



## SUSSEX CORNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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**OUR VISION: EVERYONE STRIVING TO DO THEIR BEST**

### **IMPORTANT DATES & REMINDERS**

*Friday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Curling for Grade 5, starts at 9:00 am*

*Friday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> -Dots for Kids Day –Ring A Bell Campaign*

*Monday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> – Hot Lunch calendar available. Menu starts Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>.*

*Monday, Dec.12<sup>th</sup> – Home & School Meeting 6:30 pm*

*Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> – Curling for Grade 5's starting at 9:00 am*

*Saturday, Dec. 3<sup>th</sup> – Craft and Trade Show hosted by SCES Home & School 9:00 am to 3:00 pm –Canteen available.  
Soup or Chilli with a roll.*

*Monday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> – Home and School Meeting at 6:30 pm.*

*Wednesday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. - Hot Lunch. All orders and money due.*

*Thursday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Dinner at church hall, free for all students. Please send a thank  
you cards to Volunteers.*

*Wednesday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> - Christmas Concert 9:30am and 12:30pm Storm Date:  
Thursday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>, same time.*

*Friday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> –Payment due for Poley Mountain Resort After School Ski Program.*

*Friday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>- Half day for students. Dismissal time 11:00 am.*

*Monday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> – Professional Development for Teachers – No classes*

*Tuesday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> – First Day for Students*

Christmas Concert

Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>

9:30/12:30

## A Note From Mrs. DeMerchant

Happy December! The school changes gears a bit after report card time and we buckle down for the month of teaching and learning before Christmas. It is enriched with the winter and festive season as well as several community events that start up. We love our Christmas dinner at the church hall, the Empty Stocking fund, Sussex Choral Eve and our lovely Christmas concert at the school. These special times include parents and families and volunteers. This is a beautiful combination that makes S.C.E.S. unique.

Over the holidays, please take time to spend just with your children. This doesn't have to be expensive. Making a craft, reading a book, walking, telling stories and visiting people are very valuable and memorable. What is your best Christmas memory? Maybe it will be 2016. All the best.

### Happy Christmas to all from your Home and School!

Dec. 3<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm the Home and School will be hosting our third Christmas Trade Show! Lots of local made crafts, baking and home businesses. If you are looking to book a table please email [sceshands@gmail.com](mailto:sceshands@gmail.com). Lots of vendors already signed up. Get all of your Christmas shopping finished up! Canteen available as well.

Wreath orders can be picked up at Pearson's Market, starting today.

Tea and Pop'nTop and butter orders can be picked up on Dec. 3<sup>th</sup> at Trade Show and Craft Fair Between 9am and 3pm.

Cheese orders can be picked up on Dec. 21<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Concert, 9:30 am and 12:30 pm.

## Guidance News

~December is here and still some nice weather hanging on! Students are busier than ever with their studies and preparing for the Christmas concert. We look forward to each month as we see so much growth in such small amount of time. Our message as always "feeling good about yourself~ is the key to success here at school and at home". ~ At Sussex Corner Elementary we believe your child's character counts! Speaking of... last month we discussed "Have a Plan and zones of regulation"! We will continue these lessons in December.

Rainbows will be offered in the New Year. This program provides a safe, nonjudgmental and supportive environment for participants to process their feelings, build self-esteem and learn positive coping tools to last a lifetime -- because 'it doesn't need to hurt forever'. This is accomplished through our unique 10-week peer support programs available from pre-school to adult. Please contact the school if you would like your child to participate in this program.

Please feel free to drop us a note or call if you have any suggestions, feedback and/or new ideas. We hope the opportunities we provide here at school will help your child grow socially and emotionally! Again, we would like to thank all of the parents and caregivers who have helped their children become the wonderful little people they are today so... Give yourself yet another pat on the back because you are the "real" teacher! Have a great holiday!~Mrs. Gray

### Kids' Mental Health through Youth, Family &Community Empowerment

Together we are taking positive actions and improving outcomes for kids' mental health in New Brunswick. Just imagine- on Friday, December 2<sup>th</sup> at noon, almost 70,000 students in elementary and middle school will be given the opportunity to ring bells for one minute in support of mental health.



## DID YOU KNOW.....

...we have a Breakfast Program which runs each day before the children begin their day.

...we have a great Home & School where parents are encourage to get involved.

...we have a wonderful Hot Lunch program. The hot lunches can be ordered and paid for online....[www.sussexcorner.hotlunches.net](http://www.sussexcorner.hotlunches.net).

...we have the ELF (Elementary Literacy) program where volunteers from the community come twice a week to read with the children who are in Grade 2.

...we have a School Intervention Worker.

...we have a monthly newsletter which is sent out each month to keep the parents informed of the various activities and events going on at the school and in the community. It is also posted on the school website.

...we have a Parent School Support Committee (PSSC), who have a variety of responsibilities. This committee creates, strengthens successful relations between parents, teachers, students, school staff and community. They also work collectively toward improved education development and student achievement.

...we are also connected with the Roots of Empathy program. Roots of Empathy is an evidence - based classroom program that has shown significant effect in reducing levels of aggression and bullying among school children while raising social/emotional competence and increasing empathy.

...we are a part of the Anglophone South School District which have a number of program and services to help parents. Some of the programs are Literacy Program, Numeracy Program, Internet Safety for families, Positive Learning Environment Program just to name a few. Their website is [www.asd-s.nebd.nb.ca](http://www.asd-s.nebd.nb.ca). Busing information, school closures, event calendar can also be located on this website.

...our Daily Schedule.... School Day Hours 7:45am - 2:25pm

8:00am - Bell rings for entry

IN CLASS

9:45am - 10:00am Recess for all grade levels

IN CLASS

11:35am - 12:35pm K - Grade 5 Noon

IN CLASS

2:20pm - K - Grade 2 Dismissal

2:25pm - Grade 3 - 5 Dismissal

...your 15 dollar student fee helps to cover bus trips such as skating, golf, curling, Fundy Park, Magnetic Hill, Kings Landing, and special events such as TNB . GO GO gymnastics.

...your child can receive support in speech, occupational therapy, physiotherapy if a request is made through the homeroom teacher.

... we have laptops and I pads available for the children to use.

...the district has a nutrition policy 711 that encourages healthy snacks and foods be sent to school in lunches and on special occasions

... we have a monthly Health and Safety meeting to address any safety concerns on the premises.

...we have an Epinephrine Auto Injector box on site.

...we have a school code of conduct for students, staff and community.

...if you have a question or concern, first please contact the teacher, principal. If it is a bus issue, contact the bus driver.

**This is a fact sheet developed by our PSSC at SCES, Nov 2016**

### **Family Christmas Party**

**The Sussex Regional Library located at 46 Magnolia Avenue, Sussex, is hosting their Family Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm.**

**They are having Christmas stories, games, crafts and treats. All ages are welcome!**