

Upcoming Events

January 11	PSSC Meeting
January 17	Home & School Meeting
January 17-19	External Review
January 18	Parent Forum for School Review
January 23	Pre-School Testing
January 27	Family Literacy Day
January 23 - February 10	Intensive French Oral & Literacy Assessments
February 10	Yearbook Team Photos
February 24	Ministers Exemption Days – No School For Students
February 29	PSSC Meeting
February 6	Home & School Meeting
March 5-9	March Break
April 6	Good Friday - No School for Students
April 9	Easter Monday - No School for Students
April 20	CI Day - No School for Students
May 3-4	NBTA / Subject Council - No School for Students
May 21	Victoria Day - No School for Students
June 22	Last Day for Students



Kountry Kids After School Club

Kountry Kids has expanded once again and will be offering an after school program at NSEE every day after school from 2:00pm to 5:30 pm.

This is a great opportunity for homework to be done and some extra time with friends. There are fun activities for school age children including skating at the rink. Cynthia (Mutch) Creamer will be running the program.

If you are interested or would like more information please contact Lisa Astle @ 836-7722 or by email at jlcastle@nb.sympatico.ca



GET OUR NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

In an effort to cut down on paper costs, we are offering parents an option to receive our monthly newsletters (and school memos) via email. If you wish to receive our newsletters by email, complete the form below and return it to the school or you can email the information to paula.matchett@nbed.nb.ca

Name: _____ Child Name(s): _____

Email Address: _____

North & South Esk Elementary

January 2012



Our Mission

North & South Esk Elementary is committed to develop successful learners striving towards excellence in all areas.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The staff at NSEE is pleased to welcome back our students after what we hope has been a pleasant Christmas break.

We have one staff change this term. Welcome to Jenna O'Keefe who will be replacing Mr. Sonier and teaching pre and post intensive French.

Every new year brings optimism. We hope that everyone at NSEE will continue to strive for excellence in everything they do. Best wishes to everyone for a wonderful year in 2012.

Mike Buggie, Principal

School External Review

This year, our school is involved in the NB School Improvement process. The purpose of this review process is to provide our school with resources, data and assistance in growing as an effective and inclusive environment which meets the many needs of our students.

Our staff has completed an internal review prior to the Christmas break. On January 17, 18 and 19 we will have our external review team at our school to review all aspects of our school.

This process will involve data collection, observations, and focused conversations with stakeholders. Parents have important information about our school and are invited to be part of the process.

There will be both an internal and external review team which will be gathering data at our school. The external review team will be conducting a Parent Forum on Thursday, January 19 at 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria. This forum will be a guided discussion where parents can contribute information that will help provide a description of our school and its operations in relation to current research on effective schools.

We invite and welcome diverse perspectives to assist the external reviews team in understanding the true reality of NSEE. Please consider this opportunity as one that helps us continue to build the most effective school experience for our students. Please respond by Monday, January 16th by calling the school at 836-7010.

SUNNY CORNER MAINSTOP 'KID OF THE WEEK'

We would like to congratulate the following students who were chosen as "Kid of the Week" during the month of December:

Mackenzie Silliker 6R
Logan Matchett 3-4S
Arianna Ward 1K
Ashley Schewaga 5S



Outdoor Policy During Winter Months

All students will be expected to spend part of the noon-hour period outside when the weather conditions are permitting.

Students who wish to play in the deep snow or on the snow banks must wear proper ski suits.

Students may be excused from going outside when they have colds and other sicknesses; however, a written excuse from home must be sent on each occasion.



Bottles...Bottles...Bottles

Grade 5 Students at NSEE would like to invite the community to drop off plastic bottles and cans for our Bottle Drive on Friday, January 13, and Friday January 20, between 3:00 and 5:00 pm, at the front of the school. Students will be there to help unload, and it will be a great time to get rid of those bottles that have piled up over the holidays! All proceeds will go towards buying new furniture for our school library.



Thank you for your help, Grade 5S

SPECIAL THANKS TO...

- Everyone who made a donation at our **Christmas Concert** in support of charities supported by the school. The total amount raised was **\$431.00**
- Everyone who attended our " **Breakfast with Santa** " on December 3rd 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.

On Our RADAR

Some of the things that are coming up at NSEE in the near future are:

Our Annual School Musical - Auditions will be held later this month for a presentation in April or May.

The Croft Cup - Pond Hockey Tournament will be held in early February for Grade 5 students

District 16 CUTE (Creative Use of Technology in Education) Awards are next month.



Our Grade 4-5 Boys and Girls Basketball Teams are up and running, thanks to our coaches Miss Downey & Mr. Jamie Henderson.

Mr. Ryder has been busy with noon hour sports. Handball for grade 5-6 on Monday & Wednesday and on Tuesdays the grade 3-4 have the gym for Basketball skills.

Virtue of the Month

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.

SKATING

More Details on the Skating Program will follow as they become available.



KARATE CLASSES

- Friday, January 13 - Regular Classes
- Friday, January 20 - Regular Classes
- Friday, January 27 - Regular Classes



FAMILY LITERACY DAY

We will be celebrating Family Literacy Day on Friday, January 27th.



What is Family Literacy?

Literacy is more than books. There are several ways to keep your literacy skills sharp - all it takes is practicing for 15 minutes every day. Reading, writing, playing a game, following a recipe, or even singing a song all help prepare children for the future.

Family Literacy Day at NSEE:

On Friday, January 27th, NSEE will be celebrating Family Literacy Day. We will be wearing our pajamas, participating in an assembly in the gym, eating a snack and having guest readers read to us.

We are looking for parents to bake cookies for snack time. Parents are asked to bring cookies to the school on Thursday morning. Please note that we are a "Nut Free" school. A special thanks to the Home & School for providing juice, organizing our cookies and also for buying a new book for each child in the school. We are looking forward to a great day sharing a good book!

School Website @ nsee.nbed.nb.ca

A reminder once again that our school website is updated daily with the morning announcements and classroom news. We have been tracking the number of hits to the site and they have been increasing each week. Parents are encouraged to use the website as information is updated daily.

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to the NSEE Home & School for the recent purchase of several bean bag chairs, glove chairs, 2 ottomans and a puppet theatre for the Library.

PREP FOR SCHOOL

Prep for school will be offered at NSEE every Wednesday from 12:30 — 2:30 beginning on January 11th. It is a program intended for children entering school in the Fall of 2012. It is social in nature, which means that we will be working on having them ready for, and excited about, going to school.

The program is Free of Charge, and is open to all children. It is for 2 hours, one day a week. It runs from February to May and parents/guardians are expected to stay in the building for the 2 hours. Many parents use this time to work on the projects in the Let's Play and Learn books they receive from the District. If you have any questions or to register call Wendy at 622-7778.

GIRLS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE		BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE	
January 25	Jamboree	January 16	Croft @ NSEE
February 1	St. Andrews @ NSEE	January 23	Jamboree
February 15	Make up Games	January 30	NSEE @ Gretna Green
February 22	Make up Games	February 6	Croft 2 @ NSEE
March 1	Jamboree	February 13	Make up Games
		February 20	Make up Games
		March 1	Jamboree

