

Southern Kings Consolidated School
Parent Newsletter – November 2021

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Nov 2 – Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:30 for Gr 7/8. (Wear Red and/or Black Day)

Nov 4 – Lockdown drill @ 9:30 am (with RCMP present)

Nov 8 – Home & School Meeting @ 6pm

Nov 9 – Food drive deadline

Nov 11 – Remembrance Day – No Classes

Nov 12-15 – PEITF & CUPE Conventions – No Classes

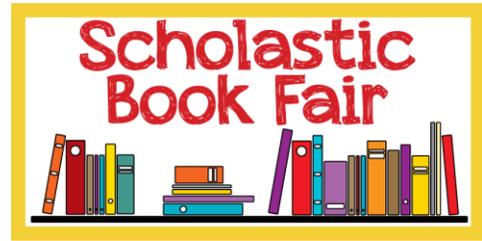
Nov 22 – Report Cards Issued; Picture Retakes

Nov 22-29 – Virtual Scholastic Book Fair

Nov 25-26 – In-Person Scholastic Book Fair

Nov 25 – Evening Parent Teacher Interviews

Nov 26 – All Day Parent Teacher Interviews - No Classes



The fun and excitement of a Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! We are grateful to be able to do an in-person book fair, AND a virtual fair this year. In person viewing will be held for those parents who are able to provide proof of vaccination. Masks are mandatory when in indoor spaces if social distancing is not possible. Hand sanitizing before entering the book fair is also encouraged.

The virtual fair will be held from Nov 22-29th by the visiting the following link:

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5149289>

The in-person book fair will be held for parents on Thu, Nov 25th in the evening from 4:30-7:30pm, and Friday morning (Nov 26), from 9:00-11:30am. Students will be able to purchase from the in-school fair on Thu, Nov 25th during the school day.

We still need a volunteer or two to help with the fair. If you are interested, please email

jlmoar@edu.pe.ca

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Student Drop Off

Please do not drop off students before 8:15 am, as they will not be supervised. Students who are dropped off after 8:15 am will remain in the lobby until the 8:20 bell rings.

Absences

Parents are required to notify the school by a phone call in the morning if your child will be absent or late that day. Due to increased tracking of this for COVID-19 reasons, we will need to know the reason for the absence. ***Please contact the office directly at 962-7400. We would kindly ask that you not contact the teachers or admin directly, as they could be absent that day. We thank you for your cooperation with this 😊***

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent teacher interviews will be held in person for those parents who are able to provide proof of vaccination. Virtual or phone options can be explored for parents who are not able to provide proof of vaccination. Masks are mandatory when in indoor spaces and can be removed when in the classroom if social distancing is possible. Hand sanitizing before entering the classroom is also encouraged.

Teachers will be sending home an appointment date/time for your child's interview in the coming weeks.

Report cards will be issued to students on Mon, Nov 22nd.

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Remembrance Day

SKC will be marking Remembrance Day on Tues, Nov 2nd and Wed, Nov 10th. The assembly will be in person for Gr 7 & 8 in the open area on Nov 2nd at 10:30am, with Legion representatives in attendance. Grades K-6 will view this presentation on Wed, Nov 10th at 10:30.

We will wear red/black on Nov 2nd in respect of our veterans, who will be in attendance.



Home & School News

Meeting:

The next meeting will be Mon, November 8th @ 6pm.

Fundraiser Update:

The wrapping paper fundraiser was a great success, thanks to all that participated! The Home and School raised approx. \$3000, which will go towards new playground equipment.

Food Drive:

Classes will begin collecting non-perishable items to be donated to the local food bank running from Nov 1st until Nov 9th. All items will be collected and delivered on Nov 10th. The homeroom that collects the most items will win an ice cream party on a date to be confirmed with the homeroom teacher.

Phys. Ed News

Provincial Cross Country

Thank-you to the following runners who represented SKC at the Provincial race at the Charlottetown Rural on Oct 14th: Xavier Paquet-Doyle, Carlee McGuigan, and Brynn Steele. Thank-you to the parents for your support in helping make this happen! We hope to have a race in the spring for the Gr 3-6 students if possible.

Girls Volleyball

We are planning to create an after-school team for Gr. 6-8, and play against Georgetown and Belfast schools. This will take place in Nov & Dec. Nov 3rd will be our first practice here at SKC.

After-School Sports Club

As we are waiting to finalize the Volleyball schedule, we will be able to release more information about this in the coming weeks.

**The cold weather is here!
Please send weather appropriate clothing with your child. Please ensure clothing and belongings are labeled. Any unclaimed items will be donated periodically.**



Thank You!

We were able to donate \$130 to the Terry Fox Foundation from the hat day proceeds in September. Thank you!

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SKC has decided that in lieu of a classroom student gift exchange, we would raise funds to help out some SKC families in need at Christmas (which will remain confidential). Staff will gather funds, purchase gift cards and a few other items to help those families have a memorable, and easier holiday. If you wish to contribute, families can make a voluntary monetary donation.

Students/parents may give the donation to their homeroom teacher or to Afton in the office. Any donation would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. **Deadline for donations will be Tues, Nov 30th. We feel this will be a meaningful learning experience, and will reinforce with the children the true meaning of Christmas giving.**

Please be reminded to send your child with a water bottle each day.

We currently have no extra water bottles – these have been distributed.



Retake Day: Mon, Nov 22nd (morning)

If you want to ensure your child has a photo taken, please make sure you discuss your wishes with child and/or child's teacher. We do not photograph every student on retake day – only those students who wish to have it done.

STAFFING UPDATES

*Our grade 8 teacher, **Kent Harvey**, will be on medical leave until January 2022. We wish him well, and hope to see him in the New Year! We'd like to welcome **Connor Myers**, who will be covering his classroom.

***Melvina Buchanan** (EA) will be on leave until December. We'd like to welcome **Teri MacDonald**, who will be covering for her in her absence.



Kindergarten Registration 2022-2023

Parents are asked to register their children for Kindergarten prior to or during the week of November 15-19, 2021.

- *Children must be 5 years old by Dec 31, 2022, in order to be eligible for Kindergarten.
- *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.
- *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.
- *PSB policy requires that a visitor 12 and older must be fully vaccinated and show proof of vaccination when entering the school for more than 15 min. A virtual meeting or phone call can be offered to those who are not fully vaccinated.
- *Welcome to Kindergarten sessions for incoming students and their parents will be held at the schools in the spring of 2022.