



Seaside Park Elementary School

February 2024 Newsletter

Mission Statement: *Be respectful, responsible and safe citizens.*
Mission et valeurs: *Sois respectueux, responsable et un bon citoyen.*
School Website: <https://secure1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-S/2075/>



Important Dates

- February 19th- No School Family Day
- March 4th-8th- March Break No School

Home and School Association News:

There are many fun and exciting upcoming events planned for our school community:

- *Our Glow Dance is being rescheduled, please listen to Mrs. Myatt's weekly message for more information or check out our Facebook page.*
- Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week is coming up February 12th to 16th. Please watch for a notice from the Home and School Association with some special requests for the week of February 5th.
- We have some events planned for February for our families as well but more to come on that.
- Our fundraiser with Mitchell's Soup Company is wrapping up. All orders are due back to the school by February 6th.
- As always, you can reach the SPES Home and School Association at seasideparkhands@gmail.com, follow the school FB page and follow our NEW SPES Home and School News FB page for event and fundraiser information.

Memo from New Brunswick's Acting Chief Medical Officer

A reminder that the letter from the Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Yves A. Léger and also Public Health's Exclusion Guidelines for Schools was sent home with students last week. The information included in these two memos outlines steps that all families can take to minimize the spread of influenza, RSV, Covid -19. It also outlines illness exclusions as follows:

Stay home if your child has:

One of the following: fever, or a new or worsening cough; OR Two or more of the following: difficulty breathing, sore throat, runny nose/congestion, headache, new onset of fatigue or purple markings on the fingers and toes of children; OR Symptoms of gastro-intestinal illness, such as vomiting or diarrhea. Public Health recommends that those who are sick should stay home until they are feeling better, are fever-free for at least 24 hours without using fever-reducing medication, free of vomiting and diarrhea for at least 48 hours (if present) and are well enough to participate fully in all activities.

Please be reminded that principals must follow and communicate Public Health's Exclusion Guidelines for Schools when determining when and for how long a student should be excluded from school.

Reminders

- **Weather:** A reminder that all students should be coming to school with snow-pants, hats, boots and mittens. An extra change of clothes, and extra mittens or gloves, are important for all students so that we do not have to call home if students are wet after coming in from recess. Students are outside every day – for recess and sometimes for Phys. Ed.
- **Lice checks:** There have been some cases of head lice throughout the building. Please be sure to check your child's head regularly.

Bee Me Kid of the Month

Bee Me Kidz of the Month The staff of Seaside Park are excited to congratulate our Bee Me Kidz of the Month for January for **Optimism**.

Kindergarten: Annabelle H-V, Corbin R, Everett K, Hope S
Grade 1: Alyric W, Addison R, Emma D-W, Reece M, Marley R, Skylah C
Grade 2: Bennett C, Eli G, Polina D, Tetiana B, Lyla S
Grade 3: Amyah B, Karley B,
Grade 4: Neil P, Matvii P, Emmett M, Alden T
Grade 5: Caylen C, Serenity S-G, Jayda H, Rachel B.

Otters of the Month

The staff of Seaside Park are working hard to recognize our students who follow our school mission statement: **Be responsible, respectful and safe citizens**.

We want to say just how proud we are of our Otters of the Month for January and their efforts in being awesome!

Kindergarten: Dallas G-C, Briella K, Evelyn C-P, Riley C
Grade 1: Ellie S-M, Henry H, Elias W, Emmy C-G, Layla H
Grade 2: Leah C, Andrew K, Myles B-B, Sarah S, Mutmiannah
Grade 3: Avery H, Alexis B, Bailey M, Ellen B
Grade 4: Layla H, Gabby L, Salma M
Grade 5: Avery E, Devyn B, Jake G, Willow P, Maddie M

Lost and Found

Our Lost & Found table is getting full. Students are reminded to check the rack for any lost items. We have posted pictures of the items on our school Facebook page.

Parents wishing to view or retrieve the items may do so between 3:00-4:00pm during the school week. Please note, any items unclaimed by February 21st, will be donated to charity.

Seaside Park Night of the Arts

We will be hosting Seaside Park Night of the Arts. Our tentative date is April 25th. A sheet outlining the audition process will be sent home with students on Monday. In order to audition, students must bring back the form filled out and signed by an adult. Auditions will be held the entire lunch hour (12:00pm-12:50pm) in the cafeteria. Students in the musical can also audition for the talent show. Students will bring their lunch and eat while they are waiting for their audition. If a student is absent on their assigned day, they will audition on the next scheduled audition day.

Auditions will be on the following dates:

•Monday, February 12th- Kindergarten •Wednesday, February 14th- Grade 1 •Friday, February 16th- Grade 2 •Wednesday, February 21st- Grade 3 •Friday, February 23rd- Grade 4 •Monday, February 26th- Grade 5 •Wednesday, February 28th (if needed)

Legion Contest

Each year all our students can participate in the National Youth Remembrance Contest through the Legion National Foundation with the Royal Canadian Legion. The contest encourages students to honor Canada's Veterans and foster a tradition of Remembrance through visual art and writing. This year students at Seaside Park Elementary were recipients of 36 awards! We were honored to welcome 4 Veterans to our school to present the awards to the winning students, with their classmates all in attendance. Congratulations to everyone who participated.

Welcome to Kindergarten Event

Our Pre-K children and grownups are invited to attend an exciting and interactive event at Seaside Park Elementary School. Both children and parents will participate in learning centres related to school readiness skills, listen to stories, have a snack, and meet the Kindergarten teachers from our school. This event will be held on: *Wednesday, February 7th, 2024*. Students and a grown-up with last names A-L will come to school from 2:30-3:15 and students and a grown-up with last names M-Z will come to school from 3:30-4:15. Please call the school at 658-2729 to confirm your attendance. Snow date is February 8th.

Grade 1 Early French and Grade 6 Late Immersion Registration Process 2024-2025 Information for Parents

(This is for current Kindergarten and Grade 5 students only)

To register for Grade 1 Early French and Grade 6 Late French Immersion, please complete the online registration form that was included in Mrs. Myatt's email message. You can register your child between January 16th – February 16th. If you are unable to complete the form electronically, please call Andrea McCready at 643-7682. For any questions regarding French Immersion please contact: Kelly Adams, Elementary French Immersion Coordinator – kelly.adams@nbed.nb.ca

Youth in Philanthropy

Students involved in our Youth in Philanthropy program will be hosting a bottle drive on Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm in the parking lot at KENT here on the west side. The students voted on which Saint John charity they would like to support, and Tucker's Toy Drive was the winner. This enrichment program has allowed some of our grade 5 students to learn about the importance of philanthropy and ways that they too can make a difference in their community.

Choir News

We have 82 official members in our Seaside Park Elementary School Choir this season! The students have been working hard on learning "O Siem" and "You've Got a Friend in Me". We will be performing these in April and May. Students should get their black bottoms and white shirts ready. Stay tuned for performance details.

Grade 5 Sweatshirts

Grade 5 students have the opportunity to order a special school sweatshirt (hoodie), designed only for our Grade 5 students. The sweatshirts are grey with teal writing and will have a Seaside swoop with 2024 underneath and will have the number 24 on the back with all the Grade 5 students' signatures. The hoodies are \$35 each (tax included). We will have sample sweatshirts at the school so that we can ensure a proper fit. Orders are due to the school by March 2nd. Any questions please contact Abby Johnston Abby.Johnston@nbed.nb.ca