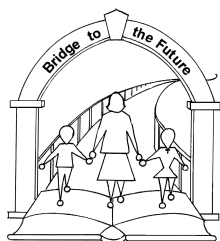


St. Stephen Elementary News



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June, 2018

Important Dates:

- June 06; Half Day for Students; Early Dismissal at 11:30
- June 06; Report Card Writing Half Day for Teachers
- June 18-22; NO CAFETERIA SERVICE
- June 18; Grade Level Awards
- June 19; Grade 5 Orientation to St. Stephen Middle School
- June 20; SSES Family Picnic Day, at 11:30-1:00 (Weather date: June 21)
- June 21: Judy McLay Grade 5 Closing Ceremony at 9:00
- June 22; Half day of school for students — REPORT CARDS!; Early Dismissal at 11:30am

Cafeteria Services

The last day for cafeteria services will be **June 15th**.

Please be sure to send a packed lunch with your child during the week of June 18—22.

Cafeteria Service will resume on **September 12, 2018** with a limited menu.

Thanks.

From the Administration . . .

This is incredible! Another school year is nearly over and it seems like such a short time ago that we were just welcoming everyone to a new school year. There are always so many events going on each month of the school year that the days simply fly by. It is amazing to reflect on the year and celebrate all of the terrific experiences we shared.

Classrooms are always busy places for our students, teachers and educational assistants. There are countless “light bulb” moments that educators recount and students will take with them; whether they realize it now or not. As we culminate the learning with school, and provincial assessments, we hope you talk with your child about their learning this year to help solidify and validate their time in school.

As a school, we make every effort to educate the whole child. Field trips, concerts, guest presentations, athletic

events, clubs, and drama productions are important components of a child’s school experience. We also offer leadership opportunities to help students build self-esteem and learn new skills; citizenship opportunities to help students connect with the school and the community; volunteer opportunities to help students contribute; and learning opportunities that reflect a variety of talents to help students recognize their personal strengths and explore new ways of expressing themselves. St. Stephen Elementary School can boast of the balance we create for every child.

Our vision is to: “...ensure, enrich and celebrate the learning and growth of everyone towards becoming responsible global citizens.”, and our mission is to: “... provide academic excellence through authentic experiences and foster personal growth in a safe and happy community.”

Homeroom Assignments

Students are assigned to classes by the Administration based on gender, academic ability, social development and the recommendations of the Teacher Teams.

All classes from Kindergarten—Grade Five will be organized into Grade Level Homeroom Classes for September 2018.

Combined classes occur when there are not enough students in one grade to form a class, but too many for the classes we have. We do try

to avoid these, however, they are outside of our control.

Our school population continues to grow, and next year we will have 24 homeroom classes, at SSES, that will accommodate about 460 students.

Since we are still in the process of determining the rest of our staffing for next year, your child will be informed of whom their teacher is for 2018-2019 when attending the Welcome to School Open House on

These statements keep us focused throughout the school year and drive everything that we do. We are constantly exploring new initiatives and opportunities to reinforce the success that we experience. We appreciate each student, staff member and volunteer who work toward this goal, and we truly appreciate the commitment that parents make to work with their children and the school towards making this educational experience a positive success for every student.

Have a wonderful, relaxing and safe summer!

Colleen Winchester, Principal
Patricia Hamilton, Vice Principal



August 30. This is always an exciting event!!

Your child will have an opportunity to meet their teacher, see their classroom, bring their new school supplies to their classroom, tour around the school and enjoy a healthy treat.

We look forward to seeing everyone back in September!

Breakfast Program Volunteers

SSES is fortunate to have the assistance of many volunteers from our community to serve breakfast each day to students at our school. Some of these volunteers are supported by their employer to allow them to come prepare and serve breakfast to our students. Please join us in thanking the people listed below:

Ganong Bros. Staff; Atlantic Superstore

Staff ; Kent Building Supplies Staff; Linda Haste; Jeannine Fowler, Vanessa Orr, Donna Dunsmore, Tiffany Conley, Jennifer Harvey, Beth Babineau, Jessica Mason, Sara Thompson, Mary Beausoliel Alison Sewell, Carla Bridges, Carelee MacDonald (Community Volunteers)

“Thank You!”

Our Community Schools

Coordinator

Judey MacDonald is The Community Schools Coordinator for St. Stephen Elementary School. She is instrumental in organizing many valuable programs such as Mentoring, Junior Achievement, Breakfast Program, etc. She has found many people within the community that are willing to give their time by contributing to hosting Clubs/Activities at SSES. Judey does not hesitate to make community connections that will benefit the students at our school. We are very appreciative of all her work to build positive community connections for SSES. **“Thank You”**

Literacy Tutors

Many thanks to our After-School Literacy Tutors for Grades 1 & 2 students!

With their assistance , many students make great gains in their reading progress.

This is a wonderful reason to Celebrate!!

Thank you for helping move these children forward in their learning:)

Judey McLay Grade 5 Closing

Ceremony

June 21nd at 9:00 a.m.

SSES Cafetorium

4 guests per student

Big Brothers/Big Sisters

In-School Mentors

SSES has been fortunate to be involved in The Big Brothers/Big Sisters In-School Mentoring Program . Within this program, students from our school are partnered very selectively with individuals from our community. These individuals commit to visiting their assigned “Mentee” for one hour each week. They do a variety of activities together which might include baking/cooking, crafts, games, puzzles, projects and sports; just to name a few. Very positive relationships are built, self-esteem soars, and school connections are reinforced for students while having fun and conversation with these positive role models within the Mentoring Program.

“Thank You Mentors!”

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“Thank you!” to Vanessa Orr, Tiffany Conley, Jennifer Harvey, Jessica Mason, Carla Bridges, Tiffany Richardson, and Carelee MacDonald!

These ladies have prepared Flouride Rinse for our students on a rotational basis over the course of the year. We really appreciate your help!

## **Welcome To School Open House**

**August 30 at 6:00-7:00pm**

Students and parents are invited to our Welcome to School Open House at St. Stephen Elementary. You will have an opportunity to meet your teacher, visit your classroom and bring along your new school supplies, tour the school, find out about PSSC, and enjoy a treat with friends.

Please join us!

***If you would like to spend time Volunteering at SSES, please call the school and ask to speak to Judey MacDonald.***

***Help is always appreciated!  
Thank you!!***

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