

North & South Esk Elementary



October 2009



Dear Parents:

It is the beginning of another month, and the staff and I are pleased to provide another newsletter to keep you informed on events happening in and around N.S.E.E.

September saw a very successful start to the school year. Enrollment is down, which has been the trend in all District 16 schools for the past few years, and stands at 219. October promises to be a busy month as well. Thank you for taking the time to read through our newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at any time.

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SCHOOL WEBSITE

We have updated our school website. Parents are asked to visit our website often as updated information will be added on a daily basis. Be sure to check out the teachers' pages for information concerning your child's class.

The website is <http://nsee.nbed.nb.ca>

Coming soon....our daily video announcements will be available on the website each day. Parents will be able to tune in and get the announcements each day.



Scholastic Book Fair

The NSEE Scholastic Book fair will be held November 2,3,4 from 9:00am to 2:00pm in the school library.

The Family Event will be held Thursday evening from 6:00pm to 8:00pm



Sunny Corner Main Stop "Kid of the Week"

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

Ally Taylor - KH
Chelsey Vanderbeck - 6M
Jack Cain - 1M



PSSC

Our PSSC election was held at the school during our Open House on September 10. Two new members were elected by acclamation. The PSSC Committee now consists of:

Claudia Bryenton Tosha Hamilton Michelle Astle Bertha Taylor Chris Matchett Tammy Scott

Our staff looks forward to another successful year with our dedicated and supportive PSSC. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, October 14 @ 6:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Our cafeteria will serve a Thanksgiving Day dinner on Wednesday, October 7th. The dinner will include roast turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, cranberry sauce, chocolate pudding and beverage (milk or juice).

Price: \$4.75

Parents are asked to please pre-pay for the meal at any time prior to the day of the dinner. Please note that other cafeteria items will be available on that day.

Please pre-order by Monday, October 5th



PIANO LESSONS

Susan Menzies-Nowlan
will be offering piano lessons for
ages 3 and above

For more information please
contact Susan @ 622-8668



Is Your Child Entering Kindergarten In District 16 next year?
2010-2011



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

October 13 - October 16, 2009

Registration for children entering kindergarten in September 2010 will be held from **October 13 to October 16, 2009** at North & South Esk Elementary School. Parents are reminded that kindergarten attendance in 2010-2011 is compulsory for children born in 2005, **except if a child is born between September 1st and December 31st of that year**. These children have the option of starting kindergarten the following year. **Medicare cards and proof of immunization are required at time of registration**. Please contact the school if you have any more information. **It is important that your child be registered at this time in order to receive information needed for pre-school screening and successful transition into school for September 2010.**

Sunny Corner Minor Hockey

2009-2010 Hockey Registration

Date: Saturday, October 3rd

Time: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Place: Sunny Corner Arena

Fee: \$200 Per Player

(\$150 for the third player per family)



There will also be a Bottle Drive from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and a Hockey Gear Swap and Sell in the arena.

FALL FAIR

We will be having our Fall Fair again this year on the evening of **Friday, October 23**, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The staff and student leaders will host this event. In the past, it has proven to be a very enjoyable time for the children as well as a time for parents to meet and chat. Parents who are available to volunteer at the Fair are asked to contact the school. All students must be accompanied by an adult.

Students will be able to pre-purchase game tickets (25 cents) prior to the Fair, and tickets will also be sold at the door.



NSEE Receives Donation From KFC

On Thursday, September 24 Wendy Sutherland from Kentucky Fried Chicken presented NSEE with a cheque for \$1000.00. The funds were from the KFC S'Cool Life Fund and will be used to purchase new soccer uniforms and for Student Leaders fieldtrips. The grant application was submitted by Ms. Marcy Downey.

Magazine Campaign

Our annual magazine fundraising campaign is in full swing. All orders are due in to the school by Tuesday, October 13. The money raised from our magazine campaign goes toward a variety of things at NSEE. All students benefit from the campaign.

Students can bring their orders in as they get them (as there are daily prizes) or they can bring them in at the end.

Jennifer Gopee has agreed to coordinate the campaign. Thank you Jennifer for taking this on. Last year we raised \$5877.56, which was our most ever. Hopefully this year will be just as good.

Your support in this year's campaign is greatly appreciated.



Lock Down Drill

As per district and provincial policy, all students must practice a Lock Down Drill. We will be having our Lock Down Drill. Staff have been trained to model calmness to the students, which should result in a smooth drill. However, if you feel the drill may cause anxiety for your child, please speak to them beforehand. Our Guidance Counsellor, Mr. Stewart, will be with us at the time of the drill. Parents will be notified of the date and time prior to the drill.

Reminder to Parents that if your son / daughter plans to attend the Wednesday after school program "Champs" at the Boom Road Pentecostal Church - they should bring a bus note with them from home each week. Students should not be calling home during the day for this purpose.



MICROWAVE LUNCHES

Reminder that Microwave Lunches are limited to 1 minute. This means we cannot accommodate the pre packaged microwave lunches that require several minutes to heat. Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

PEANUT FREE SCHOOL

Just a reminder to Parents that we are a Peanut Free School.

Due to a number of students with allergies, parents are asked to ensure that all school lunches and snacks are peanut free.



Home & School

There will be a Home & School Meeting Monday, October 5th @ 7:00 pm - Everyone is Welcome

TUPPERWARE

Our Grade5 Classes are selling Tupperware to raise funds for Intensive French Field Trips. If you are interested you can contact any grade 5 parent.

NSEE Christmas Tree Fundraiser – 2009

Christmas is a wonderful time of year, and every home celebrates the Christmas season with the help of a Christmas tree. The Students of NSEE will be selling Christmas trees this year. What an excellent way to support the students of NSEE as well as receive a beautiful tree at the same time!

- Trees can be picked up at the school
- The trees are cut 1 day prior to pick up, so they are FRESH!
- Trees are Balsam Fir, and supplied by a local grower
- The funds raised stay directly in the school to be used by the students



Cost: \$30/tree **Pick up:** NSEE **When:** Breakfast with Santa, Saturday December 5, 2009

The Student/Family that sells the most trees will receive a brand new inflatable Christmas lawn decoration!!!

If you are considering buying a real tree this year, your support would be greatly appreciated. Ask your friends and relatives if they too would enjoy a nice Christmas tree this holiday season.



BASKETBALL "SMALL BALL"

- Any students grade 3 to 4 are invited to sign up for "Small Ball".
- This is a program designed to introduce young children to basic fundamental basketball skills, cooperation and fun. The program will be 16 weeks in length, beginning in November. The program will be every Saturday morning at NSEE at 9:30 am. There is a fee of \$30/child.
- Any parents that wish to enrol their child are asked to call the school at 836-7010 by October 16th.

International Walk To School Day

Our staff and students will be participating in the **International Walk To School Day** scheduled for **Wednesday, October 7th**. The purpose of this event is to highlight the benefits of walking to enhance a healthy lifestyle within our school community. We plan to have buses unload at the mouth of the access road leading to the elementary school on the morning of October 7.

Staff and interested parents will meet the children and walk with them back to the school. We would urge you **not** to use the access road for the morning period between 8:00 and 8:50 a.m. Our buses arrive between 8:00 and 8:35 a.m., and with double runs, we have fifteen buses unloading in the morning.

Parents who normally drive their kids to school are asked to drop them off at the mouth of the access road where they can join the students for the next bus to unload. We are aiming for 100% participation again this year.

We would also encourage parents to volunteer to walk with the students. This would help with supervision and also show the students your support for walking as a healthy activity.



HEY MIRAMICHI, are you **READY** to be **in motion**? In *in motion* is a physical activity health promotion strategy being implemented in New Brunswick and Microfiche has been selected as one of the pilot communities for the first year. During this year, Microfiche in *in motion* will focus on two targeted strategies: children/youth and older adults. Microfiche in *in motion* will officially launch on Thursday October 15th from 6:30 to 7:30 on the Golden Hawk lawn next to Maher Street in Chatham (rain location – Golden Hawk gym). There will be prizes, a warm up, and a community walk around Vancouver Crescent. Water will be provided. Hope to see you there!

