

# Nackawic Middle School

## Winter Newsletter 2ND INSTALLMENT



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### Principal's Message

The winter season is upon us and students are working hard on class projects and are learning new concepts in every subject. Report Cards will be sent home February 6th with parent teacher meetings scheduled for the following Thursday evening, February 12th and all day Friday, February 13th. Please call the school to book your appointment. The goal of each of the teachers is to touch base with you by phone or have you come in and discuss your child's progress. With the change in the report card format, it is especially important to discuss your child's strengths and areas needing improvement with the subject teacher.

We will be skiing again this year as a school and we have booked two sessions at Crabbe Mountain. If your child has never skied, this is an excellent opportunity to get a lesson and try a new sport. If your child is an old pro then it will be a fun day on the hill with friends.

The Grade 8 trip fundraising efforts yielded around \$500 before Christmas. We are hoping to continue with more activities to build this fund in the near future. Remember, the \$100 is due by March break to secure a spot on this "once in a lifetime" trip for your child.

The Grade 6 students will be taking part in the yearly assessment in May which will evaluate their knowledge and skill in Math, Language Arts and Science. Our intervention block is focusing on preparing students for this challenge and assisting them in areas needing more support.


Parents, please ensure your child is well rested and ready to learn each day. Checking that your child has completed all home assignments on a consistent basis is another way to ensure your child's success! Thank you.

Kathy Anderson  
Principal

## IMPORTANT DATES



Feb 5th

Valentines Activity Night   
6:30 PM— 8:30 PM

Feb 6th

Report Cards sent home



Feb 12th

Parent/Teacher Interview  
6:00 PM — 8:30 PM

Feb 13th

*\*No School for Students\**  
Parent/Teacher Interviews  
9:00 AM — 3:00 PM



Feb 25th

Pink Shirt Day 

Feb 27th

Crabbe Mountain Field Trip #1

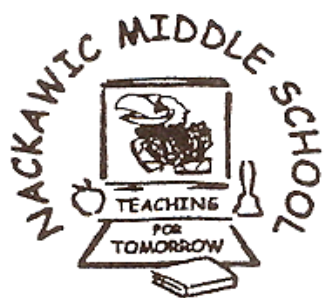
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MARCH BREAK



Mar 13th

Crabbe Mountain Field Trip #2



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### Report Cards/ Parent Teacher Interviews

Report Cards will go home on Friday, *February 6th* with students. We are asking parents review their child's report card, and contact the school office to book parent/teacher interviews on the following dates:

<b>Thursday, February 12th</b>	<b>6:00 PM — 8:30 PM</b>
<b>Friday, February 13th</b>	<b>9:00 AM — 3:00 PM</b>

**We are aiming to meet with ALL parents/guardians, as there is a new report card marking system being used this term. Teachers will be able to give a better understanding of the marking system, and answer any questions you may have.** Please contact the office at 575-6010 to book your appointment.



### Progress Report Parent Feedback

The district has reviewed comments and suggestions from parents/guardians about the progress report that was sent home in November.

#### **Major Themes and Next Steps**

**Greater clarification is required in the reporting scales. The progressing scale ranges were too broad to be meaningful to parents and students. Many respondents felt the information on the report was vague.**

*A February survey will gather information about the achievement Report. Early indications suggest that some of the wording used in the reporting scales may need to be revised as part of the pilot process.*

**More information is required in November. The Progress Report was sent out too late and allowed for minimal comments**

*The next Progress Report will be provided in April, as set out in the pilot. Teachers will have additional space to add comments. After the pilot, the provincial report card committee will review the timing of the Progress Reports*

**More time is required for parent-teacher interviews.**

*ASDW will schedule parent-teacher interviews for K-8 parents on February 13 after the first achievement report. This will replace a*

**More information is required regarding the rationale and the evidence behind the proposed changes.**

*Parent information bulletins will be prepared and shared with the public. Student focus groups, particularly at the middle level, will be held to gather feedback.*

**The layout and overall look of the progress report needs improvement.**

*EECD is working with Pearson, the provider of the new Student Information System, to improve the look of the print out.*

### Helping Hands

NMS Helping Hands is still collecting bottles! Bottles may be dropped off at the back of the Middle School or you may call 575-6010 to arrange for pick up. We also have drop off locations in Millville and Hainesville for your convenience. All donations are appreciated and proceeds come back to our school to support special projects for our students.



### Choir

The NMS Choir has started up for the year, led by Mlle. LaFrance! The choir will be doing selections of different genres, traditional pieces chosen by Mlle. LaFrance and contemporary pop pieces as well (chosen by the kids with Mlle. LaFrance's approval). We hope to perform at some assemblies this year and we will also be performing in the Fine Arts Showcase in May! We have some beautiful voices in the choir and we are really looking forward to hearing them later on this spring! Thank you to Mrs. Anderson for offering to accompany us on the piano! Much appreciated!



## Valentine's Dance

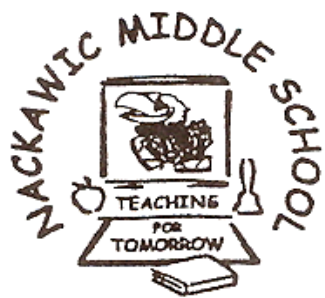
### Student Activity Night

**Thursday, February 5th  
6:30PM — 8:30PM**

**\$3.00 entrance fee**

**We are looking for parent volunteers to help out. If you are interested, please let us know!**





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### Basketball

The season has begun, and Nackawic Middle is pleased to have three teams again this year: Girls 'A' and 'B' and Boys. Our Jayhawk athletes are excited to play. Last week, the Girls 'B' team was scheduled to play McAdam; however, the game was cancelled do to weather but has since been rescheduled. The boys played their very first game against Central New Brunswick Academy and came home with a very solid win. The Girls 'A' team began a league play against Harvey and had to swallow their first loss. They will attend a tournament in Hartland on January 16th and 17th with more opportunities to finesse their skills. All teams have 8 league games. All teams have 8 league games.

#### Girls 'A' Team

Jordan Clark  
Annie Liston  
Emilia MacFarlane  
Raegan Scott  
Cassidy Wilson  
Marielle Boone  
Savanna Sharp  
Kayla Annis  
Lydia Gorham  
Jackie McQuarrie  
Emily Fox  
Camryn Newlands  
Tamara Fillion  
Leanne Cormier

#### Boys Team

Dexter Scarbro  
Bailey Moorcroft  
Austin Corey  
Tanner Andrews  
Brady Stairs  
Kevin Coulter  
Liam Crawford  
Denver Grant  
Matthew Bell  
Rino Provenanzo

#### Girls 'B' Team

Natasha Brooks  
Madison MacDonald  
Shelbie Tansley  
Hannah Tansley  
Taylor Curtis  
Karlie Footer  
Dominique Jean  
Kalie Clark  
Lindsay Graham  
Michaela Conrad  
Taylor McDermott  
Naomi Mpagi  
Ella Pike  
Emma Bradbury

### "B" Girls Basketball Team

The newly formed B girls basketball team are playing teams from Boiestown, McAdam and Nashwaaksis. The girls are being coached by Laura Anderson, fourth year guard from the St. Thomas Tommies basketball team. Development and fun is the goal for this team and the girls seem to be doing just that. Come out and watch over the next month as they will be having five home games.



### Skiing Field Trips

NMS Students are going on two skiing field trips to Crabbe Mountain again this year. The cost per trip will be \$30 for students. This includes the lift ticket, ski rental, lesson. If your child holds a season pass and has their own equipment the cost per trip will be \$15. Permission slips, and additional information has been sent home with your child. Please be sure to return the signed permission slip to your child's teacher ASAP so we know how many students plan to go on each field trip.



Fees can be paid when you return your child's permission slip, or payments can be made according to the schedule sent home.

### Christmas Concert

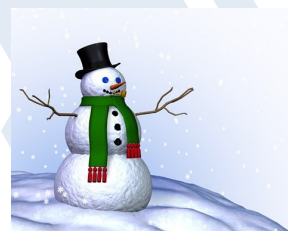
The Christmas concert before break was a huge success! We have not had a large-scale production like that here at NMS in quite a while; it was great to see so many students participating in so many different ways! A special thank you goes out to a few people without whom this production would not have been possible:



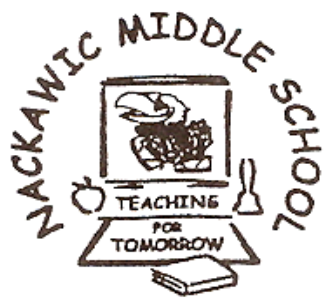
*Staff – Mr. Liston, Mrs. S-A, Mrs. Anderson, Mlle. LaFrance, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Scarbro, Mrs. Kilpatrick and Mr. Crawford.*

*Parent Volunteer – Justin McGuiggan  
MCs – Tyson Wiggins and Kasee Moreau  
Sound Technician – Logan Jones  
Sound Assistant – Emmett Christie  
Stage Crew – Kolby Mabie and Brad Goodine (Gr. 6)  
Stage Manager – Jackie McQuarrie  
Food – Helping Hands and Mrs. Wilson's Cooking Class*

Thank you to all the other people who helped out as well whom I may have forgotten!







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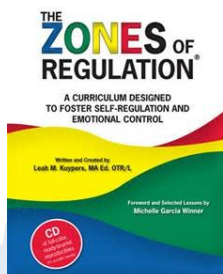
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### Guidance Corner

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We will be teaching the Zones of Regulation to NMS students throughout the year.

The goal of The **ZONES** is to help students develop social, emotional, and sensory regulation. Students learn about their emotions, and how they can impact others. Students are given tools that adjust their emotional responses and help regain self-control.



### Pink Shirt Day – Feb 25th

What is "Pink Shirt Day"?

David Shepherd and Travis Price of Berwick, Nova Scotia, organized the original event in 2007 after a ninth grade student Charles McNeill was bullied for wearing a pink shirt during the first day of school. Many ASD-W schools recognize this day as part of their on-going bullying awareness activities, and encourage students and staff to wear pink on February 25th!



**Badminton**

Nackawic Middle School hosted the NWMSAA badminton final tournament December 5<sup>th</sup>. Teams from Tobique Valley, Bath, Florenceville, Centreville, Canterbury, Woodstock, Hartland and Nackawic participated. With all teams trying to win the banner Nackawic came out in front and captured another badminton banner. Nackawic had 65 points and in second place Florenceville had 26 points.



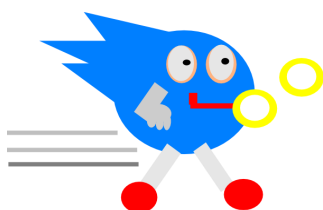
### Chess Club



Chess club is starting up. Students interested in playing chess are welcome to meet on Tuesday's at noon in Mrs. Wilson's class. The AWSD Chess Tournament will be held this year at Nackawic Elementary on March 21st, 2015. This is a great opportunity for our students to participate in this event!

### Track & Field

Yes, it is the dead of winter! However, track and field season is coming up very soon!



Anyone can come out to track, there are no tryouts! Practices will begin in April, so get running! Don't forget, you need

to provide your own transportation to track and field meets in Fredericton, Woodstock or elsewhere. See you in the spring!

### Grade 8 Trip

Students have been hard at work fundraising for the Grade 8 Trip in June.



Volunteers have raised \$488 by bagging groceries at the Save Easy.

Great work, guys! Keep it up, and we'll reach our goal in no time.

Also, a friendly reminder that the \$100 fee for students going on the Grade 8 Trip is due by March break to secure a spot on a "once in a lifetime" trip for your child!

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