



AMAZING THINGS HAPPEN HERE!

East St. Margaret's Consolidated Elementary School

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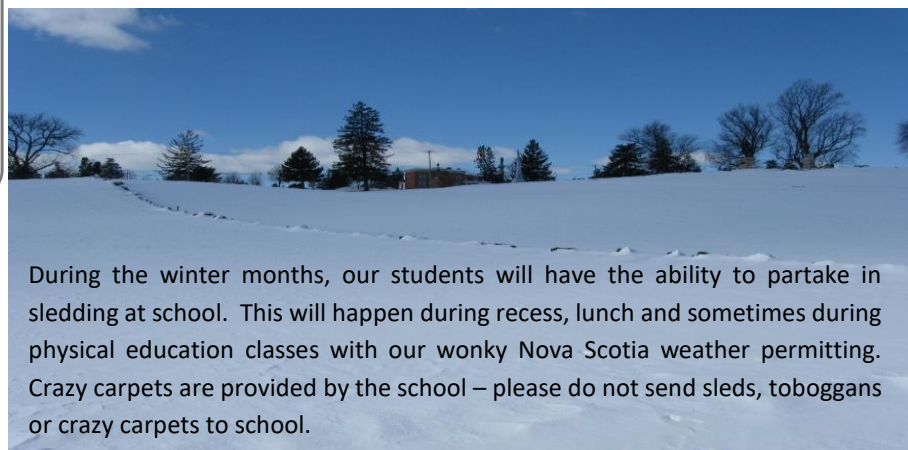


Happy Valentine's Day!



Mask Reminder

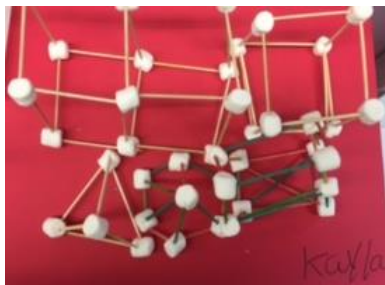
Please remember to send your child(ren) to school with two (2) clean masks each day.



During the winter months, our students will have the ability to partake in sledding at school. This will happen during recess, lunch and sometimes during physical education classes with our wonky Nova Scotia weather permitting. Crazy carpets are provided by the school – please do not send sleds, toboggans or crazy carpets to school.



Our classes had an amazing opportunity during the week of January 25-29 to view a virtual performance of "World on a String" This performance was hosted by Maritime Marionettes and was followed by a Q&A virtual session which the whole school took part in. The students were also provided with the opportunity to ask questions of the actors who voiced the characters of the puppets!



We will also have opportunities to view other virtual performances during the month of March. Stay tuned!

IMPORTANT DATES

- Feb 2nd – Groundhog Day
- Feb 4th – 8th Lockdown
- Practice Drill
- Feb 1-26th – Early Student Registration
- Feb 14th – Valentine's Day
- Feb 15th – Edward Arab
- Day – No Classes
- Feb 23rd – School Advisory Council Zoom Virtual Meeting 3:15 pm – 3:45 pm

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN YOUR CHILD(REN'S) CLASSROOM?

PRE-PRIMARY – SUSAN LONG & KRISTA ZINCK

The Pre-Primary children have been enjoying our new "Fix-It Shop" over the past few weeks. They have been learning how to safely use our tools, as well as exploring their strengths and skills. As the children demonstrate their competence with the tools provided, we will be introducing more "real-life" tools and materials to build with and to take apart.

GRADE P/1 – MELANIE CONNORS BLADES

In Primary/One, the students are enjoying teaching Ms.C.B. (who just returned from maternity leave) how they stay safe at school during Covid times. They will be studying the author Mo Willems for the month of February, as well as delving into their own creative writing. In math, the Primaries will be extending their number sense up to nine while the Grade Ones are beginning to learn addition and subtraction.

GRADE 2/3 – NATASHA BOUTILIER

Our Grade 2/3 students are going to be busy working on fiction and non-fiction writing in Language Arts, exploring addition and subtraction in Math, continuing on with constructing objects and structures in Science and exploring Mi'kmaq Seven Sacred Teachings in Social Studies, while also learning about feelings and gratitude in Health. They will also continue to explore Google Suite tools including jamboards and google for kids in Technology.

GRADE 4 – KELLY BRADBURY

Cursive, Cursive, Cursive! Throughout the month of February, we will be working on building our confidence and comfort level with using cursive writing in our daily work. We will continue to add to the creation of a healthy community and friendships by focusing on our well being through sharing daily quotes from our class Happiness Jar and journal collections.

GRADE 5/6 – TRISH CUVELIER

Our Grade 5/6 class will be celebrating various cultures in the month of February. We will continue learning about African Nova Scotians which kicked off in January where students created presentations for Martin Luther King Jr. day and will continue into February to highlight Black History Month. We will be celebrating the Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day with some fun activities and food!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION – JOEL IRVINE

We will be taking advantage of this beautiful winter weather and holding our classes outside weather permitting. This provides us the opportunity to utilize the fabulous grounds, hills, playgrounds and all that ESM has to offer.

GUIDANCE – ANDREW GOSNEY

School Counsellor Week February 1-5, 2021! School Counsellors hold a Masters Degree in Education (Counselling) or equivalent (e.g.: Masters Counselling Psychology) and are uniquely trained to provide Counselling in Schools, as well as in clinical settings. School Counsellors address several issues including: anxiety, grief, divorce, social justice (anti-racism), depression, LGBTQ+, social and emotional learning, and self-regulation to name a few. School Counsellors are professionally trained and many hold additional professional certifications and competencies which allow them to provide high quality support to those in need. Please visit this website to the Prime Minister's statement on School Counsellors for more information. <https://www.ccpa-accp.ca/chapters/school-counsellors/>

Don't forget to visit our ESM Website for updated information

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Our next **School Advisory Council Meeting** will be held virtually on **February 23, 2021** at 3:15 pm to 3:45 pm

