

Summerhill Street Elementary School - MAY 2021

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OUTDOOR SPACES

We are working on beautifying our outdoor space and building an outdoor classroom! Our goal is to create a learning space outside for classes to use. There is a space beside the parent parking lot that has been cleared out so we have a trail to walk through. There are benches and stumps which provide seating for students and we plan to provide signage to help students identify some of the trees.

We also plan to involve students in the beautification process by learning more about plants, how pollinators help our environment and how nature can improve our mental well-being. We are involved in the Butterfly Way project and we plan to plant pollinators near our Summerhill Street School sign.

With all that that this year has taught us about working together as a team, we want to come together as a school to celebrate our outdoor spaces and each class has a role to play. Classes are brainstorming on how they can contribute to the garden or outdoor space. Some classes are going to build rock gardens, some want to plant certain flowers or bushes and some want to put flowers in planters. This project is a great reminder of the amazing students we have and how we can come together (even when we are apart).

We are fundraising for this initiative through our popcorn sales. We also have a DONATE button through School Cash online. Any donations are welcome. If you have any supplies (crushed rock, planters, seeds, etc), please let Mrs. Atherton know.

JOHN WOOD FOUNDATION – From Ms. Morgan’s class

Our Grade 5 Leadership Team has been fundraising all year for the John Wood Foundation which is a local charity that helps New Brunswickers with disabilities. If you are interested in learning more about the John Wood Foundation you can visit the foundation website at <http://www.thejohnwoodfoundation.org>

As a school, we have had monthly theme days where Summerhill Students and Staff showed their school spirit by wearing their passion, reliving the 80’s, traveling like a tourist and even just chilling in their favorite ball cap. To date, we have raised close to \$800 and we want you to know that your dollar is helping people with disabilities across our province. Stay tuned for our May theme Day and thank you for your support!

Hot Lunch Program

We will offer Hot Lunch until June 17. There will be no hot lunch offered in the last week of school.

Transfer Requests

Please remember if you live outside our zoned catchment area and require approval to attend Summerhill as a non-zone school, these requests need to be completed on an annual basis. The forms are available at the Oromocto Education Centre and, once completed, need to be returned there for processing. The forms are also available online on the Anglophone West School District website under Parents > Student Transfer Request Form. A letter was sent home on April 23 to families currently on an Intra-District Transfer. Please complete and return to the school. For you, this replaces the need for a new request form.

Phys. Ed. News

Welcome to Ms. Grant who will be starting on at our school May 3! Ms. Grant will be teaching Phys. Ed. while Mrs. Keizer will be on leave in May and June. Phys. Ed. classes will be starting to practice track and field skills. We can't wait to see our students working on their running, jumping and throwing!

Chicken BIG Virtual Drama presentation!

A big shout out to the 11 student actors in Ms. Morgan's Grade 5 class who have been running lines daily in Reader's Workshop to prepare for the Elementary Drama Festival. The festival will be broadcast virtually this year in mid-May and the actors have been busily preparing their "farm" debut in the Reader's Theatre called Chicken BIG! Taping will occur this week and the production will be posted to the Elementary Drama Festival TEAMS site in preparation for adjudication later in May. The students have adapted to this new format and have poured their heart and "wings" into this performance!

WELLNESS WEDNESDAY SERIES

Every Wednesday, our students will be invited to a school-wide Virtual Assembly focused on Social Emotional Learning. One of the comments in the Our School Survey this year (completed by our Grade 4 and 5 students) was that students are having difficulty getting along with each other since they are in bubbles all year. Getting along with others, relationship skills, awareness of others are lessons we are working on with students.

Mr. Wood and his students did an excellent job in the first assembly demonstrating how they use sentence starters to help resolve conflict. For example, students can start a discussion with a peer with the following sentence starts to help:

When you _____

It makes me feel _____

Because _____

I would like _____

The Grade 4 students explained that when there is a conflict, students can work to identify the problem and use their words to work it out. This will be modeled for students and there are visuals to help. We look forward to helping our students work on their problem-solving skills with each other.

Virtual PSSC Meeting

The PSSC will be meeting at 6:30 pm the evening of May 11, 2021. All are welcome to attend. This will be our last PSSC meeting of the year.

Dressing For The Weather

These days can be challenging when trying to dress your child for the weather. Our school grounds are still very wet so, even though the days will become warmer and sunnier, it would be a great idea to have your child wear rubber boots for at least a few weeks yet. We encourage the students to stay away from the wetter patches but slips still happen when we are having fun. A change of clothing in the book bag will help to avoid calls home for dry clothes. It is still cool in the morning, so a light jacket is in order but with the sun usually coming out by lunchtime. We will soon be getting ready for hotter weather!

DATES TO REMEMBER: Mark Your Calendar

May 7 - NBTA Council Day – No classes for students, Professional Learning for staff

May 11 – PSSC Meeting at 6:30

May 17 - NBTA Branch Meeting Day – No classes for students, Meetings for staff

May 24 - Victoria Day – no school

May 18-28 - Grade 4 Assessment – English Reading/FI Reading Provincial Assessment

June 25 - Last Day of School for Students