

Summerhill Street Elementary School - January 2020

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Happy New Year!

We are excited to see students back to school in 2020! There are so many learning opportunities planned in the next few weeks.



Our Positive Working and Learning Environment Committee have been planning STAR initiatives and assemblies. Every few weeks, a new grade level takes a turn teaching and promoting one of our stars.

To begin this new decade, TEAM 4 will be teaching us the many aspects of being responsible!

SCHOOL CLOSURES:

Please listen to the local radio stations for announcements regarding school closures due to poor weather or emergencies. Summerhill Elementary is in Anglophone West School District and in **Zone 7**. **You may call 453-5454 after 6:00am or check out our website.**

In the event that school is cancelled during the day due to inclement weather, we will make every attempt to contact students' homes to ensure safe arrival. **Please ensure that all contact phone numbers are up-to-date to make sure we can reach you in case of emergency!**

DATES TO REMEMBER: Mark Your Calendar

Jan. 7	First Day back for students
Jan. 7	Popcorn punch cards on sale until Jan. 17 for weeks Jan 20-Feb 21
Jan. 8	PSSC meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	Skating GRADE 3 at 9:15 – 10:15 GRADE 4 at 10:15 – 11:15
Jan. 13	February Hot Lunch Orders go home
Jan. 22	Path to Reconciliation Assembly and Indigenous Peoples Map activity
Jan. 23– 24	Used Book Sale
Jan. 24	Skating GRADE 5 at 9:15 – 10:15 GRADE 4 at 10:15 – 11:15
Jan. 24	February Hot Lunch orders due
Jan. 24	UNB REDS game at 7:00 (Notice to be sent home)
Jan. 27	PL day for teachers NO SCHOOL for students
Jan. 28	Chinese Cultural Association coming for assembly at 11:00
Feb. 3	Calithumpians perform in the gym at 9:00 a.m.
Feb. 7	Skating GRADE 5 at 9:15 – 10:15 GRADE 3 at 10:15 – 11:15
Mar. 2-6	MARCH BREAK

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POPCORN FOR IPADS

We are very close to having enough in our popcorn sales to purchase 10 Ipads. We would like to continue saving for technology as this has been a successful way to raise money. Please note the punch cards for another 5 weeks are on sale today until January 17!

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

On January 3rd, we had a group of parent volunteers come to our school and paint all the bathroom stall doors. Each bathroom door displays a positive message for students to see and the bathrooms certainly have brightened up!

Mrs. Dyker has a Summerhill Volunteer distribution list and she sends details to volunteers when opportunities arise. If you would like to be added to that list, please let Mrs. Atherton know.

We certainly appreciate our volunteers!

PSSC CORNER

The next meeting is Wednesday, January 8th at 6:30. All parents are welcome. We discuss the School Improvement plan at each meeting. There is an update about our goals and the areas we are working on with students and staff. Discussions are always helpful and productive. A copy of the School Improvement Plan is also on our website.

ACTIVITIES FOR 2020

- For all fans of the stage.....
We are excited to announce that our 2020 Spring production this year will be... The Jungle Book! A letter of interest will be sent home this week and audition week will begin January 13th at 12:30 recess. All aspiring actors are invited to audition for a role in this amazing musical that will be jam packed with acting, singing, dancing and choreography! There is a little something for everyone who loves Fine Arts and performing. We hope to see you come out and showcase your talents. Please remember that if you make the Drama team, the practice schedule will keep you busy and on your toes, or should I say paws!
- Mme. Lavoie will be starting a Chess Club in her classroom for students interested in playing Chess. This will be held during lunch hour.
- Mrs. Keizer will be starting a Healthy Learner "5210" Challenge for the school. More information will be coming home about this next week.
- Badminton is continuing in the gym. Students can practice in the morning as the gym is open and students are invited to intramurals.
- There will be a Used Book sale on January 23 and 24th to raise money for the John Wood Foundation. If you have used books that you would like to donate, please bring them to the school. Thank you!

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FOCUS ON DIVERSITY

Mlle. Jones has been working on many projects to support diversity in our school. January is Lunar New Year and the Year of the Rat. There will be activities planned in the gym for students with the Chinese Cultural Association on Jan. 28.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN – FOCUS ON READING ENGAGEMENT

One of our SIP goals is to improve reading engagement. We had a whole school reading time with snacks before Christmas and this was such a great time that we plan to do it again in the future!

Stay tuned for a reading challenge where students will be recording the amount of time they read.

WINTER CLOTHING & PLAYGROUND



A reminder to families to please be mindful of the temperature each morning and ensure your child is dressed for the weather. Please note the following: Children will

only be permitted on the “sliding hill” if they have on snow-pants. Without proper gear on the hill, children will not only become cold, but will also get very wet.

We also request you consider keeping a change of clothing in your child’s book bag to cut down on the number of calls to home for a change when students do get wet.

GRADE 4 - CITIZENSHIP PROJECT

Thank you to those who donated gloves and mittens before Christmas. The Fredericton Homeless Shelter was so appreciative for the 120 pairs of gloves/mittens they received from our school. Well done Grade 4!

NATIONAL NON-SMOKING WEEK IS OBSERVED FROM JANUARY 19-25.

Here are some important tips for children about STAYING SAFE.

- Part of growing up is learning to keep yourself safe and to make healthy choices. Your lungs need good, clean air to stay healthy. Try not to breathe in smoke!
- Being safe means being aware of things that are dangerous. Medicines that are not meant for you can be dangerous for you. If you find any of these, tell an adult so they can be put away. It is never safe to eat or drink something if you are not sure what it is.
- Did you know that people who choose NOT to smoke can do more activities because their lungs are chemical-free, and it is easier for them to breathe? Stay healthy and say “NO” to smoke.
- Did you know that smoke affects everyone who is around it? Ask anyone who is smoking to go outside and be away from others.
- Our lungs help us breathe. Breathing well is important for playing with our friends and running. Did you know that smoke makes it hard for us to breathe? Say NO to smoke!