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February 2024 – Parent Newsletter

UPCOMING DATES:

Feb 6 – Bus Evacuation Drill #2	Feb 21 – Gr 8 Bake Sale
Feb 12-16 – Staff Appreciation Week	Feb 28 – Pink Shirt Day (Anti-Bullying Awareness)
Feb 12-16 – Winter Carnival Week (see details below)	Mar 1 – 50 th Anniversary Mural Contest Deadline
Feb 19 – Islander Day (No Classes)	

STAFFING UPDATES:

EA’s: Welcome to Cassandra Mayne, who is covering for Pam Clements. Welcome to Brittany Jackson, who has been covering for Brittany Birt.

Teachers: Congratulations to Hailey Batchilder, who will be remaining in Academic Resource for remainder of the year. Congratulations to Laura Proctor, who will be remaining in KB for the remainder of the school year.

Jennifer Moar has extended her maternity leave. We are grateful to have Ms. Osowski here in Music/5A for the remainder of the school year.

SKC HOME AND SCHOOL:

All parents/guardians are welcome! We encourage new membership, and it is never too late to join/attend meetings. Our next meeting date will be in March 18th at 6pm in the school staff room.

We are planning a “SKC Swing into Spring Auction” on Facebook from April 12-19th. All proceeds going towards school needs. Details to come at a later date.

PHYS ED UPDATES:

Ball hockey intramurals will continue until approximately May.

Badminton club started on Jan 24th. Grade 5-6 students will play after school on Wednesdays. Gr 7-8 students will play after school on Mondays. Pickup is at 3:30pm. This will last until the end of February with the possibility of extension. Permission forms must be signed and sent in.

MUSIC UPDATES:

Rock band practice (Gr 6-8) will continue every Day 3 at 1st recess, and Tuesdays after school (pickup at 3:30). Choir practice will continue (Gr 3-8) every Day 1 & 5 at 1st recess.

We are planning to do a Spring concert. We are in early planning stages; a date is not yet known.

WINTER CARNIVAL WEEK:

- Feb 12: PJ Day & Coloring Contest**
Feb 13: School Colors Day (Blue/Navy and Yellow/Gold)
Leadership Assembly at 1:45pm
- Feb 14: Red & Pink Day (Valentine's Day)**
Feb 15: Crazy Socks and Hat Day
Gr 7-8 dance at MIS, 7-9pm. Theme: Valentine colors
Admission: \$5 + breakfast program donation
- Feb 16: Jersey Day**
School Skate (see additional details below)
Winter Wellness Day
Draw for Prizes (coloring contest participants)

SCHOOL SKATE / WINTER WELLNESS DAY:

Friday, February 16th, 2024 is Winter Wellness Day – a day to help raise awareness among Islanders of the significant benefits of physical activity for children and youth. Physical activity is essential for the healthy growth of children and youth, and is known to enhance wellbeing, which is an important element of academic achievement and overall student success.

What: School skate at the Northumberland Arena on February 16th. Students will travel by bus. Students must bring their own skates, and a CSA approved helmet. *A very limited number of helmets and skates may be available for borrowing at the rink, but a parent should verify this ahead of time. Parents are not required to go to the rink; we will have staff helping tie skates. Please ensure skates/helmets are labeled, and students are dressed appropriately.

For those students who do not want to skate, other physical activities will be planned at the school. Students who are not skating will not be going to the rink.

Time: Grades K-3 will skate from 9:15am – 10:00am

Grades 4-8 will skate from 10:30am – 11:30am

Note: regular classes will take place for remaining hours of the day

Cost: \$2 per student to help cover cost of travel. A big thank you to community member, Hudson Butler (“Hudson’s Heat Pump Cleaning”), for sponsoring the ice rental. *Please note that the canteen will be open and available to students while they are there.

ART CLUB:

We are trying something new! Starting on Tuesday, Feb 6th (and most Tuesdays thereafter), Mrs. MacLean will be guiding and supervising an after-school art club for students in grade 3-4. Pickup is at 3:30pm. Interested students MUST sign-up, as we will only be able to take a limited number of students. Forms were circulated on Mon/Tues of this week.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS – TERM 2:

It is hard to believe we are working towards the completion of term 2. Parent teacher interviews will be scheduled for the evening of March 7th, and during the day on March 8th. There will be no classes on March 8th. We will open the booking link on “Sign-Up Genius” in the coming weeks.

PINK SHIRT DAY:

Pink Shirt Day is an annual event against bullying. We will wear pink shirts at school on Wed, Feb 28th.

YEARBOOKS:

Yearbooks are officially on sale! Order forms will be going home with students this week. They are \$20 each. We can accept cash, cheque, or can be ordered online. Cheque’s can be made payable to Southern Kings Consolidated. Please note that grade 8 students do NOT need to order a book. They are being ordered and purchased for them as a gift from Home & School.

Online orders: ybpay.ca

ID Code: 13769024

Deadline to order: April 29, 2024

REMINDER - KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2024-2025:

Parents are asked to register their children for Kindergarten (2024-2025) as soon as possible. Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2024, in order to be eligible for Kindergarten in September 2024.

Parents are asked to register their child at their local elementary school during school hours. If you are unsure of your school zone, please call the Stratford Office at (902) 368-6990 or Summerside Office at (902) 888-8400 or toll-free at 1-800-280-7965.

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, such as a 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 2024.

HOCKEY STICKS – NEW SAFETY MEASURE ON BUS:

Effective January 31st, we will be implementing a new safety measure. To ensure the safety of all students during their ride to school via bus, we kindly ask that **hockey sticks are no longer brought onto school busses**. The decision was made in consideration of recent incidents and is aimed to prevent any potential accidents or injuries.

Students may leave their sticks in Mr. Morris' office if they need them for intramurals. Otherwise, they should stay at home. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Morris.

MURAL CONTEST FOR 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SKC:

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of Southern Kings Consolidated (official anniversary date is September 20, 2023) we are creating a contest! We are looking for a mural to hang in our gymnasium like the one from the 25th anniversary done by Carolyn Robertson and Ashley McCarthy. This is open to students and community members of SKC. Your rendition should be sketched and colored on a large white piece of poster board and submitted to the school by March 1st. The 50th anniversary committee will select one from the entries to be made into a mural like the one pictured below. We will unveil the mural during our 50th anniversary celebration in the spring. Poster board will be available for those who need it – just check in at the school office. For those who have inquired, our school colors are blue/navy and golden yellow, and the school mascot is a husky. We are excited to see what you come up with!



“To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake, it is necessary to stand out in the cold.” - Aristotle

Next parent newsletter will be circulated via email and posted to the school website during the first week of every month.