performing S.T.O.P. at NES on February 14th at 10:30am. Bruno is new to Canada and hasn't made any friends on his first day of school and is playing all alone. His new classmates, Charlie and Alex, want to play with him but they realize that Bruno doesn't speak any English. The kids will have to find another way of playing and communicating with each other.