

Good evening, this is Mrs. Myatt with our weekly message for the week of February 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Hot Lunch** – March hot lunch will be available for families to order starting this week and will be available until February 26<sup>th</sup>.

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**Welcome to Kindergarten event** – We are excited to welcome our new 2023 Kindergarten students to our school on Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> for our Welcome to Kindergarten event. We are hosting two sessions – students with the last names A-L will come to the school from 2:30-3:15, students with the last names M-Z will come to the school from 3:30-4:15. A grown-up must stay with their child for the entirety of this event.

**Black History Month** – Throughout the month of February, schools across Canada will mark the 28<sup>th</sup> official Black History Month. This year's theme is "Ours to Tell". The Canadian government has chosen this theme to highlight "the strength and willpower of so many Black and Afro-descendant communities in Canada" ([Site map – Black History Month - Canada.ca](#)) Many of our classes were part of a session last Thursday facilitated by Black Lives Matter Saint John. Our remaining classes will participate in this session on Monday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>. We are also excited to welcome Naomi Drummond-Leslie to our school on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> to meet with our students. Naomi Drummond-Leslie is a direct descendant of the Black Loyalists who helped build New Brunswick and the granddaughter of a local civil rights activist.

**First Nations Storytellers** – Seaside Park is excited to welcome Dave Smith from First Nations Storytellers to two of our classes (Ms. Mackin's and Mr. Warner's) on February. 9<sup>th</sup>. This is a project funded through ASD-South and we are happy to have been selected for this opportunity.

**First Nations Guest Speaker** - On Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, the students from grade three Shipley, grade three Smith, grade four Springthorpe and grade five Sinclair enjoyed a wonderful visit from Mi'kmaq Knowledge Keeper, Greg Mansfield. Each group of students was lead through a ceremonial smudge, enjoyed some shared stories and artifacts from Wabanaki culture, and participated in a traditional drumming circle. Certainly an experience these students will remember for a long time!

**Student Clubs** – We have various student clubs running throughout the month of February. We are focusing on our Grades 3-5 classes and then after the March break we will switch to our Kindergarten to Grade 2 classes. Some clubs include: Strikerball, Lego, puzzles and games, soccer, bracelet making, and art.

**Legion Poster Contest winners** – We have had many of our students receive awards for the Legion Remembrance Day Poster and Writing contests. Students were presented with their certificates and prizes last week. The list of winners is included in my email message. Congratulations to all of our winners! The entries of the following students have moved to the Provincial and then possibly the national competition – Sophie M, Daria B, Isaac D, Danielle B, Logan S and Elliott M

KG Colour Poster – 1<sup>st</sup> - Ava M, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Nova M, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Rachel M

Grade 1 Colour Poster – 1<sup>st</sup> – Sophie M, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Emory M, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Royce N

Grade 1 B&W Poster – 1<sup>st</sup> - Dorothy M

Grade 2 Colour Poster – 1<sup>st</sup> - Violet T, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Layla H, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Madison P

Grade 2 B&W Poster – 1<sup>st</sup> - Avery P-K, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Catherine R, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Owen L

Grade 3 Colour Poster - 1<sup>st</sup> - Hugo M, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Henry M, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Alden T

Grade 3 B&W Poster – 1<sup>st</sup> – Daria B, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Lacey B-G, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Silas B

Grade 4 Colour Poster – 1<sup>st</sup> - Gavin W, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Madison M, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Zoe S

Grade 4 B&W Poster – 1<sup>st</sup> - Sophie M, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Diana V, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Reina M

Grade 4 Poem – 1<sup>st</sup> - Shreyas P

Grade 5 Colour Poster – 1<sup>st</sup> – Isaac D, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Paisley C, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Lucy M

Grade 5 B&W Poster – 1<sup>st</sup> – Danielle B, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Madison G, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Wyatt H

Grade 5 Poem - 1<sup>st</sup> – Logan A, 2<sup>nd</sup> Joshua M, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Henry P

Grade 5 Essay – 1<sup>st</sup> – Elliot M

**Library** – This is a reminder for all students and families – students must bring back their library books to the library each week. If a student isn't finished reading their book, they can always renew for another week. If a book is lost or ruined, students are responsible for the cost of purchasing a replacement book. We will send home missing book notifications after a book has not been returned for a month.

**Grade 5 Sweatshirts** – Our Grade 5 students have an opportunity to purchase Grade 5 sweatshirts. They are \$40 each and an order sheet with ordering information will be sent home with our Grade 5 students on Monday. Deadline to purchase the sweatshirts is Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Crossing Guard position** – We are still waiting and hoping for someone to be hired as a crossing guard for Seaside Park. This is paid employment through the City of Saint John. Please reach out to the City if this might be of interest to you.

**Head Lice** – We have had a few cases of head lice. Please ensure that you take some time to look through your child's head throughout the week.

**Peer Helpers and Student leaders of the month** – Congratulations to Grade 5 students Aubrey M-G, Henry P, and Harlow M-W for being chosen as our extraordinary peer helpers and student leaders for the months of December and January.

**Bee Me Kidz** – Our theme for February is Kindness. We are looking forward to having our students learn about and practice all the ways that they can be kind!

**Otters of the Month** – Each month one of our Otters of the Month is drawn to win a \$25 Scholastic credit. Congratulations to Lacey B-G who won the draw for the month of January! Congratulations to this week's Otters of the week: Kindergarten: Adelyn and Kurt, Grade 1: Andrew and Royce, Grade 3: Charlotte, Grade 4: Axel, Grade 5: Aaron and Carleigh

As always, should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out to me at the school at 658-2729 or through email at [jocelyn.myatt@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:jocelyn.myatt@nbed.nb.ca). Thank you and have a great week!