

Good evening, this is Mrs. Myatt with our weekly message for the week of January 30th.

1. **Hot Lunch** – LebanOn the Go has their February hot lunch ordering available on their website. The cut off time for placing hot lunch orders for Tuesdays and Thursdays in February will be on January 30th. You will not be able to order hot lunch after January 30th for the month of February. Please see the link in the email message to place your online order: [School | LebanOn The Go](#)
2. **Welcome to Kindergarten event** – We are excited to welcome our new 2023 Kindergarten students to our school on Wednesday, February 22nd 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.
3. **Black History Month** – Throughout the month of February, schools across Canada will mark the 28th 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](#)) Throughout the month of February, all of our students and staff will participate in class sessions – Let's Get Real About Racism – facilitated by Black Lives Matter Saint John. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn about what racism is, what does it look like, how to be anti-racist and what it means to be an ally.
4. **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.
5. **Grade 5 Switch** – Our grade 5 students are switching over to the second half of their school year. Information about this switch was sent home with all Grade 5 students on Friday. Please make sure to check bookbags.
6. **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 2nd.

7. **New Vice Principal Position** - Seaside has been granted an additional VP position based on our staff numbers and our student numbers. The posting for this additional position was posted last week. It will take about 2-3 weeks for a candidate to be hired, so we are able to appoint an acting VP in the interim and we are happy to welcome Mrs. Beverly Janes back to our admin team in an acting VP capacity.
8. **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.
9. **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.
10. **Bee Me Kidz of the Month** – Our theme for January was Optimism. Students learned about how our thoughts influence our behaviour. Students tried to focus on being optimistic even when they are feeling or experiencing a variety of emotions. Congratulations to our Bee Me Kidz of the Month:

Kindergarten: Hailey S, Kurt C, Jayden C, Tyson D

Grade 1: William S, Hailey M, Lovane H, Olivia C, Tatiana B

Grade 2: Dawson S-M, James L, Latahia B, Ezra M-W, Jade B-W

Grade 3: Connor S, Catalina S, Rosie M

Grade 4: Isabelle G, Mohammed A, Serenity S-G, Ashton G

Grade 5: Julia S-M, Maddie G, Silas M, Izaak C-B

11. **Otters of the Month** – We would also like to congratulate all of our January Otters of the Month. These students have gone above and beyond all month to follow our school mission statement of being respectful responsible and safe citizens. Their photos will be up all month on our Otters of the Month wall! We are so very proud of you:

Kindergarten: Emilie M, Charlie J, Adalyn P, Jack N

Grade 1: Ellie M, Ellis T, Emma V, Jude H

Grade 2: Rouaa A, Mackenzie L, Avery P-K, Hudson M-H, Leo P, Leo H

Grade 3: Karley D, Lacey B-G, Grayson A

Grade 4: Jake R, Lilly L, Aria B-K, Zoe S

Grade 5: Ethan C, Natalia H, Sawyer S, Lucy C

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. Thank you and have a great week!