



Sambro Elementary Newsletter

December 2021

I can't believe it's December. We have had such a great first term. The kids and teachers all worked so hard and the weather has been great. We've been outside a lot and they are loving the playground. We had our Remembrance Day Ceremony Virtually and the children were so respectful throughout the presentation. Parent Teacher interviews were virtual for the second year and for the first time before the report card. You should have received your child's report card by now and there shouldn't be any surprises from the conversations you've had with your child's teacher. Ms Roos has started as the grade 4/5 teacher until Mr. McPherson's return after March Break.

HATS OFF!

To Ms Maclsaac for running some fun intramurals at lunch on Fridays. The kids really enjoyed the soccer and now dodgeball. Hats off to all the ladies in the Learning Center. They are such a huge support to the teachers and students.

School News

A lot of cool learning and engagement going on in each classroom.

The **Pre-primaries** are outside every day discovering and exploring their environment.

Our **Primary/1 Gray** class just finished some interesting inquiry work around the theme of fall.

Asking some deep questions about plants and chlorophyll. On to Snow and Ice Inquiries.

Grade 1/2 Caines did some cool STEM activities with vegetables and ramps. They created vegetable cars that can go down a ramp. There was a lot of cucumbers, potatoes and carrots being manipulated into vehicles. They also created a class logo with the help of Mr. Cocek our school technology facilitator.

Grade 2/3 Henneberry worked on personal narrative focusing on revising and editing. They are moving on to a poetry unit in writing and making connections and learning how to summarize.

In Math they will be putting their estimating skills to work in math.

Grade 3/4 Maclsaac In Grade 3/4 Maclsaac, students have been busy this fall. We wrote spooky stories and letters, explored numbers through fun math games, and designed and directed news reports. We

have just started the multiplication unit to our theme song "*Everyday we multiply*". We will work through a number of strategies to help students develop their fact fluency.

Mr. McPherson's 4/5 class were working on some cool technology activities supporting their literacy and Math. They have used makey makey's to support electricity. They have created a class logo and creating stories.

Feed Nova Scotia

This time of year is tough for everyone. Pandemic is still on, food prices have gone up and it's challenging to make ends meet for so many in HRM. We would like to collect non-perishables from December 1st til the 17th. If you are able to send in any of the following please do. Know this is optional. We will deliver to St. Paul's food bank because it supports our community.

MOST NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

- soups and stews
- peanut butter
- cereal
- canned vegetables and fruits
- canned meat, fish, and beans
- rice
- pasta and pasta sauce
- fresh or frozen vegetables
- fresh or frozen meats
- baby food and formula
- meal replacement drinks
- canned and powdered milk

We especially appreciate nutritious food donations that help make up part of a main meal. We also accept new, unopened personal hygiene and household items.

PTA

The PTA have been busy this fall with fundraising. The cookie and coffee fund raiser went really well and now the wreath campaign has also done super. Thank you to Nancy Ewing, Amy Gilkie and the whole PTA team. The staff and students appreciate your support.

Health Initiative

Tips for Healthy Living

Food: Homemade granola bars are easy and yummy.

Drink: Water fact: Water helps us think clearly and focus in school (it improves Cognitive functioning)

Movement: Go for a family walk and explore your neighbourhood.

Lunch program:

Thank you to all the ladies and men who have been coming in to help with the hot lunch. The food has been delicious and nutritious. Thank you Nancy Ewing, Amy Gilkie and Lori Gray for doing all the scheduling and getting all the ingredients we need for our lunches weekly. Friday the 17th will be our last hot lunch before the new year. As usual we will be treated to a special hot lunch free for all. Please remember to send in your paper copies so we can keep track of the meals we are sending out and no one gets forgotten.

Weather

The weather outside is getting very chilling. We will continue to go outside multiple times every day so please have your students dress for the weather. Mittens, hats, snowpants and warm jackets will help to keep them warm and toasty.

Continue to listen to the radio and check the website for weather updates in the event that schools are delayed in starting or closed. Please be sure that we have all up to date information for contacts for you or your emergency contacts in the event of an early closure. Inclement weather procedures are on our website now. Check it out.

Fun Week December 14 to 21st. To add a little fun to the end of term one we thought we would have a fun week with the students.

Monday the 13th

Come dressed as your favorite holiday character

Tuesday the 14th

Students to wear Blue and White day to represent winter

Wednesday 15

Concert day. Wear your concert clothes. We will be walking to the church for the morning

Thursday 16th Wear your Silly, pretty, funny, ugly sweater day

Friday 17th

Wear your favorite Head Gear. We will be walking and carolling.
Special hot lunch. Free for all.

Monday 20th

We will do holiday storytime. Wear your PJ's and bring your favorite holiday story

Tuesday 21st Last Day before break

Red and Green Day We will be watching the Holiday Concert