



**ANGLOPHONE SOUTH (ASD-S)
 PALS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS
 DURING COVID-19**

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Everything our partners do is in partnership with ASD-S, supporting our educators and school staff in their important work with the students and families.

Partners

- Community School coordinators (or Principals in other schools) have been engaging with their partners keeping them involved and updated on school happenings – very important in these times.
- Several new partners have been recruited and they are helping with new initiatives and supporting established ones as well.
- They anticipate schools being able to have volunteers come back to their buildings – this is just a hiatus, and they are often helping in other ways
- We are approached often as partners ask “How can we help?”
- Over 45 new volunteers recruited in the last 4 weeks!
- 20th anniversary of PALS this year – looking for new ways to engage with the schools and celebrate this milestone

Nutrition Programs

- Community Hub Kitchen at Threshold Ministries
 - Partnership between ASD-S, Inner City Youth, PALS, and JDI
 - Funding from the Brewer foundation
 - Volunteers still involved and new ones started this year
 - 3 JDI companies do the deliveries, once a week each
 - Lunches provided to approx. 400 students daily – Tues/Wed/Thurs
- Grab & Go Breakfast and Snack – most schools are providing Grab and Go options for their students and their Nutrition budgets are used to help fund this, as well as donations from partners and the Nutritious Snack and Cereal Drive
- The United Way will be donating \$7500 to our district for nutrition programs. These funds will be given to schools who are not currently involved in the hub kitchen and schools not receiving significant funding for nutrition.
- Milltown Elementary has recently become involved in a program through the Atlantic Superstore called Fresh Choice. Every student each week is sent home with a full bag of fruit to share with their families. They also have a program called the Grub Club in which families pay \$25/month and each week students are sent home with produce packs, stew packs etc. There is considerable savings for the families as they are paying wholesale prices. These programs are in response to high food insecurity needs due to Covid 19.

Special Initiatives

- **Prince Charles School – garden/yard makeover** Sept 2020 – 1 weeklong of work/volunteers etc.
- **Tissue Donation** – PALS schools received over 100 cases of facial tissue from Irving Tissue to help during the winter season during this time of Covid-19.
- **PALS Holiday Hampers** December 2020 – more than 250 families supported
- **Coats for Kids campaign** – initiated by Arlene Dunn/PALS/BCAPI - December 2020 – over 350 students at 17 schools received new snowsuits, coats, hats and mitts
- **Nutritious snacks and cereal campaign** - approx. 15,000.00 worth of food and cash collected – main support to Community Schools and uptown high schools, but 23 schools in total benefitted
- Through the **Canadian Tire Jumpstart program** 4230 masks for elementary age students were donated to our District. These masks were high quality, individually packaged with fun patterns and were distributed to schools across our district.
- In its 5th year, the **Give Love Feel Good Campaign** in Saint John welcomed Emera New Brunswick and The Feel Good Store as partners. This year's focus was on the digital divide among our students and before Christmas they donated \$15,000 to Hazen White St. Francis so they could purchase iPads for use in their classrooms. HWSF now has iPads for approximately 40 of their 155 students. The Campaign is ongoing and involves the following schools: SJBKE, Seaside Park, HWSF, Prince Charles, Princess Elizabeth, Glen Falls and Centennial. They are challenging other businesses to get involved as they recognize our students' capacity for innovation and school participation depends on decreasing the barriers to access these devices that enhance student learning.
- **Milltown has a Family Coordinator position funded by the United Way.** This person has been instrumental in encouraging school attendance and works directly with families to overcome any barriers keeping them from getting their child to school. Throughout Covid the Family Coordinator has made extensive contact with at risk families and continues to work with them as they struggle with addiction and mental health issues which directly impact their children's attendance.

Giving Back

- Quispamsis Elementary School collected personal care items and food items for the month of February. These items were donated to the Coverdale Centre for Women. They also walked from their school to Shannex and built snowmen for the residents as the residents watched from inside. (the students did not enter the building, nor did they have any contact with the residents). The students also sang outside for the residents and many of the residents opened their windows and took great delight in watching the students play in the snow and perform for them.

Programming

- **Big Brothers Big Sisters**
 - Virtual In-School mentoring happening with already established matches
 - E-mentoring pilot to start in April at PCS and SJBKE with 5 volunteers at each school – very excited about the potential here
- **Elf/Frontier College/PALS**
 - piloting virtual literacy support for Grade 2 students – some schools have it happening at home with parental supervision. Glen Falls and SJBKE are doing this at school
- **Virtual Visiting Readers**
 - Piloting at Prince Charles
 - K-4/ 6 classes/6 volunteers
 - Once a week for 4 weeks then will review
 - Potential to expand to other schools after that
- **PALS in the Park**
 - Began 2 weeks ago
 - 5 days a week
 - 80 classes from 20 schools take part
 - All activity costs covered, as well as bussing
 - Because funds to pay for the program were not available due to covid and the cancellation of the Soap Box Derby, the committee applied for funding to ensure the students could still experience outdoor education
- **PALS at the Port** – Port Tours and resources to complement the curriculum is running again this year – has just started up
- **Summer programming** and opportunities are just now being discussed and considered. Mr. Irving has confirmed that 44 students will take part in a weeklong camping experience at Camp Glenburn. The offer will go out to schools in the next couple of weeks. Approx. 15 schools are offered a chance to send some students and delivery and pick up is provided for 2 sessions by the KOTG bus, and Community School Coordinators accompany the students to and from the camp
- At Milltown Elementary the **Sylvan Learning afterschool program** continues to operate in person when we are in yellow and online when we are in orange
- The **preschool at Milltown Elementary** closed due to Covid however the classroom used for this has been converted into a 2nd afterschool program space and both these rooms are full to capacity with afterschool programming

KOTG (Kids on the Go) Bus 2020-2021

- PALS worked with the District Transportation team to ensure that all Covid-19 protocols have been followed. In addition, an Ion Distribution Unit was purchased and is used 3 times a day. (this machine is the same one major airlines use for planes as large as 747s)
- Transporting newcomer children to the language centre at Prince Charles daily
- Transporting students to Sistema daily
- Transporting PALS En Route to Success students to work placements Term 2
- Began transporting classroom bubbles on curriculum-based trips daily (primarily the 8 Community Schools in SJ Ed Centre, but also to the other PALS Schools in the SJ Ed Centre – teachers and students are taking advantage of many opportunities for outdoor based learning and they are thrilled

Schools with PALS Partnerships (Community Schools are underlined)

Saint John Education Centre

1. Bayview School
2. Beaconsfield Middle School
3. Centennial School
4. Forest Hills School
5. Fundy Shores School
6. Glen Falls School
7. Grand Bay Primary School
8. Hazen-White/St. Francis School
9. Harbour View High School
10. Inglewood School
11. Island View School
12. Lakewood Heights School
13. Loch Lomond School
14. M. Gerald Teed School
15. Millidgeville School
16. Prince Charles School
17. Princess Elizabeth School
18. St. John the Baptist/King Edward
19. St. Malachy's Memorial High
20. Saint John High School
21. Saint Rose School
22. Seaside Park Elementary School
23. Westfield School

Hampton Education Centre

1. Belleisle Regional High School
2. Belleisle Elementary
3. Hampton Middle School
4. Sussex Elementary

St. Stephen Education Centre

1. Black's Harbour School
2. Fundy Middle and High School
3. Milltown Elementary School
4. St. George Elementary School
5. St. Stephen Elementary School

PALS and Community Partners

Saint John Education Centre

- Achieve Literacy
- Advantage Auto Glass
- Advocate Printing
- Al Gagnon Photography
- Amalgamated Transit Union
- Anglophone South School District
- APEGNB (Association of Professional Engineers & Geoscientists) Saint John
- Atlantic Super Stores
- Atlantic Towing
- BASE Engineering
- Bay Ferries
- Bayview Credit Union
- BCAP
- Beats and Bytes
- Bee Me Kidz
- BellAliant
- Best Buy
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Boys & Girls Club
- Breakfast Clubs of Canada
- Breakfast for Learning
- Brunswick Pipeline/ Emera
- CAA
- Calvary Temple Church
- Camp Glenburn
- Canadian Military
- Canadian Tire Jumpstart
- Canaport LNG
- Carleton Kirk United Church
- CBCL
- CFM
- The Chamber, Saint John Region
- Inside Out Nature Centre
- InterAction School of Performing Arts
- Investors Group
- IODE
- Irving Equipment
- Irving Nature Park
- Irving Oil
- Irving Paper
- Irving Pulp & Paper
- Irving Shipbuilding
- Chandler Sales
- Chateau de Champlain
- City of Saint John
- City of Saint John Leisure Services
- City of Saint John, Office of the Common Clerk
- Cleves Source for Sports
- Coast Tire
- Cooke Aquaculture
- Co-op Stores
- Costco
- Courtney Bay Tenants Association
- Credit Counselling Services
- DealerMine
- Delta Saint John and McCor Management
- DFS Inc. Architecture & Design
- Dillon Consulting
- DMK Marine
- Dominos Pizza
- Downey Ford
- Duke Creative Collective
- Dunham's Run
- Dykeman Hardware
- East Side Food Bank
- Elementary Literacy Inc. (Elf)
- Elections NB
- Emera
- Ernie's Landscaping
- Evergreen Creations
- Exit Realty
- FERO
- Irving Tissue
- Irving Wallboard
- J. D. Irving, Limited
- JDI Sussex Woodlands
- J.T.R.
- Keel Construction
- Kelly Services
- Kennebec Manor
- Kent Building Supplies
- Kent Line Agency
- Key Industries
- Fluor
- Friendly's and Pizza Shack North
- Fundy Bay 50+ Club
- Fundy Bay Sand and Gravel
- Fundy Engineering
- GNB
- Golden Gloves Boxing
- Grand Bay Baptist Church
- Grand Bay Church of the Resurrection
- Grand Bay-Westfield Guardian Drugs
- Grand Bay-Westfield Home Hardware
- Grand Bay-Westfield Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy
- Grand Bay-Westfield Sobeyes
- Gulf Operators
- Gunter Business Machines
- Hatheway Pavilion at Lily Lake
- Hickey Brothers
- Hillcrest Baptist Church
- HMCS Fredericton
- Hooper Studios
- Horizon Health Network
- HRDC
- Hughes Surveys
- Imperial Theatre
- Indigo
- Industrial Security Limited
- INK Graphics
- Inner City Youth Ministry
- Innovatia
- King's Church
- Kingsway Care Centre
- Kiwanis Clubs
- KPMG
- Knights of Columbus
- Kustom Auto Sound & Accessories
- Lake Utopia Paper
- Lawson & Creamer
- The Learning Partnership

- Lions Clubs Greater Saint John
- Living SJ
- Loch Lomond Villa
- Mariner Partners
- Master Promotions
- McAllister Place
- McInnes Cooper
- MC Ventilation
- Michaels
- Midland Transport
- Mitchell McConnell Insurance
- Morris Music
- NBCC
- NB Insurance Board
- NB Museum
- NB Southern Railway
- Nick Nicole Community Centre
- ONE Change
- Parkland Saint John
- Pathways to Education
- PC Children's Charity
- Plasticraft
- Point Lepreau Generating Station
- Port Saint John
- Portland United Church
- P.R.O. Kids
- Promise Partnership
- PRUDE
- QM Construction
- RBC Branches
- RiverCross Church
- Robertson Construction
- Rockwood Park
- Rothesay Netherwood School
- Rotary Club
- Royal Canadian Legion
- Royal Hair Design
- Royal Kennebecasis Yacht Club
- RST Sunbury
- Saint John Airport
- Saint John Astronomy Club
- Saint John Carpentry Centre
- Saint John City Market
- Saint John City Transit
- Saint John Community Centres
- Saint John Cricket Club
- Saint John Energy
- Saint John Fire Department
- Saint John Milk Fund
- Saint John Neighbourhood Associations
- Saint John Police Department
- Saint John Riptide
- Saint John Sea Dogs
- Saint John Tools Library
- Saint John Water
- Salesforce
- Salvation Army
- Saputo
- Scotiabank Branches
- Select Printing
- Shelby Gallant - Independent Tupperware Representative
- Shimpokai Judo
- Shining Horizons Therapeutic Riding Association
- ShurFit Automotive
- Sistema NB
- Sisters of Charity
- SJ Community Loan Fund
- SJ Community Newspaper
- Sobeys Stores
- Stantec
- Staples
- Starkey's Garage
- St. Joachim's and St. Ann's Church
- St. Luke's Church
- St. Pius X Church
- Steve Zaat Music
- Stewart McKelvey
- Stew's Cleaning Services
- Studio Dance School
- T4G
- T. D. Waterhouse
- T. S. Simms
- Tabufile
- TD Station
- Teed Saunders Doyle
- Teen Resource Centre
- Telegraph Journal/ Brunswick News
- Thandi's Restaurant
- Thistle-St. Andrew's Curling Club
- Timber & Steel Furniture
- Titus Bakery
- Tony Battilano Basketball School
- Town of Grand Bay-Westfield
- Trinity Church
- Tropical Shipping
- Turnbull Home
- UNB Saint John
- United Church Ministries
- United Way
- Universal Truck and Trailer
- Vito's
- WalMart
- Wengaro
- West Side Business Association
- Wyndham Hotels and Resorts
- Xerox
- YMCA of Greater Saint John
- Y Service Club
- Youth Enhancement Program Inc