

Wonderland - Middle School Drama

The afterschool drama club had another successful production this year! They performed the play "Wonderland" - a musical about the misadventures of a girl named Alice - on Feb 3, 4, & 5. The success of those performances led to an encore presentation the following week. Thank you to all the cast and crew who poured their heart and souls into this play! A job well done!

Cast Members: Kathleen Dunn, Denver Matchett, Katelyn Matchett, Kirsten Silliker, Mackenzie Silliker, Molly Muzerall, Emily Woods, Rachel Blowers, Morlan Silliker, Maguire Nowlan, Ian Sherrard, Jenna Tozer, Nole Williamson, Isaiah Mutch, Zachery Henderson, Katelyn Blowers, Lindsey Mutch



North & South Esk Regional

 March 2014

Dear Parents & Guardians

Would you believe we only have 6 five-day weeks of school left before June 1st? One of our goals is to make sure we do everything possible to make each student successful. Unlike a bigger school where students could possibly go un-noticed, we try to reach everyone. However classroom teachers have 55 minutes to settle the class, take attendance, reinforce the previous day's lesson, give the new material, do examples, and then give practice time or homework. If a student struggles with a concept, they often will not be able to complete the homework. So, in an effort to make sure all students are successful we are offering tutoring during lunch, study block and after school. Ms. Murphy also works with students during study block who are behind in their homework in order to give them some extra one-on-one support. Mr. Jeff Wilson is working with our grade 7 & 8 students offering them literacy support while Mr. Frank Wilson is giving our grade 7-10 math students an additional boost. Many of our teachers are embracing the co-teaching model.

Mrs. Ward-Cain will be meeting with the grade 11 students to discuss course selection options for next year and has already met with all potential graduates to discuss scholarships, entrance requirements, etc. All of this help combined with your support will maximize student success!

Mr. Dean Mutch, Principal

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Silver Medal - Middle School Boys Basketball



Congratulations to the Middle School Boys Basketball Team on winning the Silver Medal in the District Competition.

Coach - Chris Matchett, Zachary Henderson, Chris Hosford, Derek Mullin, Jackie Norton Paul, Courtney Johnston, Rylan Matchett, Connor Williston, Logan Matchett, Lucas Mutch, Alex Flanagan, Justin Matchett, Jaden Bushey.

Missing from photo - Skulk Kruger

Congratulations Boys on a job well done!

GO COBRAS!



Safe Grad Merchandise Bingo

Eel Ground First Nation Community Merchandise Bingo in Support of NSER Safe Grad will be held on Sunday, March 30 @ 2 pm at the Eel Ground Band Hall. Please come out and support one of Safe Grad's biggest fundraisers. All are welcome!



Gym Clothes

7S & 7R - Thursday & Friday
8L - Monday & Wednesday 8M - Monday & Tuesday

All Middle School Students have gym class two days per week. All students must participate in Phys. Ed. and it is important that they come to school with gym clothes. Please remind your son or daughter to bring their clothes.

NSER Car Care



NSER Students provide a car cleaning service. If you would like to have your vehicle cleaned (inside & out) please contact the school to set up an appointment at 836-7000

Spaghetti Dinner



NSER We School presents a Spaghetti Dinner and dessert auction on March 20, 2014 at 6:30 in the cafeteria. Ticket for the event will be available from all the We School Member at a cost of \$7. Funds raised will go to Free the Children Adopt-a-Village program in Haiti to support the clean water initiatives there!

Rotary Interact Fundraiser

The winning number of the Rotary Interact 50/50 was "162". If these are the last 3 digits of your ticket, you are the winner! Please contact the school at

Graduation Time

Graduation is only 4 months away and, with the excitement of this time of year, come several expenses. It is best to start thinking about these expenses now and to pay a little bit at a time, rather than a large sum later on. Some examples of costs include Prom tickets, Graduation photos, Graduation rings, as well as fees associated with post-secondary education costs. Grad fees (\$50.00), used to cover such costs as Graduation hats and diploma jackets, are due now and can be paid at the NSER office.



Grade 7 & 8 Attendance Incentives

As I mentioned in previous newsletters, one of our goals this year is improving attendance. Attendance is vital to student achievement. In grades 9-12 we have an academic incentive however our grades 7 & 8 do not write exams so this incentive doesn't apply. So starting at the beginning of second term we are going to offer an attendance incentive for grades 7 & 8. If a student misses 3 classes or fewer a month they will be given one "high school lunch hour". What this means is, providing we have written permission from a parent/guardian, the child can leave school property to go to the Irving or have the freedom to travel throughout the school and not be in the designated lunch areas. We will be trying this incentive for this coming term and will track the data. Should this be successful we will look at continuing it in the fall.

Thanks

A huge note of gratitude from The Carney Family for all the support, encouragement and volunteer time that our caring community gave us over the two weekends for Carlee's Tournaments! Thank you very much! We appreciate everything people do to make the tournaments a big success! Special Thanks to Betty-Jo Tozer who was instrumental in the success of these weekends. Even the weather tracker of storms did not hinder her well organized weekends. Thank you all again!

WINTER CARNIVAL FUN

The week of February 18-21 was an exciting one in the halls of NSER as the staff and students participated in a variety of new and annual Winter Carnival activities. The carnival kicked off with daily dress up days and lunch time activities including a cake eating activity for anyone who celebrates a birthday in February, and a challenge where students had to throw Cheetos on their partner's whipped cream covered face. Students were especially excited at lunch during the week as the cafeteria served free chicken nachos to each grade.

On Wednesday and Thursday afternoons the student council brought back a former tradition at this school of outdoor snow activities. All afternoon students, middle school on Wednesday and high school on Thursday, participated in a variety of fun snow centered activities from toboggan races, snow sculptures, curling, biathlon, king of the hill, and a grade-wide scavenger hunt in the snow. Classes competed against each other for a chance to win a pizza party for their class, and the excitement was palpable in the halls as students had a chance for the first time in years to enjoy the outdoors and play in the snow.

Thursday evening the SafeGrad committee raised money by hosting a dance for the school. The dance was well attended and the grade 12s raised over \$400.00 for their cause. The Friday all students showed their Cobra spirit in their school clothing and the school held its annual Campbell Cup, a floor hockey game where teachers and staff compete against the grade 12 class. While the teachers played their hearts out, the students stole the Championship in the end with a score of 7-2. The hockey game was followed by a light-hearted game between the senior girls and senior boys basketball teams. All in all, it was a fun-filled and successful Winter Carnival week!



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Cell Phones



Students know that they are not to have cell phones out in the classrooms. Teachers will take the cell phones to the end of the class. Should a student be reluctant to give up their cell phone they will lose for the remainder of the day. I would ask parents to consider this when you decide to text or call your child during instructional hours, you may be getting your child in trouble. Please contact the office if it is an emergency and we will get them out of class to call you.

Thanks for your support with this.

Mr. Dean Mutch



IMPORTANT DATES

- April 4 - Parent Teacher Interviews - No School
- April 18-21 - Easter - No School
- May 19 - Victoria Day - No School
- June 9-12 - Exams
- June 13 - Prom
- June 15 - Baccalaureate
- June 19 - Graduation
- June 20 - Last Day for Students

Reminder Volleyball Fees for Middle School & Senior - Boys & Girls Players are due by Friday, March 21st - Middle School \$50 and Senior \$100

REMINDER THAT ALL VISITORS MUST REPORT TO THE OFFICE UPON ARRIVAL TO THE SCHOOL