

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.

World Vision

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 now. There is more information available on our website.

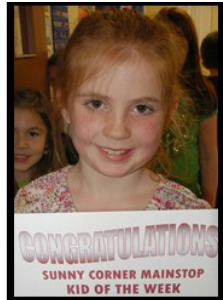
Congratulations

Sunny Corner MainStop "Kid of the Week"

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



Avery Astle



Lillian Sisk



Simon Williamson



Delaney Mutch



Ethan Hogan



Support students in grades six to eight as they ring bells across the province for kids' mental health on Friday, December 7th at 12 noon for one minute.

Students in grades six will be participating in an awareness and education campaign for mental health. The Dots for Kids Day—RING A BELL Campaign is a unique opportunity for students to learn about the importance of mental health. We encourage family members to visit the Dots NB website (www.dotsnb.ca) with your child for more information, and to also ring a bell on-line if you would like to show support for the issue of mental health.



Please visit Mr. Ryder's Teacher Page at:

nsee.nbed.nb.ca

for Middle School Basketball weekly schedules



Santa's Workshop Series is coming to Boys & Girls Club! Four Christmas themed events in December...

We'll make ornaments, play games & build toys at the Toy Shop, enjoy Reindeer games, crafts & treats, help Mrs. Claus cook in the kitchen and enjoy some down time in the Elf Clubhouse, where imaginations soar! Register online or call Boys & Girls Club at 778-2444. No Fee... Spaces are limited!

IMPORTANT DATES

December 3 Home & School Meeting 6:30
December 5 PSSC Meeting 6:30
December 11 Cookie Dough Orders should arrive
December 19 Christmas Concert 9:00 am
December 21 Last day of Classes (full day)
January 9 First day for students
January 14 Home & School Meeting 6:30

North & South Esk Elementary

December 2012



Dear Parents:

Once again I would like to invite you to read through our monthly newsletter. The staff at NSEE are pleased to share with you some of the many great things happening at our school.

On behalf of the students and staff, I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mike Buggie, Principal

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our Christmas Concert will take place on Wednesday, December 19 @ 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 adopted foster child in Africa.

We look forward to seeing everyone on December 19th!



Christmas Dinner

Our cafeteria will be serving our Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, December 19th. The meal will include:

**Roast Turkey/Cranberry Sauce, Gravy
Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Stuffing, Dessert & Milk**

The cost of the meal is **\$4.00**
(the school will subsidize the balance).

Orders must be pre-paid by
Monday, December 17th.

Please note that regular cafeteria items
will be not be available this day.



DROPPING OFF STUDENTS

Parents who drive their children to school are asked NOT to drop them off prior to 7:50 a.m. The first bus arrives at 7:50 and supervision begins at that time. If students arrive prior to 7:50 there may not be adequate supervision. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



Elementary Basketball

Grades 4 & 5

Girls-Monday from 3:15-4:30

Boys-Wednesday from 3:15-4:30

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

We need your help! We are looking for families to host elementary and middle school aged students for 2 months, from December 27th until February 25th. The students who are visiting from South Korea, will attend grades 3 to 7, and will be placed in schools throughout the District. Hopefully, with your help, some of them could be with us. Host Families are given \$200.00 per week to care for the students, so there is no financial burden involved. As well, our school receives a financial contribution from the fee paid to the District.

Please give serious thought to providing this opportunity for your child, and the students of this school, to learn first hand about another culture. If you are interested please contact the school at 836-7010 or email paula.matchett@nbed.nb.ca



A Special Thank you!

Everyone who attended our "Breakfast with Santa" on December 1st and to the Sunny Corner Firemen for making the breakfast a huge success. Also a special thank you to the many volunteers who made this day possible.

A very special thanks to **Santa!**

A very special thanks to **Tracy Wayne-Kelly** for being our Breakfast with Santa photographer.

School closures due to weather

Dear Parents/Guardians:

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 Manger 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 AM; 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 line which can be reached at:

- **778-7669 (Miramichi and Area)**

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.

Nancy Boucher, Superintendent

Also, please note that NSEE will send out a voicemail message if there is a school cancellation at approximately 6:30 a.m.

NSEE BOOK FAIR

Our annual book fair was very successful again this year. We sold over \$3,000.00 worth of products giving us approximately \$1,400 back in books for our school library.



A special thank you to Margaret McAllister, Bertha Walsh, Claudia Peter-Paul and Claudia Bryenton for working so hard to make this a huge success and also thank you to our student leaders, volunteers and to everyone for their support.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Just a reminder to Parents that we are a nut Free School. Due to a number of students with allergies, parents are asked to ensure that all school lunches and snacks are **nut free**.



Food Bank Donations for Christmas 2012

Again this year, the school will be doing a Food Bank Drive. Each time a student brings in an item, the child will get a ballot. The class with the winning ballot will win a new computer for the classroom. Thank you in advance for all of your help. Suggestions:

December 3-7

Canned milk, Vegetables, Beans, Spaghetti

December 10-14

Dry Pasta and Pasta Sauce

December 17-20

Canned Meats, Fish

RECOGNITION ASSEMBLY

We held our Recognition Assembly last week - The following students were recognized:

PERFECT ATTENDANCE K-2

Marianne Hayes, Presley Matchett, Lukas O'Connell, Daynen Stewart, Carter Bell, Joyce Brideau, Meghan Brophy, Collin Cloud, Charlotte Hayes, Brock Matchett, Jenna Matchett, Noah Ryder, Jace Silliker, Jax Tozer, Brianne Ward, Kegan Ward, Jaxon Matchett, Ethan Patton, Ella Rumbolt, Andi Ryder, Camryn Tozer, Carter Astle, Gracie Maher, Brynn Silliker, Benjamin Walsh, Xavier Ward, Alexa Astle, Kionna Bushey, Logan Kelly, Lillian Trepanier, Georgia Bell, Rebecca Richard, Lilly Sisk, Brandon Thibodeau, Dana Vanderbeck, Arianna Ward, Breanne Ward.

Always Showing Courtesy Toward Others K-2

Conner Parks, Kallie Mullin, Kaleb Patles, Collin Cloud, Jace Silliker, Clare Taylor, Jillian Mutch, Joseph White, Kiley Ward, Khloe Hamilton, Ty Matchett, Brynn Silliker, Lauren McEvoy, Faith Lalonde, Haylee Williston, Lilly Sisk, Arianna Ward.

Always Showing a Positive Attitude K-2

Jaida Augustine, Alyson Burke, Simon Williamson, Brock Matchett, Jax Tozer, Brianne Ward, Ella Rumbolt, Andi Ryder, Lucy Taylor, Ryan Allison, Jakob Jardine, Carlee Hicks-Russell, Alexa Astle, Liam Travis, Kyra Silliker, Breanne Ward, Alexandria McLean, Rebecca Richard.

Most Improved K-2

Stephen Sherrard, Joyce Brideau,

Congratulations to all Students for a Job Well Done!!

PERFECT ATTENDANCE 3-6

Haylee Comeau-Ward, Landon Foran, Ethan Hogan, Ruth Jardine, Matthew MacKenzie, Waylon Matchett, Emma McFarlane, Madeline Morris, Gabrielle Peter-Paul, Draidyn Peterson, Jady Somers, Philip Walsh, Carter Young, Christopher Esty, Annika Foran, Alyssa Harris, Dallas Mullin, Abigail Nash, Emma Silliker, Landon Trepanier, Kennedy Curtis, Mallory Morris, Joshua MacKenzie, Avery Astle, Herschell Berggren, Mackenzie Bryenton, Emily Williamson, Kailey Foran, Kyle Kenny, Victoria Mazerolle, Blake McFarlane, Lucas Mutch, Lillian Ward, Jaden Bushey, Camryn Hallihan, Zachary Henderson, Anika Nastasiuk, Ally Stewart, Drake Young, Brett Corner, Kaleb Dawson, Rylan Matchett.

Always Showing Courtesy Toward Others 3-6

Ally Taylor, Ethan Hogan, Haylee Comeau-Ward, Fran Stewart, Emma Silliker, Darien Porter, Kennedy Curtis, Marlie Astle, Georgia Estey, Mackenzie Bryenton, Justin Matchett, Lucas Mutch, Drake Arseneault, Conrad Murphy, Lindsay Mutch, Isabella Saunders, Kaleb Dawson, Tristan Eisnor.

Always Showing a Positive Attitude 3-6

Camden Silliker, Landon Foran, Gabrielle Peter-Paul, Austin Crosse, Abby Scott, Jada Tozer, Connor Mutch, Alex Flanagan, Shane Matchett, Kerry Underhill, Emily Williamson, Logan Matchett, Jaden Bushey, Camryn Hallihan, Schalk Kruger, Anika Nastasiuk, Ally Stewart, Celina Taylor.

Most Improved 3-6

Keaton Jardine.

Breakfast Program



We are looking for volunteers who could be at the school from 7:45 to 8:45 to help with this program. If you are able to volunteer please contact Paula at 836-7010.

Virtue of the Month: Generosity

Generosity is giving and sharing. It is giving freely because you want to, not with the idea of receiving a reward or a gift in return. Generosity is being aware that there is plenty for everyone. It is one of the ways to show love and friendship. Without generosity, people act uncaring, refusing to share their belongings, their time, and their friendship. When one person is generous, other people want to be generous too.

How do you practice generosity? Think of the ways to share and what you have. Share your time, your ideas, your things or your money. It feels good to give freely, just for the sake of giving.

A great Christmas gift idea!



North and South Esk Elementary School

NSEE Calendars For Sale ~ \$10 each

The calendars include student pictures as well as their birthdays and can be purchased at the school office.

KARATE CLASSES

Monday night karate will be on December 3, 10, 17 and will resume again on January 7.

Friday night karate will be on December 7 and 14 and will resume again on January 11.

