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## **PARENT MEMO**

Thursday, January 30, 2025

We made it through a long, chilly month! We thought we'd share some updates for February.

Our February school calendar is posted now to our school website:

[https://southernkings.edu.pe.ca/sites/southernkings.edu.pe.ca/files/Feb%202025-Calendar\\_1.pdf](https://southernkings.edu.pe.ca/sites/southernkings.edu.pe.ca/files/Feb%202025-Calendar_1.pdf)

### **Home & School**

The next meeting will be Mon, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the school staff room.

### **Gr 8 Fundraisers and Updates**

We are hosting another hot dog day on Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. \$2 each. We plan to do another on Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Gr 8 class will host another bake sale on Tues, February 25<sup>th</sup>. We are likely to achieve our fundraising goal by Spring.

The Gr 8 travel date is tentatively booked for Fri, June 20<sup>th</sup>, however Magic Mountain cannot give definite confirmation until closer to the Spring. If we must select an alternate date, it would be for earlier that same week.

### **Cold Temperatures**

Please ensure your child is coming to school dressed for varying wet and cold temperatures. Recess will only be indoors if rain is heavy or if temperatures are colder than -20. It is important to have a hat and mitts/gloves in their backpacks in case they are needed. We try to encourage as much activity outside as we can, so it is important to always be prepared to be comfortable in chilly temperatures.

## **Music and Drama Club Updates**

Bands have been practicing on Day 3's at 1<sup>st</sup> recess, and this will continue. We will also continue with after school band practices on Tuesdays.

The drama club will meet on Day 5's at lunch break.

## **Pick Up and Drop Off Etiquette**

When parents or guardians are dropping off students, please refrain from walking the child to the classroom. We ask that if parents and guardians come into the school, that they do not go past the lobby to help build independence in the child, and to lessen classroom interruptions.

If you are dropping something off to your child throughout the day, please check in with the office first. The admin assistant can call the child down to the office to meet you.

We appreciate your cooperation with this.

## **Phys Ed Updates**

Mr. Bell will continue with the after-school Badminton Club for the next few weeks. Participants in Gr 3-4 stay after school on Mondays until 3:30. Participants in Gr 5-8 stay after school on Thursdays until 3:30. Please ensure that you have signed a permission form for your child.

## **Winter Carnival/School Skate**

- Feb 10: PJ Day
- Feb 11: School Colors Day (Blue/Navy and Yellow/Gold)
- Feb 12: Crazy Socks and Hat Day
- Feb 13: Leadership Assembly at 1:30pm
- Feb 14: Jersey Day and/or Wear Pink/Red  
School Skate at Northumberland Arena (sponsored by our Home & School)

Skate details:

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 attend. We will have staff and leadership students there to help tie skates.

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.

Grades K-3 will skate from 9:15am – 10:00am. Grades 4-8 will skate from 10:30am – 11:30am. Regular classes will take place for remaining hours of the day.

## **Gr 7-9 Dance at Montague Intermediate**

The next dance is Thursday, Feb 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00pm. Admission is \$5 plus food item. Theme is not yet determined.

## **PBIS Pilot**

We are thrilled to share some wonderful news regarding our school. We were selected to participate in the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) pilot program. PBIS is a proactive, research-based framework designed to promote positive behavior, improve school culture, and enhance academic outcomes for all students. As part of this program, we will focus on teaching, modeling, and celebrating positive behaviors, while creating a more inclusive and supportive learning environment.

Being part of this pilot program is an incredible opportunity for our school community. It means we will receive additional resources, training, and support to implement best practices that help every child thrive both socially and academically.

In the coming weeks, we will share more details about the program, including opportunities for you to get involved and support this initiative at home. Michelle MacDonald-Gordon is our lead in this initiative, and we are very fortunate to have her leadership and energy to navigate through the pilot.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school. We are excited to embark on this journey and look forward to sharing updates on the positive impact PBIS will have on our students and community. If you want to know more about our program, please reach out to myself or Michelle. -Mr. Morris

## **Kindergarten Registration for 2025-2026**

Parents are asked to register their children for Kindergarten (2025-2026) now. Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2025, in order to be eligible for Kindergarten in September 2025.

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 2025.

## **WEATHER/SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS AS PER PSB WEBSITE:**

- ◆ All Public Schools Branch weather-related cancellations will be announced on local radio stations and posted on the PSB website by 6:30 am.
- ◆ You'll hear announcements like, "all classes in the Public Schools Branch are cancelled" or "there is a Public Schools Branch system-wide shutdown" or "all classes are on a one-hour delay" or if schools have to close early you may hear "all classes in the Public Schools Branch will be dismissing two hours early today."
- ◆ Sometimes, it may only be necessary to close an individual school or a Family of Schools. Partial system closures or delays will be announced by Family of Schools.

### Important Links

- 🔗 More information PSB's Storm Closures - <https://psb.edu.pe.ca/parent-and-student.../storm-closures>
- 🔗 Find your Family of Schools - <https://psb.edu.pe.ca/our-schools>
- 🔗 PEI Road Conditions - <http://511.gov.pe.ca/en/>
- 🔗 Environment Canada's PEI Weather Forecasts - [https://weather.gc.ca/forecast/canada/index\\_e.html?id=pe](https://weather.gc.ca/forecast/canada/index_e.html?id=pe)

## **Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week**

The Canadian Home and School Federation is observing the week of Feb 9-15<sup>th</sup> as Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for all they do. School staff have a positive impact on our students, both in and out the classroom. We thank them for their dedication.

## **Creativity Club – New!**

Ms. McKeeman is starting up a Creativity Club for Gr 4-8 students on Day 2's at first recess in the open area. It is a space where students can learn together through experimentation, play, collaboration and creation. (Ex's: drawing, coloring, Lego, magnetic blocks, etc)

## **Jay's Care Baseball Program**

I am thrilled to announce that our school has been selected to participate in the Jays Care Baseball Program! This incredible extracurricular activity will run for 8 weeks during the spring and is a wonderful opportunity for students to stay active, develop new skills, and learn the value of teamwork and sportsmanship.

We will be hosting an information session for students before March Break to share details about the program and answer any questions they may have. Space is limited to 20 students,

and no prior baseball experience is required. Each participant will receive a Toronto Blue Jays T-shirt and hat at the end of the program to keep.

Additionally, I am seeking four Jays Care Youth Leaders who have previous baseball experience to assist me in running the clinics. This is a fantastic opportunity for students with a passion for baseball to take on a leadership role and share their knowledge with others.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions. More details, including registration information and session dates, will be shared following the student information session.

Thank you for your support as we bring this exciting program to our school!

### **Upcoming Dates**

- Feb 3: Professional Learning Day (No Classes)
- Feb 10-14: Staff Appreciation Week / Winter Carnival Week
- Feb 17: Islander Day (No Classes)
- Feb 20: Gr 7-9 Dance at MIS
- Feb 21: Winter Wellness Day (extra physical activity on this school day)
- Feb 25: Gr 8 Bake Sale
- Feb 26: Pink Shirt Day (Anti-bullying Awareness)
- Feb 28: Hot Dog Day - \$2 each
- Mar 6: Evening Parent Teacher Interviews Begin
- Mar 7: Parent Teacher Interviews (No Classes)
- Mar 17-21: March Break (No Classes)

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