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*January 2024 – Parent Newsletter*

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**UPCOMING DATES:**

<b>Jan 4-5</b> – Professional Learning Days (No Classes)	<b>Jan 22</b> – Home & School Meeting @ 6pm
<b>Jan 8</b> – Welcome back! First day of Classes of 2024	<b>Jan 26 &amp; 31</b> – Gr 7-8 go to Brookvale

**STAFFING UPDATES:**

**EA’s:** Welcome to Chermaine Regular who will be covering for Amy Gotell until the end of January.

**Bus Drivers:** Welcome Andrey Terentiev who is a new permanent driver at SKC. He was the successful candidate for James Daley’s replacement. Bus 30 will now be Bus 432 (electric). Due to technical difficulty over the weekend, he is currently driving a spare bus (#482). We wish James Daley all the best in his well-deserved retirement!

We would like to thank Karl Barth who has been driving bus 404 in Lorne’s absence. Karl has recently accepted a permanent position in Montague. We would like to welcome Tiffany Clendinning to bus 404 until Lorne returns from leave.

**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 January 22<sup>nd</sup> in the school staff room.

**PHYS ED UPDATES:**

Ball hockey intramurals will continue. Mr. Bell is hoping to get a badminton club organized in mid-January. Updates will be delivered through announcements.

**MUSIC UPDATES:**

Rock band practice (Gr 6-8) will continue every Day 3 at 1<sup>st</sup> recess, and Tuesdays after school (pickup at 3:30).

Choir practice will continue (Gr 3-8) every Day 1 & 5 at 1<sup>st</sup> recess.

### **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.

### **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 7:00 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)

### **BROOKVALE (GR 7-8):**

**When:** January 26<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>

**Where:** Brookvale Ski Park

**Time:** Bus departs school no later than 8:30 a.m. Will return in time to take the bus home at the end of the day.

**Cost:** \$20 per student per trip. (Both dates = \$40) *You will be reimbursed if you pay, and do not attend due to illness or school cancellation.*

**Includes:** helmet and ski/snowboard rental, and lesson. All students must participate in a formal lesson.

\*If the student has their own snowboard, they may bring their own board.

\*Permission slips and cost info will be going home soon. Please submit these to the teacher asap. The student cannot attend without the permission slip.

\*We will need to know ahead of time if the student is skiing or snowboarding.

## **TOYS:**

We kindly ask that students do not bring toys to school. This includes stuffed animals, Pokémon cards, hockey cards, trinkets, masks, etc. If toys are brought into the classroom, or outside at recess, teachers will ask that the student return their belongings to their school bag. These can be a distraction in class for the student, and for others. We also hate to see items that students value become damaged or stolen. We understand, however, that some students need fidget tools as part of their classroom wellness. These items need to be approved by the teacher.

We appreciate your help in this matter, as we try our best to monitor this at school.

## **DRINKS:**

Please continue to send your child with a water bottle each day. Water, milk, chocolate milk, and juice are also available in our vending machine.

We ask that parents do not send energy drinks, sports drinks or pop with their children to school. Prime drinks are not permitted at school.

*~Have a Happy New Year~*

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