



## Saint Patrick's School

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### Important Upcoming Dates

- May 3<sup>rd</sup>: SJ String Quartet assembly @ Havelock
- May 3<sup>rd</sup>: Achieve Literacy Together, grade 2 Parent/Student Session, 2:15-2:45 pm
- May 4<sup>th</sup>: NBTA meeting for staff- **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
- May 5<sup>th</sup>: Subject Council for staff - **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
- May 9<sup>th</sup>: PSSC meeting in the Community Schools Rm. @ Beaconsfield Site
- May 10<sup>th</sup>: Mrs. Steele's class to PALS in the Park (9:30-11:30)
- May 10<sup>th</sup>: Jump Rope for Heart pledge envelopes due back
- May 15<sup>th</sup>: Mrs. Griffin's class to Carleton Kirk
- May 17, 24, 31: Interaction School of Performing Arts program for Mrs. Schroeter's class
- May 18<sup>th</sup>: Kindergarten Orientation for students starting in September
- May 18<sup>th</sup>: **No school for current kindergarten students**
- May 22<sup>nd</sup>: Victoria Day - **NO SCHOOL**
- May 25<sup>th</sup>: Mrs. Schroeter's class to visit Carleton Kirk Seniors Complex
- May 25<sup>th</sup>: Miss Armstrong's class to PALS in the Park (9:30-11:30)
- May 29<sup>th</sup>: Miss Elliot's class to Bald Hill Quarry (9:45-11:20)
- May 30<sup>th</sup>: Math / Literacy Night, 6:00- 7:30pm Havelock site
- June 1<sup>st</sup>: Track & Field Meet at River Valley, 1:00-5:00 (gr.3-5), rain date June 2

### Kindergarten Orientation, May 18th

If your child is starting kindergarten in September, this is a day for them to visit with a kindergarten teacher in the classroom. While the children take part in various activities, guest speakers will be presenting to parents.

Please call the school to make an appointment for this event or to verify your time. Also, if you have not provided us with a copy of your child's Birth Certificate, Medicare Card, Immunization Record or if you have an updated immunization record, address or phone number please bring this with you to the orientation.

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**Parents:**

- **If you are dropping off your child at the school, they should be arriving no earlier than 8:50 as there is no teacher on duty before this time.**
- **Please 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.**
- **Be sure to check out our Morning Announcements at: [stpats.nbed.nb.ca](http://stpats.nbed.nb.ca) (Click on “Who We Are” and then Click on “Morning Announcements”)**



**May Literacy Tip: The Power Of Sight Words!**

Why are sight words so important? Sight words are words that don't typically follow a phonics pattern therefore; they can't be "sounded out". Sight words are words a reader must know from memory. If your child has a large repertoire of sight word knowledge their overall reading fluency will improve. This will also strengthen and improve your child's reading comprehension. There are many different ways to learn sight words, here are a few fun suggestions. Your child's teacher would have already sent home a list of these sight words for their grade level. Perhaps you can review them again with a few suggestions below:

**Fridge Flash:** Tape sight words on index cards on the fridge or in your kitchen. As your child goes to the fridge or enters the kitchen, have them read each word displayed.

**Popsicle Words:** Write the words on Popsicle sticks with a marker and place the sticks in a can or cup. Have your child pull them out to see if they can read the word. If they can't place the stick back in the can to practice again.

**Chalk Words:** Write sight words with sidewalk chalk and have your child hop to each word as they read them.

Achieve Literacy



Together

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

We would like to invite all parents and students of Grade 2 to meet together on **Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>** from **2:15-2:45 pm** for our fourth Achieve Literacy together session. During this session we will be focusing on reading comprehension and sight word fluency. A kit has been put together with activities and helpful tips that you can do at home with your child that will help them be successful when reading. We will have some games that you can play with your child at home to promote reading success and there will be 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

**Do you have a child who is entering kindergarten in the fall?**

Why not bring them to the *Get Ready for School* sessions offered on Tuesday May 9, 16 and 23 from 9:30 to 11:00 at Hillcrest Baptist Church?

You will participate in fun activities, sing songs and read books all with the goal of helping you get your child excited about learning.

These sessions are offered by a Literacy Teacher, the Community Schools Coordinator and Talk with Me.

It is a great way for your child to meet new friends who may be in their class next year. Every child who attends will be given a book each week and a snack.

For more information or to register contact Krista Turnbull at St. Patrick's School at 721-7314

Transportation will be provided if needed.