



# Grand Bay Primary School

## January 2024 Newsletter

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### **SCHOOL MOTO: Be Safe, Be Tidy, Be Kind**

### **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

#### **Upcoming Important Dates:**

January	8	First Day Back to School
	18	Home & School Meeting, 5:30, GBP
	16	Early French Immersion information night, 6:30pm (virtual)
	27	Family Literacy Day



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#### **DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER:**

Please ensure your child is dressed for this chilly weather as they will be going outside to play on the nice days (hat, mittens & snow pants). Please label outdoor clothing (especially the snow pants). ☺ If you are in need of any warmer clothing please contact our school office (in confidence) at 738-6504.

#### **School closures due to inclement weather:**

Please read the policy regarding school closures due to inclement weather on our school website. If the weather is questionable, you can gain information on school closures through various methods:

- the local radio stations prior to 6:30 a.m.
- the District website ([www.asd-s.nbed.nb.ca](http://www.asd-s.nbed.nb.ca))
- follow ASD-S on twitter [http://twitter.com/ASD\\_South](http://twitter.com/ASD_South)
- the District Information Phone line – for school closures (toll free:1-855-535-7669 [SNOW] ).



#### **STUDENT DROP OFF - NO STOPPING – NO PARKING ZONE**

Parents are asked to park in the Grand Bay Baptist Church parking lot when dropping off their child as Woolastook Drive (in front of the school) is a NO STOPPING-NO PARKING ZONE. We also ask that you **do not** use the school parking lot for dropping off or picking up children as there is limited parking for staff and very limited visibility. Students who are being dropped off can enter the building at 8:15am when the bell rings. ***Please note that there is no outside supervision before 8:15am.***

#### **Staff Changes:**

We would like to welcome Mrs. Stephanie Jordan to our staff, as she will be taking over for Mrs. Parish teaching Kindergarten for the remainder of the school year.

We would also like to congratulate Mr. Gordon Bonham (EA) on his retirement on January 19<sup>th</sup>. We wish you all the best Mr.Bonham and are so grateful for all your love and support you've shown our students since arriving in September. You'll be missed.



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### **Guidance In December:**

In December students discussed mental health and its simple definition... a healthy brain. Students discussed 4 ways to support a healthy brain. Taking care of our body through exercise, getting enough sleep, drinking water, and choosing healthy foods. Spending time with animals can make us feel relaxed and connected. Being outdoors in nature as well as being able to recognize our emotions or feelings can support a healthy brain. The book, *Everybody's Different on Everybody Street* by Sheree Fitch, illustrated by Emma Fitzgerald was read aloud. This book celebrates our gifts, weaknesses, differences, and sameness.

- Make a piece of art using natural materials.
- Do a helpful job for someone.
- Make up a joke.
- Dance to your favourite song.
- Play outside.
- Make a list of things you have done well this week.
- Draw a picture for a friend or adult

*Submitted by: Denise Kelly, Guidance Teacher*

### **French Immersion Virtual Information Meeting – for our current Kindergarten families):**

Families are invited to join the virtual meeting using the link below at 6:30pm on January 16th, 2024. *Please note, you may be prompted to download the free app to access the meeting. A copy of the presentation will be available on the ASD-S website.*

Microsoft Teams meeting <https://bit.ly/41p8MMx> *Please note that this link is case sensitive.*

### **Literacy News:**

January 27th is Family Literacy Day across Canada! Enjoy a storybook together, play word games, sing songs, write a note, make a list, or use a recipe. The theme for this years' FLD 2024 is "Let's have a family party".

For more ideas, please see: <https://abclifeliteracy.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/FLD2023-ActivityBook-pdf> (also available in French).

### **CELEBRATE**

1. The students and staff donated many non-perishable items that were brought in and placed under our Christmas tree for the River Valley Food Bank! Well done Grand Bay Primary!
2. Profits from our Bazaar totaled \$153. and Best Seats in the House totaled \$227. These two fundraisers help support school clubs that our Eaglets have been enjoying this year.
3. Pajama Day fun raised \$92. and \$100. was donated to Hestia House!!! Thanks to all who contributed!
4. Our staff collected laundry soap to donate to Outflow Shelter on Waterloo Street. Together, we collected enough soap for 565 loads of laundry!

Kudos to our Grand Bay Primary COMMUNITY!!

### **THE KINDNESS MATTERS AWARD**

**What:** We are always looking to add new and exciting activities and incentives here at Grand Bay Primary. Beginning this January, I will be introducing a new award's program titled ***"The Kindness Matters Award"***.

The awards will be given to students who demonstrate regular acts of kindness towards classmates, teachers, and staff. We are looking for students who always show a caring attitude and make others feel welcome, valued, and respected.

**Who:** This will be an award that one student per class per month will be given during our monthly school-wide assemblies. The students who receive this award each month will be decided by classroom teachers and Educational Assistants, along with Mrs. Nickerson.

**When:** From January – June 2024, there will be 6 of these awards given out per class (one a month), hence, not everyone will receive this award.

Recipients will receive a certificate and a "Picnic with the Principal". They will also receive a surprise gift... 😊 The "Picnic with the Principal" will happen twice a month with award recipients from Kindergarten and Grade one (4 winners) enjoying a free lunch together with Mrs. Nickerson from a local restaurant and once a month the Grade two recipients (3 winners) will enjoy the same treat 😊. Families will be notified if your child has been selected and the date of their "Picnic with the Principal" will be conveyed. Students will also bring home the menu to select their lunch order. We cannot wait to start this exciting new incentive program!