**Summerhill Street Elementary School -summerhill.nbed.ca MAY/JUNE 2024**

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*Follow our new Instagram account at summerhillstars.  We would for you to follow our account and see what our Stars are up to!*

**OUTDOOR SPACES**

It has been three years since we created the outdoor classroom and built our raised garden outside by the rock wall and Summerhill sign. Our classes will start using the outdoor classroom soon and we will be planting more flowers by our rock wall and sign as well.

**Dressing For The Weather**

These days can be challenging when trying to dress your child for the weather. Our school grounds are still very wet so, even though the days will become warmer and sunnier, it would be a great idea to have your child wear rubber boots for at least a few weeks yet. We encourage the students to stay away from the wetter patches but slips still happen when we are having fun. A change of clothing in the book bag will help to avoid calls home for dry clothes. It is still cool in the morning, so a light jacket is in order but with the sun usually coming out by lunchtime. We will soon be getting ready for hotter weather!

**Hot Lunch Program**

**Orders for Hot Lunch and Popcorn for June will come out on May 14 and will close on May 24.**

**A reminder that we are still offering Pita Pit on Tuesdays, Pizza on Wednesdays and Chartwells on Thursday (please order through Nutrislice app).**

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**: Thank you for your support! With the total purchases totaling to a little over $5000, we have $2200 to spend on books or educational materials for our school! This event could not happen without our parent volunteers. Thank you! Special thanks to our chair, Mrs. Fitzgerald for organizing this Book Fair for our school!

**School Counsellor Corner- Mrs. Voutour**

Over the past few months, our instructional focus revolved around the theme of Kindness. In one of our lessons, we emphasized the significance of acts of kindness and their potential to create a ripple effect. Collaboratively, students engaged in brainstorming sessions to compile a list of simple acts of kindness they could perform throughout their daily routines. Through the narrative “Kindness is Cooler, Mrs. Ruler!”, we worked on developing a sense of community within our classroom environment. This read aloud serves as a powerful lesson in kindness and its daily benefits.

In the month of April, we have focused on developing further mindfulness skills and calming techniques. Every student had the opportunity to make a mindfulness bracelet. In the months of May and June students will have two opportunities to experience mindfulness in nature. During one exercise we will focus on Slide Breathing using worry stones made of clay. Our second exercise will be creating art through exploring nature.

**One social emotional strategy to work on over the summer: Focus on positive self-talk. Respecting self.**

**Morning affirmations are a great way to start the day!**

**1. I am important.**

**2. Today is going to be a good day.**

**3. Today I will do my best!**

**Online Auction**

It is online auction time for our Summerhill families and friends!  A letter was sent home explaining our final fundraiser of the year and our fundraising team is still collecting donations for our online auction. This is our major fundraiser for the year, so we appreciate your support.  If you have a home-based business or know someone who might be interested in donating, there is still time left.  The donation can be sent in with your child and every item goes to help all our Stars ⭐️

If you can send in a donation for our auction which runs from **May 24th - June 3rd**it is greatly appreciated.  The auction items can be found on a Facebook page with a link to be sent home to families shortly.

Our Auction pick up and BBQ night is planned for **Wednesday, June 5th with a rain date of June 6th.**

**Peter Pan**

Our Peter Pan cast is very excited to be performing at the District Drama festival on May 15th.  We will be presenting an Evening Cafe and performance on May 16th at 7:15 pm in our school gymnasium.  Our cast, including dancers, is over 30 students this year and we are so proud of the hard work and dedication our stars have shown since January.

***Transfer Requests***

*Please remember if you live outside our zoned catchment area and require approval to attend Summerhill as a non-zone school, these requests need to be completed on an annual basis. A letter will be sent home for families with the current request. This replaces the need for a new request form. For new requests, the forms are available at the Oromocto Education Centre and, once completed, need to be returned there for processing. The forms are also available online on the Anglophone West School District website. Please go to About ASD-W > Policies> ASD-W Policies > ASD-W-319-1A*

 *\*\* For our Grade 5 students who are moving to Middle School in September, new requests will need to be completed for the new school.*

**Phys. Ed. News**

**In Phys. Ed. Class, students will be starting to practice track and field skills. We can’t wait to see our students working on their running, jumping and throwing!**

**Track and Field Meet is planned for June 11. Permission forms will come home soon.**

**Members of the Rookie Rugby program will be at our school on Wednesday and Thursday during Phys. Ed classes this week.**

**Rise and Shine on Wednesday mornings are a success! Thank you to Miss Meek for allowing our students to start their day in the gym on Wellness Wednesdays!**

**END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES**

***\*\*\*\* There are lots of field trips, guest speakers and special activities scheduled for the last few weeks of school. Please keep a close eye for the permission slips with the details of field trips and return these to school as soon as possible. Thank you****!*

**School Clothing Order**

All school clothing orders are due on May 2 (including the Grade 5 2024 shirts!)

**PSSC Meeting**

The PSSC will be meeting at 6:30 pm the evening of May 21th. All are welcome to attend. This will be our last PSSC meeting of the year, and it will be held in the conference room.

**DATES TO REMEMBER: Mark Your Calendar**

**May 13 – 28 - Provincial Assessment**

**Grade 4 English Reading/Scientific Literacy Grade 5 Reading (FI only)/Grade 5 Math**

**Friday, May 3 – NBTA Council Day – NO SCHOOL**

**Monday, May 13 – NBTA Branch Day – NO SCHOOL**

**Tuesday, May 14 – Peter Pan Dress Rehearsal @ 2:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, May 15 – Peter Pan at OHS Drama Festival**

**Thursday, May 16 – Peter Pan Café and Evening Performance for Families**

**Thursday May 30 – Frisbee Rob visits the gym**

**Monday, May 20 – Victoria Day – NO SCHOOL**

**May 24 – June 2 - Online Auction is live for bidding!**

**Wednesday, June 5 (rain date June 6) – Family BBQ**

**Friday, June 7 – Jump Rope for Heart**

**Monday, June 10 – Worlds Unbound visit classrooms**

**Tuesday, June 11 – Track and Field Day**

**Monday June 17 – Grade 5 Evening Outdoor Celebration (Rain date June 19)**

**Tuesday, June 25 - Last Day of School for Students/Report Cards given out**