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March Newsletter



March 7-11
March 14, 21, 28
March 17
March 18, April 1
March 21-24
March 22-24
March 25
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March 31
April 1
March 28-April 1

March Break
Grades 3-5 Chess Club
Saint Patrick's Day and Family Bingo Night at 6:30 pm
Popcorn for sale
Heart Healthy Challenge Week- eat your fruits and veggies!
Book Fair (In person)
PL Day for Staff- no school for students
Playground Meeting-online
Grade 2 Field Trip
SRC Fun Day- Mustache/Beard Day (50 cents for a prize)
March Birthday Cupcakes
K-2 Basketball begins
Heart Healthy Challenge Week- Only 2 hours of screen time

Changes in Pandemic Requirements

All remaining COVID-19 measures have been lifted as of March 14th. This means that: Masks will no longer be required in school or on busses. Students and staff may still wear a mask if desired as this will be a personal choice. Hand sanitizer will continue to be available in classrooms and at entrances. Recesses will resume with students mixed together on the playground. We will continue to eat in classrooms and use our bathroom tag system. Extracurricular clubs and sports may resume without any restrictions. Spectators are now permitted to attend all applicable extracurricular activities without proof of vaccination. Visitors are now allowed into the building, but we will continue to use our security system to buzz people in with the admin assistant greeting you. Visitors will be asked to wait in the office while students are collected. Families will no longer need to inform the school if their child tests positive for COVID-19, and we will no longer be updating the COVID-19 Dashboard. However, as with missed time for any reason, families will still be responsible for informing the school of their child's absences. Isolation rules are no longer in place. As always, if your child is feeling unwell and displaying illness, cold, or flu-like symptoms, you are advised to keep them home until they are feeling better.

No School

There will be no school for students on March 25th as teachers work on report cards and participate in professional learning.

Playground Fundraiser

Happy St. Patrick's Day on March 17th! Students may wish to wear green on the 17th to celebrate. The Playground committee will be hosting their second annual family bingo night on Facebook Live on March 17th. The cost of each bingo card is \$5. There will be a prize for the box around the free, 1 full line without the free and the full card. The full card prize will be 50% of the sales while the other two prizes will be a mix of small gifts. Cards are available at the school. We thank everyone who supported our 50/50 draw. The Playground and School shared \$700 while the other \$700 was awarded to Melissa Bourgoïn. Byron Bourgoïn was the student who sold the winning ticket and received a fifty-dollar coupon for the upcoming book fair. Congratulations!

Book Fair

Our Book Fair is Back! Books bring us together! This is a fun and exciting time for students and staff. If your child would like to purchase something at the book fair, they will have the opportunity to visit and view the items with their classroom. Parents and community members will have the opportunity to visit the book fair virtually throughout the week or in person on Thursday evening between 6 and 7:30pm. The dates of the book fair are March 22, 23, and 24. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in a few games during the book fair to win some great prizes. We are looking for a few volunteers to help with the book fair. If you are available, please contact the school at 575-6000 for more details.

Student Council

Popcorn will be sold again on Fridays this month which include March 18th and April 1st. Orders can be placed online or sent in with students. Popcorn is \$2.25 a bag. Congratulations to Mme Fox's Shady Shamrocks for winning the Winter Carnival this year. They will be awarded a pizza party. This month's dress up day is on March 24th. Students may participate for free by sporting a mustache or beard and if they would like to be considered for a prize draw, they can pay 50 cents. All funds go to the student council.

Staff Appreciation

We would like to thank all of those who sent in the delicious treats and snacks during Staff Appreciation Week and for all the kind notes from the students. We appreciate Veronica Sears for organizing this for us.

NES Healthy Minds

NES would like to thank its most recent donors: NVFD, Waterfront Pub and shuffleboard, Susan and John Glazier and Flewelling's Funeral Service. Many thanks to our donors!

100th Day of School- NES Gives Back!

Thanks to all who were able to support our 100th day loonie collection for the Woodstock Food Bank. We will be giving them #301.10! Your donations are much appreciated! Way to go NES!

Heart Healthy Challenge

Information will go home for each of our 3 upcoming challenges. The first challenge will take place on March 21st -24th. Students are encouraged to eat 5 servings of fruits and veggies each day. Fruit and veggie trays will be ordered for each classroom that week. The next challenge takes place on March 28th - April 1st. We encourage students to spend less than 2 hours of screen time on devices and teachers will spend more time teaching outside that week. The final challenge is scheduled on April 25-29. Students are encouraged to avoid drinking sugar sweetened drinks each day. A display board with sugar content will be created and shared with students.

Lunch Orders

Please be reminded that a paper order form needs to be filled out for each day that a child is ordering. This means if you pay online, you still need to fill out a form. A form is required by our restaurants and so if one is not sent in, our admin assistant must fill one out for you. This past week she filled out 21 forms. Please help us out by doing this at home before placing orders. All orders are due by Monday at 9 am. Thank you for your cooperation!

Drama Club

This year the grade 5 drama club will perform two different skits virtually again this year. The shows will be recorded on Teams and submitted to the NB Provincial Elementary Drama Fest in April. Each grade 5 class will do a 5-minute skit and the school will have a chance to watch it virtually. Practices continue this month every Tuesday or Thursday (see new letter sent home for drama students). If students cannot attend, please let Mr. Graham or Mrs. MacFarlane know.

March Birthdays

Happy birthday this month to Kira Whittaker, Winrey Staples, Hudson Mercer, Kaya Marr, Ben Hawthorne, Paige Godsoe, Kai Wheelan, Miley Brewer, Austin Swan, Zoey Chase, Hannah Marr, Caleb Arbeau, Ellie Wilson, Jackson Brace, Brayden Marr, Byron Bourgoin, Zasha Bursey, Sophia Whidden, Rylen O'Donnell, Mrs. Marr, Mrs. Priest, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Nason and Mrs. Whittaker. We will serve cupcakes to those with March birthdays on March 31st. We appreciate our sponsor, Cal's Independent Grocer for this kind donation.

Chess Club

Students in grades 3-5 who play chess or who would like to play chess are invited to register to join our Monday after school chess club starting March 14th. We will run this program until mid-May. No experience necessary. Ms. Stone and Mr. Graham will run the program.

Field Trip

Students in grade 2 will receive a permission slip this month about a field trip to snowshoe the Meduxnekeag Trail and visit the Field House at the Ayr Motor Center on March 30th. More details to come.

Yearbooks

Please watch for a yearbook order form coming home soon in which the deadline and yearbook cost will be included. Inside the 2021-22 edition will be pages showcasing grade 5 students with a photo and write up, classroom bubble collages, a special events collage and team photos. The school will provide one free yearbook to each grade 5 student.

Basketball

Grades 3-5 Basketball continues Mondays until March 28th. K-2 basketball will begin on Friday April 1st and will continue every Friday until April 29th, with no basketball on April 15th, Good Friday. Practices will be at the end of the k-2 school day, starting at 1:50 pm and ending at 2:40 pm. The program will be limited to 21 students with a focus on fundamentals and rules through drills/games. Watch for registration forms coming home soon.