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Welcome to December and Term 2. Home reports have been issued and virtual parent-teacher conferences have been arranged. Although the upcoming holidays are less than three weeks away, our focus remains on the health and safety of our students and staff as we navigate through the Covid rules mandated by Public Health. Teachers also will continue to focus on academics and completing learning outcomes right up to the break. Students will be expected to work to their fullest potential until vacation time on December 23rd. The first day back for students after the holidays is Monday, January 10th.

Staff Updates- Best wishes to Mrs. Sabin and Mrs. Godreau-McCarthy as they both embark on education leaves from January to June of 2022. Students will meet their replacements after the Holiday Break.

Inclement Weather- the following message is from Zoe Watson, Superintendent, Anglophone South School District:

School Closures Due to Inclement Weather

Anglophone South School District is committed to the safe and efficient transportation of students and recognizes that it may be necessary to cancel a bus run(s), close school(s), or delay school opening to ensure students are not endangered by hazards brought on by poor weather or road conditions.

The following options are considered when deciding what to do during inclement weather situations:

1. Schools are open as usual in which case no announcement will be made.
2. All schools are closed for the day with an appropriate announcement being relayed to:

* The local radio stations prior to 6:30 am
* The District website ([www.asd-s.nbed.nb.ca](http://www.asd-s.nbed.nb.ca))
* Follow us on Twitter (<http://twitter.com/ASD_South>
* The District Information Phone Line (toll free: 1-855-535-7669).

Parents are encouraged to access the above noted methods early in the morning, particularly on days when the weather is inclement.

1. Schools are closed by Education Centre:

* Hampton Education Centre (formerly District 6)
* Saint John Education Centre (formerly District 8)
* St Stephen Education Centre (formerly District 10)

Schools within an Education Centre may be closed depending on conditions.

1. School bus routes are delayed one hour. On these occasions, all schools will open at their regular time to receive students. Students arriving late will not be penalized.
2. Schools may be closed early on days when the weather conditions are anticipated to deteriorate significantly during the day. Every effort will be made to notify parents via the radio or by telephone to students in Kindergarten to grade 5. Parents are reminded of the importance of ensuring alternate arrangements are in place for their children in cases when they or another adult will not be available to be home.

During the winter months, there may be occasions when the condition of a particular road along a bus driver’s route is hazardous. Individual school bus drivers have a responsibility to recommend to their supervisor either the cancellation or delay of their individual bus runs should they have a safety concern. Whenever possible, notice of a late bus or a cancelled bus run will be announced on the radio and posted on the Website.

While the loss of valuable instruction time is always a concern, the safety of students is paramount. The decision to close schools is always made this with in mind. If schools remain open, and as a parent/guardian you feel that conditions in your area are not conducive to your child going to school, then ultimately, you have the final decision whether or not to send your child to school. Absences on these days will not be a factor in a student’s attendance record.

There are many things your child can do to keep up when schools experience a weather closure: read a book, write in a journal, help a neighbor, review math facts, finish assignments, study for tests, do a research project, etc.- lots a student can do!

PBIS Update- Despite restrictions brought on by Covid, we have been very busy with our STOMP initiatives:

-Each homeroom was invited to sponsor philanthropy challenges during October and November. Due to the efforts of students and staff, a cheque for over $2000 will be sent to the Children’s Wish Foundation.

-Our STOMP mascot, STOMPER has made a few appearances and offered high fives and prizes in recognition of the hard work Bayside Stompers do.

- Each homeroom was invited to decorate their door to reflect their team color. Congratulations to Logue’s Lemonade Lads, Creamer’s Red Bulls, and Lamprea’s Juicy Lorax for having the top doors!

Yearbooks: - Thanks to all families who prepaid the $20.00 to purchase a yearbook. We will be placing a final order for yearbooks on January 31st. This can be paid on Cashless Schools. Student fees ($20.00) can also be paid using this method. These fees help supplement the cost of enrichment activities for our students.

As a further incentive to purchase a yearbook, those who pay before December 23rd, will earn a chance to get their copy for free. If you order on Cashless Schools, the student’s name will be entered in a draw and five lucky winners will receive a full refund, a free yearbook, and have their photo included on the December yearbook page.

Energy Drinks- Please note that due to health concerns, energy drinks such as Rock Star, Red Bull, Monster, Etc. are not permitted in our school. Please make sure your child is not bringing these items to school.

Bayside Celebrates:

Shout out to Ms. Arnold for producing the virtual Remembrance Day ceremony. Thank you to the staff and students who helped with this.

Congratulations to Mrs. Shannon’s class for being chosen to participate in the *Diversify Your Library Classroom Library* pilot project. Mrs. Shannon’s application was chosen because of the inspirational work being done to build more diversity and inclusivity in her delivery of curriculum and classroom culture. As a result, The Indigo Love of Reading Foundation is granting $2500 to Mrs. Shannon’s class to purchase books for their classroom library and to purchase professional development texts to encourage best practices to help foster lifelong student reading.

Thanks to our Grade 6 English teachers for organizing a holiday themed fun day for their students on December 22nd. Students will participate in five enrichment activities.

Mrs. Welch has organized a virtual presentation with PRUDE on December 17th. This group always does a great job promoting inclusion and equality.

Closing Comments- Although we have been witnesses to many changes over the past few months, the Staff of Bayside Middle School would like to wish all our students’ families a safe and happy holiday season. It is our hope that the current situation improves, and some sort of normalcy occurs in the new year.