Townsview School - Parent Newsletter

January 9 – March 17, 2023

Some Important Dates to Remember

* **January 9 Students Return to School following the Christmas Break – Welcome Back**
* **January 13 Swim Program (5C @ 9:00am) (5B @ 10:45am) (3C @ 1:30pm)**
* **January 20 Swim Program (5C @ 9:00am) (5B @ 10:45am) (3C @ 1:30pm)**
* **January 21 Middle School Drama Production “Frozen Jr.”**
* **Show Times are 2:00pm & 7:00pm**
* **January 26 Grade 8 Quebec Trip Payment #2 Due – Amount Owed is $150.00**
* **January 27 Swim Program (5C @ 9:00am) (5B @ 10:45am) (3C @ 1:30pm)**
* **January 27 Grade 5 English Program of Study Ends**
* **January 30 Grade 5 Intensive French (Block #2) Begins**
* **February 1 PSSC Meeting @ 6:30pm**
* **February 2 Club Day @ 1:10pm**
* **February 6 Swim Program (2C @ 9:00am) (2A @ 10:45am) (3B @ 1:30pm)**
* **February 9 Grade 6 Classes to Crabbe Mountain Ski In School Program – leaving at 8:45am**
* **February 10 Swim Program** **(2D @ 9:00am) (2B @ 10:45am) (4C @ 1:30pm)**
* **February 13 Swim Program (2C @ 9:00am) (2A @ 10:45am) ((3B @ 1:30pm)**
* **February 16 Grade 7 Classes to Crabbe Mountain Ski In School Program – leaving at 8:45am**
* **February 17 Swim Program (2D @ 9:00am) (2B @ 10:45am) (4C @ 1:30pm)**
* **February 20 NB Family Day – No School for Staff and Students**
* **February 23 Grade 8 Classes to Crabbe Mountain Ski In School Program – leaving at 8:45am**
* **February 24 Swim Program (2D @ 9:00am) (2B @ 10:45am) (4C @ 1:30pm)**
* **February 27 Swim Program (2C @ 9:00am) (2A @ 10:45am) (3B @ 1:30pm)**
* **March 2 Club Day @ 1:10pm**
* **March 2 Student Assembly @ 10:40am**
* **March 3 Swim Program (2D @ 9:00am) (2B @ 10:45am) (4C @ 1:30pm)**
* **March 3 Last day of school before the start of the March Break**
* **March 6-10 March Break – No School for Staff and Students**
* **March 13 Staff & Students Return to School**
* **March 13 Swim Program (2C @ 9:00am) (2A @ 10:45am) (3B @ 1:30pm)**
* **March 17 Swim Program (2D @ 9:00am) (2B @ 10:45am) (4C @ 1:30pm)**

**Staffing Update**

* **We welcome Emily MacInnis to Townsview School. Emily will be replacing KD – Jennie Carpenter. Jennie is on leave for the remainder of the school year.**
* **We welcome Matthew Boyd to Townsview School. Matthew will be replacing Danielle Kitchen. Danielle is on leave for the remainder of the school year.**
* **Courtney Fox will be returning to her Guidance position on Monday, February 13th**
* **Jessica Irvine will be returning to the classroom on Monday, January 30th to teach Grade 5B Intensive French**

**Chartwells’ Cafeteria Menu**

* **Cafeteria menus went home with your child – it contained a list of meals being served each week along with a price list for the food items**
* **If you have any questions, please contact Marlena Ivey (Brittany.allen@compass-canada.com or 325-4315**
* **If you are wanting to order online – here is the website Townsview-nb-aswd.nutrislice.com**

**Want to Know What Is Happening at Townsview School – Check Us Out**

* **Follow us on Twitter - @TownsviewSchool**
* **Check out our School Website** [**http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-W/TownsView/Pages/default.aspx**](http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-W/TownsView/Pages/default.aspx)
* **Follow our Townsview Lost & Found Facebook Page** [**https://www.facebook.com/townsviewschoollostandfound**](https://www.facebook.com/townsviewschoollostandfound)
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**Parent Email Distribution List**

* **If you would like your name added to a parent e-mail distribution list, please contact Patricia Thorne (Principal), and she will**

 **add you to her list. You may contact her at the following e-mail:** **Patricia.Thorne@nbed.nb.ca****.**

**SEL (Social Emotional Learning)**

* **This is a part of our School Plan – it is a school wide approach all children need social-emotional skills to thrive both in the classroom and in life. Developing these skills allows our students to gain confidence, set attainable goals and make better decisions.**
* **The SEL Theme for the month of January is Empathy and the Month of February is Kindness**

**Payment of Student Fees**

* **If you have not already done so, we are asking for your support in the payment of the following fees – if this presents a financial challenge for your family, please let us know.**
* **Middle School Student Fees - $31.50**
* **The 2nd Round of the Gr. 2-5 Swimming Program will begin February, 2023. The classes are 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 3B & 4C. Cost is $63.00.**
* **You can pay by School Cash Online – the link is on the ASD-W website our school website and I am also sending to you** [**https://anglophonewest.schoolcashonline.com/**](https://anglophonewest.schoolcashonline.com/) **. You can also pay by cash or by cheque (all cheques will need to be made payable to Townsview School. Thank you.**

Townsview Home & School - **Who are we & What Have We Been Up To**

* **We are a group of active parent volunteers who work closely with the staff at our school to build an All Inclusive environment and provide support where and when needed.**
* **How can you help? Please “Like” and “Follow”our Home & School Facebook page!!**
* **Our page provides important updates and school announcements and friendly reminders!!**
* **What have we been up to??**
* **We hosted a successful Movie Night featuring The Grinch during the month of December.**
* **We handed out candy cane treats to every student at Townsview, helped serve our students and staff turkey dinner and had our Annual Wreath raffle!**
* **In the upcoming months we will be planning for Staff Appreciation Week, Student Appreciation Week, helping with middle school dances and planning for a spring fundraiser! Stay tuned for more information!**

**Thanks again for your continued support!!**

**We couldn’t make an impact without our awesome parent community, students & staff members!!**

**Head Lice**

* **Head lice is an ongoing issue here at school, and we have had cases of head lice. It is important to continue regular checks for lice and nits at home.**
* **When a case of head lice is suspected in the classroom, Student Services teachers remove the student from the classroom (discretely) to do a head check. If live lice are found, parents are notified and the student awaits pick-up at the office. Random checks are not performed without evident symptoms, or without a parent’s request to have a check performed.**
* **We the school recognize the hard work and diligence to clean up the lice and lice kits can be costly. If you are in need of a lice kit, please let us know so that we can help to support you.**
* **Please remind children to keep long hair tied back (pony tail) and to not share any type of personal headwear.**

**Traffic Flow Reminders**

* **If you are just dropping off your child – you will need to use the Stop & Drop Lane. Please do not use the parking lot for dropping off. This is hazardous for our folks walking into the school.**
* **If you are needing to come into the school, then you would need to park your car in our main parking lot. Please do not park in the Stop & Drop Off Lane, this slows down our traffic flow**
* **At the bottom of Lewis P. Fisher Lane you are not permitted to take a left turn during the hours of 7:30am-8:30am and 2:30pm-3:30pmpm. This is not safe and it slows down our traffic flow.**

**Crabbe Mountain Ski In School Day For Middle School Students**

* **The students of Townsview School will be provided the opportunity to take part in a one day “Ski in School” program at Crabbe Mountain. The following dates have been selected for each grade level:**
* **Grade 6 Classes – Thursday, February 17, 2022**
* **Grade 7 Classes**
* **Grade 8 Classes**
* **The Crabbe Mountain Ski in School Package includes two hours of ski/snowboard instruction from experienced and nationally certified instructors. Ski/snowboard equipment rentals including helmets (if needed) will also be provided along with a lift ticket valid for the entire day.**
* **All packages include 2 hours of lessons, lift tickets, ski or snowboard rental and free practicing time. The fee of $33.50 must be paid to their homeroom teacher prior to going.**
* **If a student has their own equipment and/or has a Crabbe Mountain membership – then the cost will be $17.00 per student. The $17.00 fee is to pay for the Ski-In-School Program Pass.**
* **Please note that students will have to arrange for transportation of their own equipment as it is not permitted to be transported down on the school bus.**
* **It is Townsview School Policy that requires all students to travel down to Crabbe Mountain (in the morning) on the school bus that is being provided. If students want to stay on the slopes longer at the end of the day, they may do so as long as they are with a parent/guardian. If a student is staying down with a friend (parent), then we ask that the student’s parent contact the school (email, written note or phone) to provide these details prior to the day of the trip. Thanks for this.**
* **Middle school students will be bringing home a parent permission form that is to be signed and brought back to school by Friday, January 27th. If you have any question, please contact the school.**
* **Parents who want to ski with the students are responsible to pay their own fees, and must be in compliance with the ASD-W Volunteer Policy and have submitted all necessary documentation to the school.**

**Colder Weather**

* **Winter has arrived, please be mindful that the children go outside every day for recesses, Phys. Ed classes, etc.**
* **It is extremely important to have your child wear outside shoes and when they come in, they can change into their indoor shoes. Children need to come dressed appropriately for the weather.**

Families Wanting to Send Snacks & Treats to their Child’s Classroom on Special Occasions

* **With ongoing health concerns – teachers can accept food products being brought to your child’s classroom. We ask that all food items to be store purchased (not home baked) and individually wrapped. This would hold importance for class parties & special events.**

**Refillable Water Bottle**

* **All students must have a refillable water bottle, we do not have drinking fountains only water fillable stations. Important to put your child’s name on the water bottle, so is lost, we can ensure we get the water bottle back to the student. Unfortunately, the school cannot provide water bottles to our students. Thank you.**

Middle School Drama Production

* **The Middle School Drama Group has been busily preparing over the last couple of months for their production of FROZEN JR.**
* **Their Production Show Time will be Saturday, January 21st**
* **Show Times are 2:00pm & 7:00pm**
* **The cost of admission is $10.00 per person and there is no reserve seating.**
* **Tickets can be purchased at the school between the hours of 8:45am-4:00pm.**

School Reminders

* **Student Arrival for bus students takes place between 8:00am-8:30am.**
* **Student Arrival for parent drop offs starts at 8:00am.**
* **Student Arrival for walkers starts at 8:10am**
* **if students arrive before 8:00am they will need to remain outside as we have no staff on duty until 8am (this will include waiting**

 **outside in the good & and not so good weather**

* **If you have a child in K-2 and they are walkers or out-of-catchment, you will need to make arrangements to have your child picked up at 2:00pm.**
* **we the school cannot accommodate family requests to keep your child until 3:00pm**
* **Parents are not permitted to walk their child into the school. We have staff on duty to assist any student who is in need.**
* **It is important to put your child’s name on their water bottle, lunch box, clothing. etc. – so when it is lost and then found we can return it**
* **If you are wanting to meet with your child’s teacher – you will need to call the school and make an appointment. Meetings can be arranged to be**

**Virtual, by telephone or in-person. Please contact your child’s teacher in advance of scheduling a meeting, thank you.**

* **If you are bringing an item to the school for your child – please drop them off on the red table under the canopy**
* **Townsview School Cash Online - Parents are encouraged to take advantage of School Cash Online, our preferred method of payment for**

 **school fees and activities.  Please visit:** [**http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-W/TownsView/Pages/default.aspx**](http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-W/TownsView/Pages/default.aspx)

* **When you are in need of picking up your child during the instructional day**
* **when you arrive at the school, you will call the school to let us know you are here to pick up your child – the admin assistants will then**

 **send your child out to you. Your child will be responsible for signing out of the school in our sign out book.**

* **For younger children we ask that the person picking them up come to the main doors of the school – the admin assistants will assist the younger children to sign out**

**Pre-K Registration (2023-2024) School Year**

* **Kindergarten Registration for the 2023-2024 school is continuing. Registrants are children born in 2017.  Families are being directed to register online** [**https://secure1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-W/kindergarten/Pages/default.aspx**](https://secure1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-W/kindergarten/Pages/default.aspx) **Should a parent/guardian not have access to register online, please contact the school so that we can help you out. You are welcome to come to the school to register the school between the hours of 9:00am-2:30pm.**
* **Families will need their child’s birth certificate, immunization record and medicare card. It is extremely important that you have your child registered so that you can take advantage of the programs that help prepare your child for the upcoming school year.**
* **Immunizations must be in order prior to beginning school in September, 2023**
* **For additional information – we ask that you contact the school at 325-4435. Thank you.**

**ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT** - School Closures Due to Weather Conditions

* **Anglophone West School District is committed to the safe and efficient transportation of students. The District recognizes it may be necessary to cancel bus runs, close schools, or delay school opening to ensure students are not endangered by hazards brought on by poor weather and road conditions. When a decision is made to close school, delay school opening, cancel bus runs, or delay bus runs, safety is the number one consideration.**
* **Important Notes:**
* **There may be occasions when a particular bus route is hazardous because of varying weather conditions throughout the district. In cases where the bus driver has a safety concern, he or she has the responsibility to recommend either the cancellation or delay of his/her particular bus run.**
* **Parents may exercise their right to keep children at home if they believe that the weather and/or road conditions are not suitable. Students will not be penalized for such absences; however, parents must provide a written excuse to the student’s teacher when the child returns to school.**
* **There are times when school buses run late for reasons unrelated to weather. Individual school buses expected to be more than 20 minutes minutes late will be announced whenever possible. Parents are responsible for the safety of their children at the stop until the bus comes.**
* **Decision Process: The Superintendent of Schools makes the decision to close schools after district transportation personnel provide current information about weather and road conditions. The school district transportation department has access to current weather and road conditions throughout the district through the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure road supervisors, a contracted weather information service provider, as well as other internet sites. Inclement weather predictions are monitored closely throughout the prior evening and again from 5:00 a.m. onward.**

**Communication:**

* **TOWNSVIEW IS IN SCHOOL ZONE 3:**
* **It is a school-based decision to use voice-messaging to notify families - if available.**
* **Parents should not rely on this means of notification for information about school closures.**
* **Announcements will be made on local radio stations, through a recorded message that can be heard by dialing the district public information line at 1-888-388-4455 (toll free) or 453-5454 (local calls) any time after 6:00 a.m., and by checking the district website at** [**www.asd-w.nbed.nb.ca**](http://www.asd-w.nbed.nb.ca)**.**
* **Please tune in to the local radio station CJ 104.1FM – Woodstock for announcement of a school closure or delay.**