



# December 2013 Newsletter



## SEAWOOD SCHOOL

*Be Safe*

*Be Respectful*

*Be Responsible*

*Be Kind*

**Last day of School:** Friday, December 20, 2013

**Return:** Tuesday, January 7, 2014

### ***HAPPY HOLIDAYS!***



*The staff of Seawood School would like to wish all students and their families a restful holiday season, and a happy New Year.*



**WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN:** Kindergarten 2014 students will attend their “Welcome to Kindergarten” event on Thursday, December 5th from 2:35pm to 4:00 pm. We look forward to seeing them here.

**D.A.R.E.**

**D.A.R.E.:** On Wednesday, December 11, 2013 the grade 5 class will travel by school bus to Saint John High School for the DARE graduation at 10:00 – 11:00 am. Parents are welcome to attend.

### **SEAWOOD SCHOOL TURKEY DINNER:**



The SPSC (School Parent Social Committee) will be hosting a full turkey dinner for all students and staff of Seawood School on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> with the help of many parent volunteers and donations. If your child would rather bring their lunch they are more than welcome to do so. Also, students who go home for lunch are invited to stay for the turkey dinner. We thank everyone who are able to donate food and time to makes this event possible. We could not do it without all your support.



**LET'S TALK TURKEY:** Each December Seawood School hosts a Turkey Drive to purchase turkeys for the Salvation Army. If you would like to make a monetary donation, each class will have a container for the students to put their donation into. Please do so beginning the 1st of December until December 18<sup>th</sup>. As a celebration each class will have a hot chocolate & cookie party with Santa on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:30.



**HOLIDAY CONCERT:** Our concert will be held on Thursday, **December 19 at 10:30 am** at **Hillcrest Baptist Church** on Lancaster Ave. If there is a school closure due to inclement weather it will be moved to Friday morning, Please bring a non-perishable food item with you to the concert to be donated to the church as a way of saying thank you for allowing us to use their wonderful facility.



**WEST BRANCH PUBLIC LIBRARY:** The grade K-3 students will be going to the Westside Public Library on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. David Goss will be doing Seasonal Stories.



**BOOK FAIR:** *Special Thanks* to all the parents and students who supported the Scholastic Book Fair. It was a huge success! Thank you so much to everyone. Hope you enjoy your books.

**Special thanks to our coordinators for all their hard work.** A big heartfelt thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time to work this fair! Your time is greatly appreciated. **BRAVO!**



**PARKING LOT:** An important reminder that with the snowy weather ahead, we ask that parents do **NOT** park or pull into the staff parking lot when picking up or dropping off your children. We have limited parking spots available for staff. For the safety of all students the best drop off and pick up location is along Seawood Lane, but please be considerate of private property and drive ways along Seawood Lane. The traffic is lower compared to Sand Cove Road especially during the winter months when the snow banks are high. Parking is minimal on

Sand Cove due to the bus loading and unloading zone. Please help us to keep your children safe when they are arriving and leaving school each day. If you must use Sand Cove Road please remember to park before the main drive way or after the bus stop sign at the front of the school. Remind your children that they should not be cutting through the parking lot. Please notify grandparents, child care providers or any other family members that pick up or drop off your child on your behalf.

\*\*\*\*\* *Thank you for your cooperation.* \*\*\*\*\*



**WINTER WEATHER:** Unless it is raining or we experience extreme cold weather the students will go outdoors both at recess and lunch time. Please be sure they are properly dressed for winter. Student's clothing & boots should have their name on them as many students have the exact items as other students and they are easily mixed up. Students need inside footwear for the winter season. Also, when the weather is stormy be sure to listen to local radio stations early in the morning to find out about late buses or cancellations. You can also contact the Anglophone South School District Snow Line @ **1-855-535-7669 (SNOW).**



**JANUARY HOT LUNCH ORDER FORMS:** Hot lunch and milk order forms for January will go home on January 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be no hot lunch during the week of January 6 to the 10<sup>th</sup> and also January 13 to the 17. Hot lunch will begin again on Monday, January 20. Please return the hot lunch forms by January 16 to give us time to tally the orders. Please be sure your child has a lunch each day for these two weeks, as we will not have lunch or milk available for them. **A reminder: It is very important that the orders be in on time.**



**IMPORT MESSAGE TO ALL FAMILIES  
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. Our decisions must be made prior to 6:30 am and they are based on the forecasts we have, and information we are able to collect on 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 a.m.,
  - 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](http://twitter.com/ASD_South)
  - the District Information Phone line ( toll free: **1-855-535-7669 [SNOW]** ).

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

3. Schools are closed by Education Centre:

- Hampton Education Centre
- Saint John Education Centre
- St. Stephen Education Centre

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

4. School bus runs 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.**
5. 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 by telephone for students in Kindergarten to Grade 5. We use media, voice mail and email. Families are reminded of the importance of ensuring alternate arrangements are in place for their child(ren) 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 with this in mind. **If schools remain open, and as a parent/guardian you feel that conditions in your area are not safe for your child to go 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.

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Zoë Watson, Superintendent, 18 November 2013