

Southern Kings Consolidated School
Parent Newsletter – December 1, 2020

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- Dec 10** – Free Milk Day
- Dec 11** – Deadline to submit monetary donations for SKC families
- Dec 11** – Christmas Door decorating contest will be judged today
- Dec 14** – Christmas Bingo
- Dec 14-18** – Christmas music trivia all week during morning announcements
- Dec 15** – Dress in Christmas sweater or dress up as Christmas character day
- Dec 16** – Student Gallery Tour – classes can view each other’s Christmas art
- Dec 17** – Coloring contest/Christmas Activity
- Dec 18** – PJ Day & Movie in afternoon. Last Day of Classes for 2019



- Jan 4** – 1st day of classes for 2020
- Jan 18** – Home & School Meeting @ 6pm

Cancellations due to COVID-19:

- *Unfortunately, we are not able to host a Christmas concert, or Christmas dinner this year. We will have activities planned in lieu of this (see above dates).
- *Brookvale Ski Park is not opening the park to school classes this year.



SKC has decided that in lieu of a classroom student gift exchange, we would raise funds to help out some SKC families, whose names will remain confidential, in need at Christmas. Staff will gather funds, and purchase gift cards to help those families have a memorable, and easier holiday. Families can make a voluntary monetary donation if they wish. Due to COVID, we cannot accept clothing or toys. Students/parents may give the donation to their homeroom teacher or to Afton in the office. Any donation would be greatly appreciated. **Deadline for donations will be Friday, December 11th. We feel this will be a meaningful learning experience, and will reinforce with the children the true meaning of Christmas giving.**



 **Phys Ed Updates** 

After-School Intramural Basketball

Mr. Bell has circulated a 5 Team Round Robin schedule to those interested students. This will take place every Monday & Thursday, 2:30-3:30, until approx. early February. This will begin on Dec 3rd.

After-School Sports Club

We will continue this until Dec 16th, as this has been going well. Gr 5 & 6 will be on Tuesdays 2:30-3:30, and Gr 7 & 8 will be on Thursdays 2:30-3:30. We will do a different sport each week.

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Thank you to all who participated in the weekly hat days during the Fall Fridays. We raised a total of \$580 that we donated to the **Terry Fox Foundation**.

Thank you to all who continue to donate money and food towards **Emma's Cupboard**. This is used each day, and is much appreciated by our students.

Thank you to those that have donated money towards our **Breakfast program** in recent months. Because of this, we see smiling students with full bellies each school day. Thank you to our volunteers for their hard work and commitment to this.

Thank you to all who purchased books during the virtual **Scholastic book fair**! We raised \$270 worth of books for our school library!

Thank you to our **Home & School** for organizing the wrapping paper fundraiser, and to all who purchased items. \$4000 was raised from this initiative, and will go towards future new playground equipment.

Thank you to **Krystal Gordon-MacKay** for organizing the online bake auction event. \$3107 was raised, and will go towards school expenses (field trips, classroom supplies, etc). Thanks to all who baked, and purchased.

We are so grateful to live in such a giving community.



Student Well-being Team (SWT) News

The team have been busy offering individual service to students and their families, as well as offering several presentations and groups as requested by school staff. Some topics offered include introduction to mental health and stress, healthy relationships, friendships and coping strategies. We wish everyone a safe holiday season and look forward to 2021!

Did You Know?

Our team accepts individual referrals to service. To request more information on the types of services we offer, you can email our team using MontagueSWTReferrals@edu.pe.ca or call 902-838-0835 ext 241.

For more information on our team and service we offer, check out the following link:

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-lifelong-learning/montague-family-schools-student-well-being-team>

Parenting Information:

Each newsletter we will be offering some helpful take home messages to parents of children aged 0-12, and Teen. Check out the information for parents of teens in this newsletter.

Getting Teenagers Connected Take Home Messages:

Help your teenager to get connected by encouraging them to:

- Be confident
- Be socially skilled
- Plan ahead
- Meet commitments
- Keep in touch
- Take care of others.

Want more information, check out the next program offer, and/or visit the link <https://www.triplep-parenting.ca/can-en/find-help/triple-p-parenting-in-prince-edward-island/>

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**Kindergarten Registration for
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**REMINDER - Parents are asked to register
their children for Kindergarten as soon as
possible!**

- Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2021, in order to be eligible for Kindergarten.
- Parents are asked to register their child at his/her local elementary school during school hours.
- A registration form will be completed at the time of registration.
- Parents are reminded to bring a piece of Government issued ID verifying proof of child's age. Birth Certificate, PEI Health Card, or Passport
- Verification of home address must also be provided, such as a current utility bill.
- Welcome to Kindergarten sessions for incoming students and their parents will be held at schools in the spring of 2021.

Please keep in mind that:

- Parents are reminded to wear a mask at the school when registering their child.
- Only one parent should visit the school to complete the registration.
- Parents will have to sign in upon arrival.
- Parents should only visit the school if feeling well and are not required to self-isolate.



We thank you for your continued diligence, and understanding in keeping your symptomatic children home.

If your child is absent, we ask that you please call the office (902-962-7400) or notify their teacher of why your child is absent. Appointments, sickness, and COVID symptoms, for example, are all documented differently, and is tracked on a daily basis. If we do not know why your child is absent, it is recorded as unexcused, and counts against your child's absentee record by default.

We would like to remind you that Facebook is NOT to be used to communicate bus change requests, pickup changes, or illnesses.

Please continue to monitor for COVID Symptoms, and follow the instructions outlined on the screening questionnaire:

<https://edu.princeedwardisland.ca/southernkings/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Student-Pre-screening-Checklist.pdf>

Thank you for helping keep this school healthy!