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January Newsletter

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First day back for students
Playground Committee Meets at 6pm
Playground Bingo Night in cafeteria at 6:30pm
PSSC Meets at 6 pm
Family Literacy Day
January Birthday Cupcakes
SRC Fun Day- Gum Day

Welcome Back

We hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable break and we welcome the students back to school. With the colder weather, remember to have children dressed warm for outdoor recess. We require students to wear coats, ski pants, hats, mittens, and boots during winter months. 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.

NES Healthy Minds

We would like to thank our most recent donors: UNIFOR Local 219, NVFD and the Lions Club. All our donations go towards feeding our students and supporting playground upgrades. Thank you to all for your continued support!

Playground Bingo Night Fundraiser

The Playground committee will be hosting a family bingo night on January 26th in the school cafeteria. The cost of each bingo card is \$2. There will be a prize for 4 corners, 2 full lines and the full card. The full card prize will be 50% of the sales while the other two prizes will be NES clothing prizes. We hope you will enjoy a fun Family Literacy Day activity and support the playground! The Homemade Mixes campaign brought in a total of \$4310 with \$2155 designated for the playground. Our top salesperson was Logan Armstrong from 3-4M with \$587.00 worth of sales and he won an NES prize package.

Student Council

Student Council will hold their fun day this month on Friday, January 27th and this will be a gum day. We will provide the gum, but students may bring their own as well. Students may participate only by paying 50 cents.

Family Literacy Day

Family Literacy Day® is a national awareness initiative created by ABC Life Literacy Canada in 1999 and held annually on January 27th to raise awareness of the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. Taking time every day to read or do a learning activity with children is crucial to a child's development, improving a child's literacy skills dramatically, and can help a parent improve their skills as well. As part of our Literacy Day activities, the Masons from Granite Lodge #54 are sponsoring a reading program at our school. Students can read a book and fill out a ballot to have their name entered for a draw for one of two bikes per grade at the end of the year. The more times they enter the greater their chances of winning. Ballots will be kept in classrooms and the program will run Jan. 30th through until May. We also will have a guest author visit our school on Jan. 27th as well. We hope you will do something special with your child to celebrate Literacy Day as well!

Basketball

Practices resume as per the set schedule our first week back to school. We are excited to announce the following games and wish all teams best of luck!

Monday January 9 Canterbury @ NES 6:30 4/5 Boys
Monday January 16 NES @ Woodstock AYR 6:30 4/5 Boys
Saturday January 21 NES @ Canterbury 4/5 Boys
Tournament - Game #1 NES vs Woodstock, at 9 am Game #2 NES vs Grand Falls, at noon
Sunday January 22 NES @ Canterbury 4/5 Boys
Tournament - Games played today will be determined based on Saturday's results. Championship game at 3
Monday January 23 Woodstock @ NES 6:30 4/5 Boys
Tuesday January 24 Woodstock @ NES 6:30 3 Girls
Friday January 27 Florenceville @ NES 6:30 4/5 Girls
Tuesday January 31 Hartland @ NES 6:30 4/5 Girls

January Birthdays

Happy birthday this month to Mariana Cluff, Bailey Anderson, Jackson Cronkhite, Owen Beaulieu, Fletcher Nason, Jack Whidden, Maddie Ford, Liam Davidson, Ryley Levesque, Liam MacDonald, Westin Christie, Dawson Pollock, Keith Young-Hearn, Gavin Brewer, Mrs. MacFarlane, Mrs. Blaney, Mrs. Knox, and Mrs. Connor. We will hold our celebration for January birthdays on January 27th. We wish to thank J-Lynn's Grocer for sponsoring our cupcakes all year.

Drama Club

Drama club is starting up again for grades 3-5. This year we will do the production of Annie. Interested students will receive a detailed information sheet regarding auditions and commitment.

Skating

We will continue our schedule for free skating by class this term. 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 their criminal record check and Policy 701 training completed before going. 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 this month:

January

- **Thursday, January 19th:**
- KC and KS-8:45-9:45
- 5J and 5F- 10:45-11:45
- **Wednesday, January 25th:**
- 3R and 3/4M- 10:45-11:45
- **Thursday, January 26th**
- 2K and 3M- 8:45-9:45
- 4/5M and 4A- 10:45-11:45
- **Friday, January 27th**
- 2T and 1M- 8:45-9:45
- 1C and 1/2 M- 10:45-11:45

February

- **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

Christmas Updates

The winner of the 50/50 draw was Amanda Forbes and she won \$671.00. Landen Forbes from 3-4M sold the winning ticket and won an NES gift package. The tree auction brought in \$235.00. Winners of the trees included: KS, KC- Chantal Stois, 1C, 1Med, 1-2M- Sam Spragg, 2T, 2K- Shelby Christie, 3M, 3R, 3/4M- Ritchie Fullarton, 4A, 5F- Kim English-Greencorn, 4/5M, 5J- Pipo Michaud. The candy grams sold by the student council brought in \$267.05. Thank you to everyone who supported us.

Nackawic Virtual Music Festival 2023

We are planning to be an in-person/live music festival this year! After three years of virtual, it is exciting to get back in the "swing of things" by going live! Thank you for your participation and support over the past three years of a virtual festival. 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 is now live, and entries can be received online at <http://www.nbfmf.org/nackawic-music-festival/>. 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!

Thank You!

We would like to send a sincere "thank you" to all who were able to donate to our Christmas Daddies at our Christmas concert for our local Lions Club. We were able to give the Lions Club \$575.05.