



## Saint Patrick's School

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## March Newsletter

### Important Upcoming Dates

February 27-March 3: Winter Carnival Activities

March 3<sup>rd</sup>: Free school wide lunch provided for Winter Carnival

March 6<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>: March Break (No school)

March 14: PSSC, 5:30pm Community Room at Beaconsfield

March 16<sup>th</sup>: Free lunch for students and staff at Hillcrest Baptist Church, provided by our PALS from IPP

March 20<sup>th</sup>: Mrs. Griffin's class to Carleton Kirk

March 20<sup>th</sup>: Mrs. Shipley's class to the Imperial

March 22<sup>nd</sup>: Michaels trip for selected grade 1&2 students

March 24<sup>th</sup>: Cora's at noon for Shamrocks That Rock

March 24<sup>th</sup>: Fit & Fun for Girls to Thistle St. Andrews

March 27<sup>th</sup>: Reports cards go home, please call the school to make an appointment for Parent- Teacher

March 30<sup>th</sup>: **Parent Teacher 3:30-6:00**

March 31<sup>st</sup>: **No school for students - Parent Teacher 1:00-3:00**

### Update on our new west side K-5 school:

We are pleased to report that everything is on schedule with the construction of the new west side K-5 school. Last week members of the PSSCs from St. Patrick's, Havelock and Seawood had the opportunity to have a guided tour of the new Chris Saunders Memorial Elementary School in Quispamsis. This allowed the members to learn about the many features of a new elementary school.

As you will recall, members of the public had an opportunity to submit suggestions for the name of the new school – this process is outlined in Policy 409 of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. Suggested names were received up until December 23, 2016 and the committee had many to review. This committee was chaired by DEC member Gerry Mabey, and included representatives of ASD-S, the Minister and the community. The report from the Committee with three suggestions for a name was forwarded to the District Education Council and then to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood for the final selection of the official name. Thank you to everyone who submitted an idea.

An ad was posted on our website and in the media for the Principal of the new school and the position was awarded to Michelle Deschenes. Michelle is currently a Subject Coordinator for French Immersion in ASD-S, and prior to this appointment late last school year was Principal of Westfield Elementary School for nine years. She is very excited to be a part of the new school and looks forward to meeting with families, staff and the communities. Michelle will begin the role in March as there are many things to be done in the March-June time period with staffing, ordering and decisions about the new facility.

Debbie Thomas, Director of Schools, Saint John Education Centre and Zoë Watson, Superintendent

Achieve Literacy



### **Achieve Literacy Together Parent/Student Session:**

We would like to invite all parents and students of Grade 2 to meet together on **Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup>** from **2:15-2:45 pm** for our second Achieve Literacy together session. During this session we will discuss some helpful reading strategies that you can do at home with your child that will help them be successful when reading difficult words. We will have another free book for each student as well as snacks and treats for both parents and students. We hope to see all students and their parent at our session.  
Mrs. Steele, Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. Hannah

### **March Newsletter Literacy Tip:**

**ACCURACY:** Helping your child read when they encounter difficult words. It is often difficult not to simply tell our children the word that they may be struggling with when they read, but what is important to remember is that successful readers develop and use appropriate reading strategies when they encounter unfamiliar words. Here are a few reading accuracy strategies that children should be using when they come across a difficult word:

1. Look at the picture.
2. Get your lips ready and say the first sound right away.
3. S-T-R-E-T-C-H out each sound in the word and blend. (Put the sounds together)
4. Look for smaller chunks or parts in bigger words. Ex: that- **small part -at**

**Parents are reminded to inform the school of any changes in address or phone numbers. It is very important that the school be able to contact you in the event of an emergency.**

For information regarding school closure due to the weather please listen to the radio, call the snow line (1-855-535-7669) or go to the District Website ([www.asd-s.nbed.nb.ca](http://www.asd-s.nbed.nb.ca))

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### **Happy Hair Healthy Head**

This easy to use, preventative form of treatment for head lice using normal hair conditioner, developed in association with public health and nursing students has come to St. Pat’s School. Please contact Mrs. Turnbull (721-7314) if you would like a pamphlet and free conditioner to treat your child. Parents are encouraged to regularly check their child’s head.

### **Kindergarten Registration: it is not too late!**

All parents/guardians who have a child born in **2012** are expected to register their child for school. Children must reach the age of 5 before December 31, 2017.

Parent/guardians go to their community schools during regular school hours to register and **bring their child’s;**

- **Proof of age (birth certificate, passport)**
- **Medicare card**
- **Proof of immunization**