Lightning News for January 11th – 15th.

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The theme for the month of January is “self - discipline.”

“With self-discipline most anything is possible.” ~ Theodore Roosevelt

As of January 6th, our province is currently in the orange phase of this pandemic. Masks are to be worn on the bus, in all areas inside the school, as well as outside on school property. Students are invited to take their masks off when they are eating, working silently at their desks, and participating in physical education classes in the gym or outside with their teacher. We are still insisting on washing and sanitizing hands as well as following the traffic flow and practicing physical distancing ~ staying and interacting in their own bubble while keeping a physical distance of two meters from other bubbles. We must ensure that our student groupings/ class bubbles are respected during lunches and other movement within the school, this is to continue to keep everyone safe.

Please check with your child regarding their school supplies. Please ensure they are well stocked with pens, pencils, paper etc. Every student participates in Art class and does require a set of coloured pencils for this class. We also want to remind all students to come to school and be prepared to learn.

**Electronic Devices:** Students are **not** to use their device during instructional time. They may use them before school, after school and at lunch from 12:10 p.m. – 12:50 p.m. If you need to contact your child, please do not call or text your child during instructional time, please call the office at 658-5393 and we will ensure you talk with your child. Thank you.

**Breakfast Program:** While in the orange phase of this pandemic we will not be delivering breakfast baskets to the class bubbles. However, we do not want any students going hungry, therefore, if they require a breakfast item, we have them available in the office.

**Lunch:** We encourage all families to pack healthy lunch options for their child, please remember we are **nut free.** Do not bring any items to school that have nuts in them, we have both staff and students who have severe allergies.

 Every Friday we have cheese pizza available for lunch, if you would like your child to have pizza for lunch on Friday, just pre-order on cashless schools, the price of pizza is $5.00 for two slices.

**Clothing:** Please dress for the weather, there are days that it is very cold outside. With the mixture of winter weather, we experience ~the wet and the cold, please make sure your child is dressed properly, with outside footwear, hat, mitts and a winter coat. The students do go outside every day in order to enjoy the fresh air and engage in physical activity. Our Physical Education classes are going outside in order to cover different areas of the curriculum: two such areas are snowshoeing and sledding. Please see the attached information regarding sledding. We have purchased 25 crazy carpets for the students to use in class. **Helmets must be worn.** Therefore, we are requesting that your child bring a helmet in order to participate in the sledding component of the class. **No helmet = no** **sledding**.

Please note: The only time students will stay in the building is when it is pouring rain outside or when the wind chill is in excess of -20 degrees. We are also taking every effort to keep our school environment clean and healthy, therefore, we do request that every student brings to school an indoor pair of shoes.

**On the horizon…**

Please stay tuned, in February we will have a new PBIS initiative in which students will be engaged in positive activities within the school and can win prizes.

We are now in to the second marking term. The second report card will be issued on March 31st. More information regarding this report card will be issued over the next few weeks.

**Reminder**: The students do have classes on the 1st of February. We had that PL back in October. Thank you.

**Science Fair:** All students have begun work on their Science Fair projects before the holiday. The due date is Wednesday, February 10th. This year due to COVID -19 restrictions all students will be completing individual projects and will be presenting them in their individual class bubble. Please note …that in addition to the information that was provided to all students by their teachers, there is also information on Microsoft Teams. There are weekly assignments for all students. Good luck to everyone as they work on their projects! Remember to ask your Science teacher questions and the due date is **February 10th.**

**Family Day:** The 2021 Family Day will be Monday, February 15th.

**Pink Shirt Day:** Pink Shirt Day is Wednesday, February 24th. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected us all and shown the importance of helping one another and advocation for those who need it. “Lift each other up” is the slogan for Pink Shirt Day this year. Starting the first week of February we will have pink shirts for sale for our students and staff.

**High School Registration:** This message is for our grade 8 students and their families…The District Office is now preparing the registrations for students of grade 8 to attend high school in September of 2021. Early in February, you will be notified of important dates and deadlines as well as a link to the High School Handbook will be available on the ASD-S website. Letters confirming placement will be mailed to your home address that we have on file; it is very important to contact the office at 658-5393 if your address has changed and does need to be updated.

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

Thank you.

Ms. Jill Ferguson