



DECEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER

CHRISTMAS FORMAL – DEC. 6TH

Middle school Christmas Social 6:00 to 7:45
High School Formal 8:00 to 11:00



PSSC CLUSTER MEETING
DECEMBER 10 @ 7PM AT
BLACKVILLE SCHOOL

In the Spirit of Christmas

The students and staff of NSER have adopted seven Christmas families again this year through the Early Intervention Program. Classes are working together to raise money and collect items to provide these families with a Christmas to remember.

Home & School Meeting
Dec. 11 at 6:30 pm at the school
All are welcome

You can still send in your membership \$5 with your child. If we met 50 members, there will be a gas draw & a \$50 gift card.

Principal's Message

It's hard to believe we are entering December this weekend. Where has the time gone? NSER is buzzing with holiday activities from formal to Christmas Families. On December 19th, the school will be full of Christmas cheer as we deliver presents to our Christmas Families. Also on that day, our staff will take part in the giving by serving a free Christmas Dinner to all our students. Thank you to those that have offered a donation of food for this day. On a personal note, I want to thank students, staff and parents for their support of our school and display of Cobra spirit so far this year. We look forward to your continued commitment to our school in 2013.



Kate's Take-Out
Buy one cheeseburger
at regular price, get the
2nd cheeseburger
FREE

BO'N'GO
Buy one 'N' Get one Free
\$10 book
Available at NSER office
Save over \$600 with these coupons
Great Stocking Stuffer

Jungle Jim's
Buy one appetizer get
the second FREE

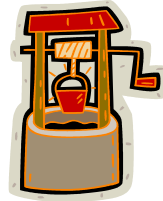
Merry Christmas



We Create Change Nationwide Penny Drive is happening at NSER until Dec. 19th. As of Nov. 27, Mr. Bell's class is in the lead with 6 bags of pennies collected. For more information on the event you can check out the Free The Children website. The homeroom class with the most pennies by weight will receive an Ice Cream Party!



The Pie in the Face was received very graciously by Mr. Linkletter on Nov. 9. This fundraiser raised \$245 for a water well in Haiti.



OPENING SOON
Cobra Corner Shop
Offering a variety of school supplies at great prices.
Open daily at break and lunchtime
12:15 to 12:30



Pancake Breakfast
Dec. 6
 7:45 to 8:30
\$5



Grade 7 girls
will be having their 2nd round of
vaccinations for HPV
on December 4th.

Sock Hop
 \$2
 Lunch Time
 December 12



Student of the Week
For the Month of November
Rachel Cloud—Grade 7
Justus McKay—Grade 11
Riley Estey—Grade 10
Craig Fernandez—Grade 8
Congratulations!!



We need your help. We require families to host students for 2 terms, beginning in February through to June. The students, visiting from China, will attend grades 10 & 11, and will be placed in schools throughout the District. Hopefully, with your help, one or two could be with us. Host families are given \$750 for 30 days, so there is no financial burden involved. As well, our school receives a financial contribution from the fee paid to the District. Students have their own spending money.

Please give serious thought to providing the opportunity for your child, and the students of this school, to learn, first hand, about another culture. If you are interested in hosting, or would like more information, please call the office, 836-7000. Thank you for taking the time to think about this excellent opportunity.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As winter approaches we again face the possibility of school closures due to inclement weather. I want to assure you that student safety is our main priority when we decide to cancel school due to the weather, or to remain open. I want to share with you the process we follow while we gather information and make these decisions. As you can imagine, this is a complex and difficult task given the number of students who must be transported to school every day across our newly amalgamated district with such vast geographic boundaries. Often, when the forecast indicates a major blizzard throughout the early morning hours, the decision is an easy one, but most of the time it is much more difficult to predict the weather events of the day and make a decision.

Every weekday morning, from now until Spring, our Transportation Manager and Assistant Transportation Manager are awake very early to address winter weather routines. In those early hours, they study various weather forecasts and speak with contacts at the Department of Transportation to assess road conditions and plans for salting/sanding. They also consult with contacts across our district (Tide Head to Rexton/Blackville) and in neighboring districts as well. The Manager in turn contacts me. Together we examine and discuss important information such as current weather and highway conditions and the forecast for the day. We consider precipitation, wind conditions, visibility, road conditions and other factors, and we make a decision prior to 6:00 AM; when many busses begin their runs. We will consider school closures by region: Campbellton/Dalhousie/Bathurst, Miramichi or Rexton depending on the forecasts for these areas.

Sometimes actual conditions are not what we anticipated, and weather conditions deteriorate quickly despite the predictions we used to make our decision. We want you to know that when this happens we are as concerned as you are, and we ask for your patience as we assess the situation and make decisions about how to safely return your children to you either through an early closure or at the end of the day.

School cancellations and late bus runs are always announced on the local radio stations and on our website. We will also post a message on our winter weather lines which can be reached at:

- 1-888-950-1919 (Campbellton-Dalhousie—Jacquet River-Bathurst)
- 778-7669 (Miramichi and Area)
- 523-0900 (Rexton)

Please note that if schools remain open and you as a parent or guardian find the conditions in your area are not suitable for your child to travel to school, you have the right to make that decision and we will always respect your wishes. Your child will not be marked absent if you decide to keep him or her home that day. Simply note this on the excuse that you send to school the next day.

Thank you for your patience and understanding through this challenging but very important process.

Nancy Boucher-Superintendent



School Calendar

December	6	Middle School Christmas Social 6:00 to 7:45
	6	Christmas Formal 8pm—11pm
	12-14	Grad Photos
	21	Last Day for Students (Christmas Break)
January	7	Professional Learning Day (Schools Closed)
	8	Professional Learning Day (Schools Closed)
	9	First Day for Students
	21-25	Exams
	28 & 29	Turn Around Days
March	4-8	March Break
	29	Good Friday
April	1	Easter Monday
	4	Parent-Teacher Interviews (4:30 to 6:30)
	5	Parent-Teacher Interviews (9 am to 11:30 am)
	19	Professional Learning Day (Schools Closed) Professional Learning Day (Schools Closed)
May	2	NBTA AGM (Schools Closed)
	3	NBTA Council Day (Schools Closed)
	20	Victoria Day
June	21	Last Day for Students
	24-25	Administration/Professional Learning Days

Christmas Punch

A delicious punch recommended by Santa!

Ingredients

- 1 quart pineapple juice**
- 1 pkg (2 qt) lime Kool-aid**
- 1 qt lime sherbet**
- 2 qts ginger ale**

Instructions

Mix Kool-aid in punch bowl. Add pineapple juice. Just before serving, add sherbet by spoonfuls. Add ginger ale. For red punch, use raspberry Kool-aid and sherbet.

