



December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9 Christmas Dinner	10	11	12
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North & South Esk Elementary

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Our Mission: North & South Esk Elementary School is committed to nurturing successful lifelong learners who embrace 21st century thinking.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Our Christmas Concert will take place on **Wednesday, December 16th @ 9:00 am**. Each class has prepared a song that will be sure to put everyone in the Christmas spirit. There is no admission to our Christmas concert, however, donations will be accepted at the door that will go towards our winter skating program. We look forward to seeing everyone on December 16th!

In the event of a storm day, the concert will take place on Thursday, December 17th @ 9am.

Home of the Jr. Cobras!

We had a very special guest with us on Friday, November 13th. Visiting from "the big school" was the NSER Mascot Striker!

Striker had a very important message to give everyone this morning at NSEE. Our school is excited to announce that Striker the Cobra has slithered into NSEE and made our school his home.

We are proud to join with NSER as Cobras. Cobras are viewed as a threat by other animals because they are powerful, strong, hardworking, and determined. These characteristics are reflected in the students here at NSEE. We are strong, determined and hardworking. Our students might be small, but they are a mighty force to be reckoned with. As Cobras we join an elite and leading group of current students and alumni of NSER and we couldn't be more thrilled and ready!

Sports teams, students, staff, and community members can be proud to wear the new logo at NSEE. Be proud each time you put on the logo. Feel determined to do your best and always give 100% effort while demonstrating fair play and great sportsmanship.

We want to personally thank Mr. Ryder for taking the time to design our new logo and also to Chris Matchett for his time refining the design and providing a digital copy. **Go Cobras!**



Storm Days

As winter approaches, we again face the possibility of school closures due to inclement weather. I want to assure you that student safety is our main priority when we decide to cancel school due to the weather, or to remain open. I want to share with you the process we follow while we gather information and make these decisions. As you can imagine, this is a complex and difficult task, given the number of students who must be transported to school every day across our newly amalgamated district with such vast geographic boundaries. Often, when the forecast indicates a major blizzard throughout the early morning hours, the decision is an easy one, but most of the time it is much more difficult to predict the weather events of the day and make a decision.



Every weekday morning, from now until Spring, our Transportation Manager and Assistant Transportation Manager are awake very early to address winter weather routines. In those early hours, they study various weather forecasts and speak with contacts at the Department of Transportation to assess road conditions and plans for salting/sanding. They also consult with contacts across our district (Tide Head to Rexton/Blackville) and in neighboring districts as well. The Manager, in turn, contacts me. Together, we examine and discuss important information, such as current weather and highway conditions and the forecast for the day. We consider precipitation, wind conditions, visibility, road conditions and other factors, and we make a decision prior to 6:00 a.m., when many busses begin their runs. We will consider school closures by region: Campbellton/Dalhousie/Bathurst, Miramichi or Rexton, depending on the forecasts for these areas.

Sometimes actual conditions are not what we anticipated, and weather conditions deteriorate quickly, despite the predictions we used to make our decision. We want you to know that when this happens, we are as concerned as you are, and we ask for your patience as we assess the situation and make decisions about how to safely return your children to you, either through an early closure or at the end of the day. School cancellations and late bus runs are always announced on the local radio stations and on our website. We will also post a message on our winter weather lines which can be reached at:

- 1-888-950-1919 (Campbellton-Dalhousie – Jacquet River-Bathurst)
- 778-7669 (Miramichi and Area)
- 523-0900 (Rexton)

Please note that if schools remain open and you, as a parent or guardian, find the conditions in your area are not suitable for your child to travel to school, you have the right to make that decision and we will always respect your wishes. Your child will not be marked absent if you decide to keep him or her home that day. Simply note this on the excuse that you send to school the next day.

Thank you for your patience and understanding through this challenging but very important process.

Beth Stymiest, Superintendent

IMPORTANT DATES

December 5	Breakfast with Santa 8:30-11:30 am
December 9	Christmas Dinner
December 16	Christmas Concert 9:00 am
December 18	Last day of Classes (full day)
January 4	Professional Learning Day (no school)
January 5	First day for students

DROPPING OFF STUDENTS

Parents who drive their children to school are asked **NOT** to drop them off prior to 7:45 am. The first bus arrives at 7:45 and supervision begins at that time. If students arrive prior to 7:45 there may not be adequate supervision. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



Certificate of Appreciation!

Congratulations Myrna! Myrna Mullin is a valued member of NSEE who works in the cafeteria for NSE Foods Inc. She is committed to numerous projects which go beyond the cafeteria such as the Recognition Day, Breakfast with Santa, Remembrance Day Luncheons, Staff Appreciation Week, and the annual school Open House just to name a few. These are a few of the various initiatives she has taken on over the years that often go unnoticed. We appreciate everything you do for us Myrna! Thank you

Recognition Assembly

A big congratulations goes out to all the students who received recognition during last week's assembly. There was much to celebrate as students received recognition in the areas of Perfect Attendance, Showing Courtesy, Positive Attitude, and Most Improved.

Congratulations to all Students for a Job Well Done!!

Princess Tea



St. Stephen's United Church, Red Bank, will be hosting a Christmas Princess Tea on January 2, 2016.

Girls grades K-6. Join us for a fun afternoon of makeup, nails, crafts, songs and tea! Tickets must be purchased in advance and would make a nice Christmas gift. Tickets are \$15 each.

Contact Barbara Vanderbeck at 836-2344.



Goji's Miramichi "Kid of the Week"



Congratulations to the following students who were chosen as "Kid of the Week" for the month of November.



Gabby Tozer - 2S



Carter Young - 6R



Will Rumbolt - K/1H



Camryn Tozer - 4F

Christmas Dinner

Our cafeteria will be serving
our Christmas Dinner
Wednesday, December 9th

*Turkey, Gravy, Potatoes, Vegetables,
Stuffing, Dessert & Drink*

The cost of the meal is **\$7.00**

**Orders must be paid by
Friday, December 4th**

CHRISTMAS GIVING

As the holiday season approaches, our staff has decided that we would like to support World Vision Canada again this year. Although the staff appreciates the many generous and thoughtful parents at NSEE, we would like to use this season to teach the children the rewarding feeling of helping those in need.

We are asking that instead of Christmas gifts for the staff you send a small contribution for World Vision. There is no obligation to take part and no set amount. If you would like to contribute, we are collecting money during the month of December.

There is more information available on our website.



World Vision