

Good evening, this is Mrs. Myatt with this week's weekly message.

A few upcoming dates:

Thursday, April 25th – Seaside Park Night of the Arts at 6:30pm in our school gym

Thursday, May 2nd – Transition to Kindergarten Day – this is the day that our current Kindergarten students stay at home so that we can welcome our Pre-Kindergarten students to our school.

Friday, May 3rd – No school for students for Professional Learning Day

Monday, May 6th – No school for students for Professional Learning Day

Chartwell's Cafeteria Service - Any issues with Chartwells need to be addressed directly with Chartwells. When you order a lunch online for your child, you must enter the proper information as to where it is going (there are safeguards built in as it asks in at least two places for the name of the class teacher and classroom number, so it is important to enter the correct information). If you do not receive a confirmation email regarding the order that is a sign that something has gone wrong so that is a time to call. Staff in the classroom do not know who ordered lunch until it arrives (or does not) at which time we will confirm with the cafeteria. If a student does not have something, we will give them something as there is not enough time to call home at that point and have a lunch delivered as lunch ends at 12:50.

Parking concerns at pick-up – We have had some parking concerns brought to our attention for end of day dismissal. We are asking all families to please avoid parking within the white crosswalk lines that are at the entrance to the school. This area also houses our fire hydrant and we cannot have that blocked by cars in case there is an emergency. If there is no available space please park along the side roads and walk up to greet your child.

Nut Free School – This is a reminder to all families that we are a nut-free school. We cannot have students bring in peanut butter sandwiches or any food items that contain nuts – which does include Nutella. We have several students with life-threatening allergies to nuts. Please be mindful of this provincial education policy.

April 25th – Seaside Park Night of the Arts – Our Seaside Park Night of the Arts will be held on April 25th. Students who are participating are asked to arrive at 6pm and go straight to the music room. The show will start at 6:30pm and will be in the large gym. Admission will be \$2.00 per person. There will be a small canteen available as well.

Best Seats in the House tickets were sent home with all students for the Night of the Arts. Two lucky families can enjoy front row seats to our show! The draw date for Best Seats in the House will be on April 23rd and winners will be contacted.

Seaside Park 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. We hope you may consider saving some of your recyclables for our bottle drive.

Monthly Attendance Challenge – For the months of May and June we will be running an attendance challenge for our students! Each month, one class at the K-2 level and one class at the 3-5 level, that have the highest percentage of attendance for that month, will receive free pizza coupons!

Home and School Events:

Event News:

Due to the Seaside Park Night of the Arts - we have decided to cancel the Lego Night that was scheduled for April 24th.

We are looking for volunteers for our Fun Day on June 10th (rain date: June 11th). Please let the Home and School know if you are available both days or only 1. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Home and School to let them know. The Home and School are able to provide the required information to volunteer.

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 (<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61555740451292&mibextid=LQQJ4d>) for events and fundraisers.

Thank you and have a great evening.