**It is hard to believe that we are already in November and we have 8 weeks of school left before the Christmas break. These next 8 weeks will be very busy as we prepare for report cards, Parent/Teacher Interviews, Remembrance Day assembly, Christmas concert and more!**

***\*\*\*Please mark the important dates on your calendar that are included in this newsletter.***

 **STAR PATROL**

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*As part of our Positive Learning and Working Environment plan and our mission to promote a safe, calm and happy space, our staff have been handing out STAR SLIPS to students when they show behaviour that represents our 3 stars:* ***Be Responsible, Be Safe and Be Respectful.***

*We have started Wednesday Virtual Announcements and enjoy doing our weekly Star slip prize draws then.*

*If your child comes home with a prize, you know it may have come from the* ***Star Patrol Star Slip*** *prize draw.*

**Report Cards and Parent-Teacher Interviews**

**Report cards will be sent home on December 4.**

We will be sending out more

information about Parent – Teacher

interviews in the next few weeks.

**POPCORN FOR FLEXIBLE SEATS!**

**The online orders will be available for purchase from Nov. 14 – Nov. 23.**

**This next round of popcorn will run from Nov. 28 – Jan. 26**

**We have purchased some new seats for our STARS and more will be coming to classrooms soon!**

 PSSC CORNER

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Our next Parent School Support Committee Meeting is Tuesday, November 21 at 6:30 PM . The meeting will be held in the conference room.

 All are welcome to this public meeting. Please just let Mrs. Atherton know if you would like to join. Please check our website for PSSC minutes and news.

We have a fantastic PSSC this year with 7 parents. Welcome to the following members of the PSSC this year.

Erin Dyker – Chair

Shelley Gaillard – Vice Chair

Melissa Hawthorne

Kari Hall

Shauna Nowlan

Emily Noble

Sarah Purcell

Mme Clerk – Teacher Rep

The PSSC is a committee of dedicated parents that works under the mandate of the Education Act, in particular Sections 32 and 33.

The group is an advisory committee for the principal and represents the parents of the school. There are specific responsibilities and a clear mandate for the function of the committee. It is not supervisory, nor does it get involved in operational matters of the school.

## WEATHER PREPARATION

The weather is changing and getting colder, so students need to be ready with jacket, boots, splash pants or snow pants and hats and mitts. As well, students should have a change of clothes in case they get wet or muddy.

## NUTRITION PROGRAM AT

## SUMMERHILL ST ELEMENTARY

The next round of Hot Lunch orders for Pizza will be available on November14 and orders are due by Friday, November 24.

**The next round of Pizza will start Wednesday, Dec.6 and end on Wednesday, Jan. 24.**

If a paper copy is required, please request it from your child’s teacher between those dates. We are unable to accept late orders as we need to order in advance from our outside food providers.

Please remember on Tuesdays and Thursdays, we are offering a cafeteria service from Chartwells. They deliver from Hubbard and you can order meals through the Nutrislice app.

**BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

**We have a breakfast program every day of the week. We are part of the Breakfast Food Moncton Food Depot, Breakfast Clubs of Canada and Brewer Foundation.**

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR & SPOOKARAMA**

**Amazing news from the Book Fair Team Summerhill!**

**Thank you to all the parent volunteers who worked all week at the Book Fair. Mrs. Fitzgerald, our Book Fair Chair did an amazing job putting this together.**

**Over $6000 of merchandise was sold at the Book Fair! Amazing! This means that the school earned close to $3000 for future purchases.**

**As well, we welcomed over 160 families last week to our Spookarama. What a great night!**

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| DATES TO REMEMBER  |
| **Nov. 1** | **Earth Rangers presentation 2:00 – 3:00**  |
| **Nov. 3** | **PL Day for teachers – No school for students**  |
| **Nov. 6** | **Remembrance Day Assembly at 11:00**  |
| **Nov. 8**  | **Picture Retakes** |
| **Nov. 8**  | **No Stone Left alone presentation at the Burton Cemetery for Grade 4 & 5** |
| **Nov. 23** | **Deadline to order popcorn for Nov. 28 – Jan. 26** |
| **Nov. 13** | **Remembrance Day – No School**  |
| **Nov. 24** | **Hot Lunch Orders are due****Next round is from Dec. 6 – Jan. 24**  |
| **Nov. 21**  | **PSSC Public Meeting 6:30 PM** |
| **Nov.24**  | **PL Day for Teachers – No School for Students**  |
| **Dec. 4** | **Report cards are sent home** |
| **Dec. 7**  | **Parent – teacher interviews (Evening)**  |
| **Dec. 8** | **Parent – teacher interviews/PL Day – No school for students** |
| **Dec. 12**  | **Christmas Concert - Snow Date Dec. 13** |

**Looking Ahead…..**

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| Dec. 22  | Last day of school before Christmas Break  |
| Jan. 8 | First Day of School after Christmas Break  |

**Classrooms are also stocked with healthy snacks along with baskets of fruit.**

**We would like to thank the Oromocto Food Bank who provides hard-boiled eggs and lunches for us each week.**

**NEW!! - HOLISTIC CURRICULUM – PLEASE SEE MEMO ATTACHED TO THE BODY OF THE MESSAGE**

**Our school is piloting the Holistic Curriculum this year and all schools will implement this updated curriculum by the 2024-2025 school year. Please see the memo and view the video link in email.**

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT FOCUS:**

***Our students recently did a survey to help us learn more about how they are feeling at our school with respect to being “Calm, Safe, Happy” and if they feel they belong.***

***Our staff have reviewed these surveys and we will give the survey out again to students midway through the year and at the end of the year. We learned a lot!***

***We also asked students to share their strategies on what they can do to be “Calm, Safe and Happy”. We will continue to ask questions and work on strategies to help ensure a positive learning environment at Summerhill Street Elementary School.***

***Teachers are building Personal Wellness lessons around recognizing feelings and emotions. As well, students have been sharing ways that they feel successful at school. We will be delving deeper to find out more about ways we can help some students who do not feel a positive connection to school.***

***Please know our staff is committed to working with our families to help our students and your children with positive strategies and learning habits at school. We also need our families to notify us firsthand if your child is not feeling safe, calm or happy so we can work on a plan together to help.***

**SCHOOL CLOSURES DUE TO WEATHER**

**We will do our best to post school closures on School Messenger, but it is always wise to listen to the local radio station or check the ASD – W website or Twitter feed.**

**Please remember that school closure decisions are made at 6:00 a.m. on the day in question. From time to time, only certain sections of the district are closed.**

**Our school is ZONE 7.**