Lightning News for December 7th – 11th.

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The theme for the month of December is “generosity.”

“Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you ever can.” ~ John Wesley ~

We only have two weeks until the holidays and we want to make every moment count here at school. The report cards have been issued and the virtual parent-teacher conferences have been held. In these remaining two weeks, we will continue to focus on the health and safety of our students and staff. We will certainly be focusing on academics and completing learning outcomes. We want to assure you that if everyone follows our Operational Plan it is safe for students and staff to be at school.

Last Friday we had a professional learning day for all staff. The Educational Assistants completed a wellness activity that we named “Gingerbread Extravaganza” ~ Please check out the attached pictures in order to enjoy the creativity of this group of people. These different gingerbread creations are on display in our front foyer for all staff and students to enjoy!

In continuing with the gift of generosity, every Friday we do a “dress down” day in which all staff donate to non-profit organization. Just last week we donated a cheque of $400.00 to Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Saint John. For the month of December all staff are dressing down on Fridays and donating to the West Side Food Bank.

Please remember when packing lunches for school that we are nut- free. Please read the ingredients of food items and ensure that nothing with any kind of nuts come to school. This includes when items are packed in the spirit of the holiday, please ensure all sweets and treats are nut-free as well.

Energy Drinks: Please note that due to health concerns, energy drinks such as Rock Star, Red Bull, Monster etc. are not permitted at school. Please ensure that your child is not bringing these items to school.

The construction of the Lightning Dome, our outside classroom is going very well. We as a school community have decided to have this construction as a legacy project for our grade 8 students. Please see the attached pictures of some of our students working very vigorously on this project. We now have all our tables built for students to have a comfortable place to sit while they are learning outside.

PBIS Initiative We are sure that everyone knows that every December we do the “Dodge Hunger” campaign. Even though this year is very different we still want to complete this campaign. The West Side Food Bank is always very appreciative of our food and cash donations in order to help those in need in our community. This year we are doing the “Dodge Hunger” campaign by class bubble! Every class bubble will create a team name, they will start to collect non-perishable food items in their bubble, they will bring in decorations and on Wednesday morning of December 16th all bubbles will work on creating a Christmas Village. We will have videos of the process and pictures of the winning team. The team will win by having the most creative village. The videos will be shown to every class bubble and it will be posted on our website. The winning team will have their team name on our trophy in the front display case. The first step is for all class bubbles to start collecting food items in order to create their village. This is sure to be a fun/creative and very generous campaign.

**On the horizon…**

**In next week’s Lightning News, we will be providing you with all the details of the different holiday events within the class bubbles, that have been organized by our SRC for the final week of school before our winter vacation.**

**Winter holiday vacation starts at the end of the day on Friday, December 18th.**

**The first day back after the vacation is Monday, January 4th.**

Thank you.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 658-5971 or [jill.ferguson@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:jill.ferguson@nbed.nb.ca)