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February Newsletter

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50/50 tickets on sale/draw date Feb. 12
Popcorn on sale for \$2
Deadline to Register for Music Festival
Online voting for Bulletin Boards starts
Staff Appreciation Week
Valentine's Day Parties
Family Day- Holiday- no school
Tentative 100th Day of School
Playground Meeting at 6pm
Pink Shirt Day
Winter Carnival
February Birthday Cupcakes Served
March Break ...no school

Holidays

Family Day will take place on Feb. 15th and there will be no school for students. March Break falls between March 1st -5th this year. We wish everyone an enjoyable holiday and we thank you for your ongoing support. Stay safe everyone!

Happy Valentine's Day!

Valentine's Day is on February 14th. Teachers will hold parties for their classes on Feb. 12th. We are asking students to only make cards to exchange within their own classrooms this year due to Covid. Treat bags will be given to every student for their party. Only prepackaged items can be sent in from home and nothing homemade-sorry. Each class will decorate a bulletin board and we will hold an online vote again and award the winning class a free gym class and pizza party.

Skating

Our skating program is on hold again this month until we go back to the yellow phase. A reminder that students require helmets, skates in a cloth or vinyl bag and ski pants to take part in the program. Helmets can be bicycle helmets if students do not have a hockey helmet. Volunteers must have Policy 701, a criminal record check and the volunteer form/paperwork signed off on at the office. Only 3 volunteers are allowed per class.

February Birthdays

Happy birthday this month to Abby Godin, Joshua Sherman, Ryder Curtis, Emily Poulin, Rondo Simon, Vivian Knox, and Ms. Michaud. We will hold our Independent Grocer birthday cupcake party for February birthdays on February 26th.

NES HEALTHY MINDS

We would like to thank our most recent donors: Jamie and Carly Coella, Judy Fox and NVFD. Your continued support for our breakfast and lunch programs and our playground is greatly appreciated!

50/50

We will run our second 50/50 fundraiser from Feb. 1st-11th with the draw date of Feb.12th at 1pm on Facebook Live on our webpage. Tickets are \$2 and must be paid for in cash. Forms have gone home to fill out. 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.

Drama Club

This year we have a dozen drama students from grade 5 signed up to take part in the online drama festival in April. We are waiting on clarification on our plan that was submitted for approval on running a safe program, The school will reach out to those involved as soon as we can begin.

Pink Shirt Day

Each year, the province celebrates Pink Shirt Day to raise awareness against bullying. Let's cover the school in Pink on Feb. 24th demonstrating that we value caring, inclusive environments. The pink shirt order is due Feb. 3rd but any pink shirt will do. There will be an online presentation that day and the class wearing the most pink will win a supply of pink gum to chew for the day.

Winter Carnival

We will hold our annual winter carnival event the three days before March Break. Students participate in dress up days and homeroom activities to promote school spirit. Each class will gain points for participating and the class with the most points at the end of the week will receive a pizza party. Information sheets will go home to explain activities in the coming weeks.

French Program Information

Parents who wish to have their child registered in Grade 1 Early French Immersion or Grade 6 Late French Immersion for 2021-2022 are asked to complete the electronic registration form located on the ASD-W web site: www.asd-w.nbed.nb.ca). Registrations received by March 8th, 2021 will inform planning for the formation of classes for 2021-2022. If a parent does not have access to a computer, please contact Amy Wilcox (506-444-4035) to complete the registration. Students will be enrolled in the program of selection, unless otherwise notified by the FSL Coordinator for your area.

Autism Awareness

Autism Learning Partnership, a branch of the EECD, is proud to inform you that the Autism Resource Hub website is now available for guardians of children with autism spectrum disorders. The site contains a variety of resources on topics such as learning and behavior, prompting, reinforcement and social skills. Autism Learning Partnership is continuing to develop the site and adding relevant resources that meet the needs of guardians of children with ASD.

From your PSSC

The week of February 8-12 is staff appreciation week. Our staff's dedication to our children's education should be celebrated. During this week we will be having special treats for our staff to show our appreciation. If there are any parents who can help with this, please email Veronica at veronica.sears@nbed.nb.ca for the following days/treats: Monday: Muffins, Tuesday: Veggies, Wednesday: Chocolates, Thursday: Fruit, Friday: Sweets. *Please note that due to public health guidelines food/treats will need to be prepackaged. Thank you in advance.

100TH DAY OF SCHOOL

Each year our school gives back to "Volunteer and Family Services" in Woodstock as they support our Breakfast Program. This year due to Covid restrictions, we will not be collecting food items. We are going to collect loonies instead. Right now, the 100th day of school will be on Feb. 19th, 2021. You will receive a letter on Feb. 8th outlining the details of this initiative.

Student Council

Popcorn will be available at first recess break every Friday until further notice. The cost is \$2, and orders can be made online or forms can be sent into the school by 9 am on Fridays. The student council fun day this month coincides with winter carnival and activities will be sent out as an informational memo in the next couple weeks.

Bingo

We wish to thank everyone for their support of our online Family Literacy Bingo night on January 27th. We brought in \$458.00. The four corner and two-line winner was Courtney Davidson who won two NES swag packs. The full card winner was Kelly Morehouse who won half the pot, \$229. Congratulations! Our next game is on March 17th.

Nackawic Virtual Music Festival 2021

We are pleased to announce the sixth annual music festival in which Nackawic students and schools may participate. Adjudication for Nackawic Music Festival will be held virtually the week of April 12th-16th with MARCH 29th as the video and score submission deadline. The deadline for online registration is February 8th, 2021. Once online registration is complete, an email with instructions on how to complete the virtual submission will be sent. The syllabus for the 2021 Nackawic Virtual Music Festival is available online at <http://www.nbfmf.org/nackawic-music-festival/>. Registration is now live, and entries can be received online at <http://www.nbfmf.org/nackawic-music-festival/>. We look forward to your involvement in Nackawic Virtual Music Festival 2021!

Basketball

We are beginning to gauge interest in skills and drills after school basketball for grades 2-5 in class bubbles and see if we have enough coaches to support us in this. Mr. Dunn will be sending home an information note to those interested and see what our numbers look like. If you would be interested in coaching a group please contact the school to let us know.