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January Newsletter

Jan. 4	First day back for students
Jan. 11	Playground Committee Meets online at 6pm
Jan. 20	PSSC Meets online at 6 pm
Jan. 27	Family Literacy Day
Jan. 27	Playground Bingo Night online at 6:30pm
Jan. 29	January Birthday Cupcakes
Jan. 29	SRC Fun Day- PJ 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 as well as in their lines waiting to be received into the school from busses. 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.

School Clothing

We still have a limited number of extra sweatshirts, hats, and socks for sale. If you are interested in anything, please contact the school or drop by and we would be happy to show you what is left to be sold. You also can order online at elevateathletics.ca/Nackawic.

NES Healthy Minds

NES would like to thank its most recent donors: UNIFOR Local 219, The Real Estate Board of the Fredericton Area Inc., Legion Shuffleboard and Waterfront Pub, NVFD, Arlene and Bob Small, Roxie Moffitt and all the donors who donated their bottle money at Brooks Redemption Center. We have purchased new crazy carpets and blocks to build with in the snow as well as keeping our breakfast/snack/lunch cupboards full! Thank you everyone for your support!

Playground Bingo Night Fundraiser

The Playground committee will be hosting a family bingo night on Facebook Live on Jan. 27. 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!

Family Literacy Day

Family Literacy Day® is a national awareness initiative created by ABC Life Literacy Canada in 1999 and held annually on January 27 to raise awareness of the importance of reading and engaging in other literacyrelated 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, our 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 are housed in classrooms and the program will run all this term. More activities associated with this day will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Christmas Updates

The winner of the 50/50 draw was Alfred Courtoreille and he won \$2781.00. Joshua Sherman sold the winning ticket and won \$50. The Bulletin Board winner was 3 Rogers, and they will have their extra gym class and pizza party on January 8. The auction brought in \$552 for books for the classrooms. Winners of the auction items include: KC- Laura Hunter-Milburn, KS-Miranda Price, 1F- Kim Greydanus, 1Mo- Sharon Richardson, 1Mi- Jason Dunbar, 2T- Lacey Christie, 2/3C- Phyllis Connor, 3R- Natasha Whittaker, 3D-Heather Grant, 4M- Kathleen Louise Israel, 4A- Vanessa Bradley, 5J- Amy Levesque, 5FD- Heidi Knox. The candy grams sold by the student council brought in \$554.83. Thank you to everyone who supported us.

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January Birthdays

Happy birthday this month to Tess Palmer, Brayden Dore, Madelyn Ford, Liam Davidson, Hailey Lagacy, Hassan Nawab, Ryley Levesque, Liam MacDonald, Elise Bradley, Westin Christie, Dawson Pollock, Mya Brooks-Lisoway, Dakoda Davidson and Mrs. Connor. We will hold our celebration for January birthdays on January 29. We wish to thank our Independent Grocer for sponsoring our cupcakes all year.

Drama Club

Drama club is starting up again for grade 5 with drama festival being online this year. We will only be using grade 5 students as the presentation has to be about 5 minutes and we must socially distance. We are planning to set up our lab so we can practice online and socially distance. Interested students will receive a detailed information sheet regarding auditions and commitment.

Remembrance Day Contest Winners

Kindergarten: 1st Jennifer MacDonald, 2nd Emily Thurrott, 3rd Owen Bradley, Grade One: 1st Hannah Marr, 2nd Kayde Lutwick, 3rd Elise Bradley, Grade Two: 1st Lolah Cullins, 2nd Rondo Simon, 3rd Miley Brewer, Grade Three: 1st Mya Kennedy, 2nd M.J. Phillips, 3rd Olivia Brewer, Grade Four: 1st Mason Gaston, 2nd Sophie Thurrott, 3rd Brody MacFarlane, Grade Five: 1st Cynthia vanOord, 2nd Layleh Trail 3rd Haley Young, Grade Five Essay: 1st Jordan Levesque, 2nd Brayden Dore, 3rd Brooklyn Swan. Each student came home with a small cheque. Please be reminded to cash them soon. Thanks.

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. All volunteers must be screened and wear a mask. Each class may have a max of three volunteers. 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:

Jan 13- 5FD at 11:15

Jan 14- 2T at 8:45 and 3R at 10:40

Jan. 15- KC at 8:45 and 4A at 10:40

Jan. 20- 4M at 11:15

Jan. 21- 1Mi at 8:45 and 5J at 10:40

Jan. 22- KS at 8:45 and 3D at 10:40

Jan. 27-5FD at 11:15

Jan. 28- 1Mo at 8:45 and 2/3C at 10:40

Jan. 29- 1F at 8:45 and 2T at 10:40

Student Council

The SRC will begin selling popcorn every Friday starting on January 15 for \$2. Popcorn is bagged by Papa Jack and will be available to buy online. Orders must be paid before Friday at 9 am. SRC will arrange orders by class for delivery for first recess. Student Council will hold their fun day this month on Friday, January 29 and this will be a PJ day. Please do not send stuffed animals or blankets due to Covid protocols. Students may participate for the day for 50 cents.

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 12-16 with MARCH 29TH as the video and score submission deadline. The deadline for online registration is February 8, 2021 (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 2021 Nackawic Virtual Music Festival is available online at http://www.nbfmf.org/nackawicmusic-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 (all must be in accordance with provincial pandemic directives if groups are involved). 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 have them contact the school. Because the festival submissions are sent virtually via email, scans of the original/purchased musical scores are permitted. 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-musicfestival/. 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 Virtual Music Festival 2021!