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# Sussex Elementary School Family News

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## Sussex Elementary - Peanut and Nut FREE School for 2013-14

Wow! Winter hats off to Mrs. MacLeod's class for their wonderful display called "Snowmen at Play," in the front



lobby. Students created snowmen using white socks and their artistic skills! Congratulations to all the students for their artistic talents!



### SES Code of Conduct

- > I will be responsible!
- > I will be respectful!
- > I will make good choices!
- > I will be prepared!
- > I will do my best!

### SumDog Math

5 St-Cyr was in a National Math contest this past week. We were the Daily Winner for January 20 and were 2nd overall. There were more than 40 schools participating. Our top students were Harmonee Baines, Brodye Robertson, and Matthew Palmer. They answered almost 12 000 math questions and earned a score of 556 overall.

For more information on SumDog Math visit the website at <http://www.sumdog.com/> So proud of them!  
Mme. St-Cyr

### Important Dates for your Calendar

Family Literacy Day	Jan. 27th
Skating (3Bu & 3M 9am) (KM & 1D 9:45am)	Feb. 5th
Young Theatre NB @ SES	Feb. 18th
Skating (KR & KM 9am) (1Mac & 1G & 1H 9:45am)	Feb. 19th
<b>Pink Shirt Day at SES</b>	<b>Feb. 27th</b>

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## POPCORN SEASONING

This was a great fundraiser for us last year and we are looking forward to its success again this year!

Look for the order form in your kid's backpack and in this newsletter. The order form is due back to the school on February 7th.

## Ongoing Fundraising Efforts

### Sussex Co-op 50/50—\$1

Each time you shop at the new Sussex Co-op, ask to play the 50/50. Until March 2014, they are generously donating all proceeds to the SES Home & School. **It's a WIN WIN!**

### Norrads Recycling Center

There is an account set up for SES at the recycling center. When you return your recyclables, let them know you would like to donate the refund to SES Home & School.

**What an easy way to support your school!**

### Join SES Home & School

We meet on the third Tuesday each month at 6:30 in the school library  
All are welcome!



Find us on facebook!

Sussex Elementary Home & School

### Why do we fundraise?

- Playground Equipment
- Educational presentations & special speakers
- Field trips & outings
- Books, Electronics (Smart Boards)
- Theatre NB productions & other acts- singing/acting
  
- Christmas Dinner for teachers and staff with movie & popcorn for students
- Teacher Appreciation Week

**We thank you for your past and continued support!**





## **Volunteers Needed!**

Elementary Literacy Friends (ELF) is a volunteer-based literacy program that helps Grade 2 students who would benefit from additional one-on-one literacy activities. ELF provides training, materials, feedback and all of the support necessary for each volunteer to make a positive, lifelong impact not just on a student, but on how that student will contribute to society throughout his or her life.

Volunteers do not need previous teaching experience; only a willingness to help and commit to the ELF requirements.

Following an initial 3-hour training session, the volunteer is matched with a student. The volunteer works with the student for 1 hour at the end of the school day, 2 twice a week for 10 weeks.

To learn more about ELF or to register to become a volunteer, visit us online at [www.elfnb.com](http://www.elfnb.com) or call 1-855-898-2533

### **Pink Shirt Day - Feb. 27th**

Pink Shirt Day began in 2007 after two Nova Scotia teenagers encouraged their fellow students to wear pink T-shirts in support of a pupil who was being bullied. Since then, schools, businesses and communities across Canada have recognized this day.

The provincial government of New Brunswick is encouraging everyone to take a stand against bullying within our schools, communities and workplaces. AWARENESS of anti-bullying initiatives is key to fostering respect and tolerance for all members of our population and creates safe and healthy environments for both learning and working.

### **Valentine's Dessert**

The cafeteria will be selling Strawberry Shortcake as a special dessert on Valentine's Day. Tickets are \$2.00 and will be on sale from Monday, January 27, 2014 to Monday, February 10, 2014. There will not be a Valentine's dinner like the Thanksgiving and Christmas one.

### **Student Artwork on Display at ASD-S Online Art Gallery**

To see some amazing student art work visit the ASD-S online art gallery.

<http://www.district6.nbed.nb.ca/artgallery/artgalleryindex.htm>



## FAMILY LITERACY WEEK

Want to learn more about what you can do with your family to promote 15 minutes of fun with literacy? Visit: [abclifeliteracy.ca](http://abclifeliteracy.ca)

Family Literacy Day is here again on January 27<sup>th</sup>. It is fast approaching, and to help promote it, SES has some great activities for the week of the 27-31. In honour of Family Literacy Day's 16<sup>th</sup> year, ABC Life Literacy Canada is encouraging Canadian families to have "15 Minutes of Fun" learning.

Read the following information to see how you and your family can be involved in next week's literacy activities.



### DAILY ACTIVITIES AT SCHOOL

**Monday, Jan. 27 – Book Mark Day** – create a book mark that reflects on what you enjoy about reading.

**Tuesday, Jan. 28 – Book Swap** - Students are encouraged to bring a book from home to swap with someone else.

**Wednesday, Jan. 29 - T-Shirt Read.**

**Thursday, Jan. 30 – Drop Everything and Read Day.**

**Friday, Jan. 31 – READ IN.** There will be an assembly at 1:00 in the gymnasium in which classes will participate by doing something involving Literacy. Afterwards classes will be paired up to read to each other. Parents are invited.

### CONTESTS & PRIZES

#### 1. PASSPORT FOR LEARNING

Learning passports will be sent home with activities you can do for 15 minutes a day. Check off at least two activities for morning, noon, and evening, and write other ways you promote Literacy as a family on the back. Names of finished passports will go into a draw for one of 10, \$10 gift certificate to the upcoming book fair. **DUE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

#### 2. T-SHIRT READ

Have your child wear a shirt with print on it (appropriate sayings please). Two winners from each room will be chosen and their name will go into a draw for \$10 gift certificates for the upcoming book fair. **DAY TO WEAR T-SHIRT: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29**

#### 3. DAILY RIDDLE

Each day a "Who Am I" riddle will be read on the announcements for K-2 and 3-5. The answer to the riddle will be a story book character. Student guesses will be put in a draw for K-2 and 3-5, and winners will be able to pick a prize from our Literacy prize box.



Strategies for parents to foster literacy skills in their children and strengthen their own literacy skills along the way:

- The television can be used as a tool. After your child watches a television show or an episode, talk to them about it. Ask them questions like, "What was your favourite part?" or "What was the episode trying to teach the audience?"
- Don't lose sight of the fact that children model behaviour they see. Ensure that your child sees you reading whether it's the newspaper, the mail or the cooking instructions on a frozen meal. This shows your child how important it is to read.
- While reading a story to your child, pause to ask them what they predict will happen next or have them summarize what has happened in the story thus far.
- Today's children are influenced by music. Have your child read the lyrics to their favourite song. When your child hears the song, they will visualize the lyrics they read.
- All reading is good reading. If your child is a reluctant reader, allow them to read comics, a graphic novel, a magazine or an instruction manual for their favourite sport.
- When you are in the mall, grocery store or out for a walk, have your child read signs, posters and flyers.
- Families that spend a lot of time in the car can play an audio book.

- Have your child help you make dinner by reading a recipe card.
- Play board games with your child that involve making words or reading instructions on cards.
- Watch a movie that is based on a book. To really enhance critical literacy skills, have your child identify the key differences between the movie and the book.
- Reading aloud helps children develop pace and voice. Have your child read to the family dog, teddy bear or their younger sibling. These are nonthreatening audiences that will help develop your child's confidence.

Developing literacy skills is a task that requires a lot of patience from the parents and the literacy learner. As such, making the process enjoyable for everyone involved can go a long way in alleviating anxiety and opening the doors to developing lifelong literacy skills.

**FAMILY LITERACY DAY: MONDAY,  
JANUARY 27, 2014**





### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL GRADE 2 PARENTS

Information Nights will be held, according to the following schedule, for parents of Grade 2 students entering Grade 3 in September 2014.

The information will be provided on two of the programs available at the Grade 3 level: English Prime and French Immersion – Grade 3 Program.

Parents/guardians are invited to attend the meeting for their school. If this is not convenient, please feel free to attend another meeting near you.

### GRADE 3 INFORMATION MEETINGS 2014

Date	Time	Location	Target Schools	Snow Date
Tuesday Feb 11	7:00 P.M.	Sussex Middle School	AES NES SCES SES	Thursday Feb 13 at Sussex Middle School
Wednesday Feb 12	7:00 P.M.	Hampton Middle School	DATL HRES MCS BES	Thursday Feb 13 at Hampton Middle School
Monday Feb 17	7:00 P.M.	Kennebecasis Valley High School	LES QES FES KPES RES	Tuesday Feb 18 at Kennebecasis Valley High School



### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL GRADE 5 PARENTS

Information Nights will be held, according to the following schedule, for Grade 5 students and their parents entering Middle School in September 2014.

The information will be provided on two of the programs available at the Grade 6 level: English Prime Program and the Late French Immersion Program.

Parents/guardians are invited to attend the meeting for their school. If this is not convenient, please feel free to attend another meeting near you.

### GRADE 6 INFORMATION MEETINGS 2014

Date	Time	Location	Target Schools	Snow Date
Monday Jan 27	7:00 P.M.	Rothesay High School	FES KPES RES LES QES	Monday Feb 3 at Rothesay High School
Tuesday Jan 28	7:00 P.M.	Sussex Middle School	AES NES SCES SES	Wednesday Jan 29 at Sussex Middle School
Monday Feb 10	7:00 P.M.	Hampton Middle School	HRES HES MCS BES	Tuesday Feb 11 at Hampton Middle School