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**Happy 2023!**

**We are excited to see students back to school in 2023! There are many learning opportunities planned for our students and new goals will be set.**

**Our School Improvement Goal for the next few weeks focuses on Goal Setting. Students will learn how to effectively set goals and work on steps to achieve them. Students will be learning more about the “Learning Habits” described on the report card so they will understand how to “consistently” meet their goals in: initiative, responsibility, independence, organization and interactions.**

**Each Grade level team will determine a MATH GOAL based on the data from assessments. Please expect to hear from your child’s teacher on what their class is working on.**

**GRADE 4 SERVICE PROJECT – GOOD DEEDS**

**Thank you to those who donated to the Grade 4 project before Christmas. The Oromocto Hospital was so appreciative for the items they received from our school. Well done Grade 4!**

**FOR THE LOVE OF MATH CHALLENGE STARTING ON WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1**

Starting Wednesday, February 1st, Summerhill Stars will be participating in a school wide **FOR THE LOVE OF MATH FACTS** challenge.

Students will be encouraged to practice their Math facts every night and record the number of minutes they practice. We will set a school-wide goal for the challenge and each student’s minutes will contribute to our overall school goal.

If we reach our goal, we will be having a school wide celebration to recognize student engagement and love for Math!

There may even be a few class competitions!

 **POPCORN FOR SALE!**

Our Popcorn for iPads program is continuing and popcorn is served on Tuesdays and Fridays. Thank you to our volunteers, Mrs. Fife and Mrs. Moore for making the popcorn twice a week. The current round will end on Feb. 10.

You can order popcorn for the next round starting on January 23rd and the last day to order will be Friday, Feb. 3.

The money raised from popcorn has been used to purchase iPads for our classrooms. So far this year, we have been able to purchase 8 iPads for the school!

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| **DATES TO REMEMBER: Mark Your Calendar** |
| **Jan. 23** | **Next round of Popcorn orders will open on Jan. 23 and close on Feb. 3 for Feb. 14 – March 21**  |
| **Jan. 23** | **Next round of Hot Lunch orders will open on Jan. 23 and close on Feb. 3 for Feb. 14 – March 23** |
| Jan. 31  | PSSC Meeting at 6:30  |
| Feb. 6 – 10  | Staff Appreciation Week  |
| Feb. 14  | Happy Valentine’s Day! |
| Feb. 15  | National Flag Day of Canada |
| Feb. 20 | NB Family Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS |
| Feb. 22 | Pink Shirt Day  |
| March 6-10 | March Break  |
| March 24  | PL Day for Teachers – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS |
| April 6 | Report Cards issued |
| April 7  | Good Friday |
| April 10  | Easter Monday |
| April 14  | Parent – teacher interviews/PL Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS  |

**PSSC**

There will be a meeting Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at 6:30 pm. This meeting is open to any interested parent and it will be held in the conference room.

**Pink Shirt Day**

On February 22rd, 2023, our school will be celebrating kindness and friendship skills by wearing pink.

**TRANSPORTATION – AFTER-HOURS CONCERNS**

If your child is late getting off the bus, parents have the option for assistance after the school office closes at 4:00 pm. You can call the Oromocto Education Centre Transportation office at 357-4256. If you get no answer at that telephone number, you can also call Transportation at the Office of the Superintendent at 453-5454 for assistance.

**SAFETY IN OUR PARKING LOT and road**

If you are bringing your child to school in the morning or picking him/her up afterschool, please remember that the speed limit is 20 km/h. As soon as you turn on Ellerslie Road, there is a sign indicating the speed. We have a crosswalk on the road as well so please take caution especially when snowbanks are high. We appreciate your cooperation with this!

**School Closures:**

Please listen to the local radio stations for announcements regarding school closures due to poor weather or emergencies. Summerhill St Elementary is in Anglophone West School District and in **Zone 7. You may call 453-5454 after 6:00am or check out our website.**

In the event that school is cancelled during the day due to inclement weather, we will make every attempt to contact students’ homes to ensure safe arrival. **Please ensure that all contact phone numbers are up-to-date to make sure we can reach you in case of emergency!**

The complete School Closure Policy can be read on our website.

**STAFF UPDATES**

* We would like to welcome Mr. Sloan Smallman as the Physical Education teacher for Wednesday mornings.
* We would also like to announce that Mrs. Stephanie Somers is teaching Music to all our classes now. Ms. Somers is also our Resource teacher.

**3G STRONG – THEME OF THE MONTH**

This month we dive deeper into what it means to have a growth mindset and grit.

Our characters see that through effort and deliberate practice they can grow their brains to learn just about anything.

With the children in our lives, understanding that they have control over success in learning by their effort is a huge step in setting them up for success.

Carol Dweck, researcher and author of  [Mindset: The New Psychology of Success](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2F3gstrong.lt.acemlna.com%2FProd%2Flink-tracker%3FredirectUrl%3DaHR0cCUzQSUyRiUyRnd3dy5hbWF6b24uY29tJTJGZ3AlMkZwcm9kdWN0JTJGMDM0NTQ3MjMyMiUyRnJlZiUzRGFzX2xpX3FmX3NwX2FzaW5faWxfdGwlM0ZpZSUzRFVURjglMjZjYW1wJTNEMTc4OSUyNmNyZWF0aXZlJTNEOTMyNSUyNmNyZWF0aXZlQVNJTiUzRDAzNDU0NzIzMjIlMjZsaW5rQ29kZSUzRGFzMiUyNnRhZyUzRGZhcm5hbXN0cmVldC0yMCUyNmxpbmtJZCUzRFpZS0pIUEhFTE40NkFPV00%3D%26sig%3D9ffNri1b5dV3mg1dfu71yqUoCpz9qsg9ahuwy2CMusLV%26iat%3D1671560052%26a%3D%257C%257C90280204%257C%257C%26account%3D3gstrong.activehosted.com%26email%3DgXZSfu8PAjYUYzf4RpNwSRb9eDD16WdQ%252B41ufoH4gp0%253D%26s%3Dd1b732c03c1e67352451137f0e8e2b6a%26i%3D61A67A1A438&data=05%7C01%7CShannon.Atherton%40NBED.NB.CA%7C78dccd40a45c4939efd308dae2c8cacf%7C4d2b5fdfc4d24911870968cc2f465c9f%7C0%7C0%7C638071649259912112%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=33km2SUUophUvSHvUe3sciwbGerLLM2A%2BbQfZq8aY40%3D&reserved=0), found in her research that a person’s mindset about learning truly matters! She defined**two different types of mindsets, Fixed Mindset vs. Growth Mindset**. A student with a fixed mindset believes their ability is fixed and nothing they do will matter. They might think, "I'm not good at math." They might be worried about not looking smart in front of others may avoid doing challenging work or trying hard for fear of looking foolish.

On the other hand, a student with a growth mindset, is concerned with knowing more instead of what others think and will pursue more interesting and challenging tasks despite potential failure. They know that their effort matters and with practice they can get better. Those with **growth mindsets look at failure as feedback** and know where to focus and try again. If I don't believe I can get better at something, why would I even try. This idea is foundational in learning. If a child doesn't understand they can get better with practice, they won't even try.
 **FAIL = First Attempt In Learning.** Failure tells us what we need to work on next. We can look at a task in steps and when we see where we failed, we know where we need to work. Getting gritty and practicing the steps that may be causing an issue are key to **making practice purposeful.**

In the weeks of **Mindset Check In, Practice with Purpose, and Mindset Challenge**, students demonstrate the ability to set and achieve goals. We can model our own goals and our process for practicing with purpose while growing too! **What are you wishing you could be better at?** How's your mindset? Make a plan and practice with purpose!

**MINDFUL MONDAY**

 **From Ms. Erin Jones:**

***Since November, students have been participating in Mindful Monday practices to help support social emotional learning and self-regulation strategies. Each Monday, students do various activities centered on breathwork, yoga and meditation.  We do this to welcome students back to the classroom after the weekend.  It also helps students learn strategies for self-regulation for our best learning to happen. Mindful Monday practices help equip students with the necessary tools to support appropriate behaviors and help students create momentum for a positive week.***

***These lessons also correlate to our School's Improvement Plan (SIP).  For the month of January students are working on how to set and achieve goals.  Lessons are focused on teaching students how to set goals and how these goals are achieved through small consistent changes and effort over a period of time.  Students are learning to check and monitor goals and adjust goals for their personal learning. Please take some time this month to talk to your child about their personal learning goals and how you can help support them in reaching their goals!***