

# ***St. Edwards School / Ecole St. Edward***

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***Parent Newsletter - Thursday, February 19, 2009***

## **Announcement from Premier's Office**

Yesterday, Wednesday, February 18, Premier Williams announced significant funding for school infrastructure projects for the Eastern School District. Numerous renovations and extensions were announced. We are pleased to announce that our school was included on the list. The press release included the following: "Extension for the addition of new classrooms and a challenging needs suite - St. Edwards School (Kelligrews)."

## **Family Math Problem Solving**

Thank you to all the families that participated in our first Family Math Problem Solving Event. The response was overwhelming! The winners were determined though a draw of all successfully completed problems. The winners: Kindergarten and Grade 1 - Ella Smith - Mme Warren's class; Grades 2 and 3 - Gillian Petten - Mrs Caines class; Grades 4,5&6 - Ashton Morgan - Ms. Taylor's class. Our next set of family problems will be sent home during the first week of March.

## **Winter Fun Day**

All students in grades k-6 will be participating in St. Edward's Winter Fun Day, next Thursday, Feb 26. Our students will be participating in a brief kick off assembly next Wednesday (Feb. 25) afternoon and we are encouraging all students to show their spirit and wear red and yellow, our school's colors, on this date.

## **Kinderstart Session #2 Friday, February 27, 2009**

There will be no classes for students in English and French Immersion kindergarten classes Friday, February 27. The second of 5 Kinderstart sessions will be held on this date for incoming kindergarten students for September 2009.

## **Jump Rope for Heart**

One of our school improvement initiatives is to involve our students in healthy and active activities. Recently our Healthy and Active Living Committee registered our students for Heart & Stroke Jump Rope for Heart Fundraising program. The intent is to get students physically active. The event will raise vital funds for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. For the information of parents and guardians obesity has tripled among Canadian children since 1981. This is due largely to a lack of physical activity

and poor diet. Obese children are more likely to grow up to be obese adults who are at greater risk of developing heart disease, stroke, cancer and diabetes, and of dying from these diseases at an early age. Funds raised through our school's participation will help reduce the devastating effects of heart disease and stroke among all Canadians. On Monday, Feb. 23 an envelope will be sent home and students, parents and guardians are asked to make small donation for this very worthy cause. Students will skip during one of their phys ed periods next week. We would ask that donations be sent to your child's home room teacher no later than Friday, Feb. 27.

### **St. Edward's School Web Page**

For the information of parents/ guardians our school home page is updated at least once a week. Recently we added two new pages. Please note that there is a new math page. This page has several links to student/parent friendly web sites that can be used to improve math skills in a fun way. More math links will be posted in the near future.

In January of this year we added a new page pertaining to school council. On this page contact information for our school council members is provided. The minutes of January's meeting were posted recently and the minutes for February's meeting will be posted very soon. We would also like to note that a new link to Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of School Councils has been added to the St. Edward's School Council web page. Our next school council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10 at 5:45.

### **Building Security**

Recently a memo was sent home to parents regarding the district's new policies regarding Secure Schools and School Lockdowns. Very soon classes will begin practicing these procedures and we are confident that students will become as familiar with these procedures as they are with fire drills. In the interest of security we would ask that all parents visiting our building report to the main office. Should you wish to speak to your child he/she will be paged to the office by the school secretary. Commencing today, Thursday, February 19, all doors will be locked at 8:50 am. Doors will be unlocked at 2:55 pm. Parents/ Guardians are advised that the only door that will be accessible will be the office door. All visitors to the school will be required to use the door bell in the office entrance to gain access to the building.

### **Spring Fair**

As mentioned in a previous newsletter one of our school development initiatives is the construction of a new playground. The cost of construction could be in excess of \$40,000. Our intent this year is to begin fundraising for this very important project. Each year St. Edward's conducts one major fundraising activity. Both staff and St. Edward's School Council have agreed that this year's main fundraiser will be a Spring Fair. The Spring Fair will take place Saturday, May 09. Early planning is critical for this event to be successful. We are hoping to conduct a planning meeting within the next 2-3 weeks - more information to follow.

### **Dates to Remember:**

**Jump Rope For Heart envelopes sent home**  
**Winter Fun Day Assembly**  
**Winter Fun Day**  
**Donations for Heart and Stroke returned**  
**Kinderstart Session # 2**  
**School Council Meeting**

**Monday, Feb. 23**  
**Wednesday, Feb. 25**  
**Wednesday, Feb. 26**  
**Friday, Feb. 27**  
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**Tuesday, March 10 at 5:45**