

Natoaganeg School



FEBRUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents:

February is upon us, We have an extra day this month because of the leap year. We hope the **Groundhog does not** see his shadow so that our winter will be shortened.

Basketball practices will continue. **Elementary students** will practice **on Tuesdays from 2:30-3:30PM**. Parents will be notified of any upcoming games as there is no set schedule for these teams.

On **Tuesday Feb. 9th K-4** will go skating from **8:45-10:00am**.

Valentine's Day Dance will take place on **Thursday Feb. 11th from 4-6pm**.

Valentine's Day Activities will be celebrated in the **classrooms on Friday Feb. 12th**.

On **Tuesday Feb. 23rd Grades 5-8** will go skating from **8:45-10:00am**.

Please check your **calendar** for all events.

A New winter menu is attached please review this with your child.



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Breakfast and Lunch Program:
Eel Ground School would like to continue with its early morning breakfast program & lunch, open to all students, Monday through Friday of the week.

Please be reminded to have your child dressed appropriately for the weather. The students go outside for recess when the weather permits.

There will be a snack break from 10:10-10:25.

Snack ideas:

Apple
carrot sticks
cheese string

No sugary drinks allowed, chips or treats with lots of sugar.

Every Day Counts, and ATTENDANCE does matter! (Jan.) 92 lates 143.5 Absent

Student Absences

We would like to remind parents/guardians to please keep in mind that it is very important to contact the school office as soon as possible if your child will be absent from school on any given day.

Clear and timely communications from home is essential for the school to keep track of student absences.

If we need to contact you about your child's absence, please have current contact numbers up to date and be patient and understanding with us as there may be other issues we need to attend to first.

ATTENDANCE: "WE ARE ALL RESPONSIBLE"



Education Only Helps those in Attendance Especially if you are on time and in perfect attendance- Don't miss out---- YOU ARE WORTH IT.

Attendance is important to the overall academic and social success of your child.

Attendance will be taken within the first 10 minutes of each school day. Parents and/or guardians are required to contact the school each and every day your child is absent. If parents do not call before 10 a.m., school staff will call you at home or at work to find out the reason for the absence.

Students with perfect attendance will go into a monthly draw to win a Tim's

Just a Reminder: If your child is late for school, please remember to escort them in the building. Students that are late are to be signed in. Also if the students leave the school at anytime during school hours, they are to be signed out too.

• Discipline that is:

- firm yet kind, rather than harsh and unforgiving
- understanding yet accountable, rather than punishment-oriented
- clear and predictable, rather than unpredictable
- modeling active problem-solving with siblings and with each other, rather than angry outbursts, accusations, and aggressiveness

Sight Word Game

On the back of a group of the cards I placed a white business card sized sticker. The Valentine's Day cards are not really wide, but the sticker fit onto them with hanging over. Onto each sticker I wrote one of my son's sight words of the month at school. Really any sight words you might want your child to work on would be alright.

I spread the cards word side down on the table and asked my son to select one card at a time. If he could read the card, he got to place in a pile in front of him. If he missed it, he had to turn it back over and try it again later.

The goal the first time we did this activity was just to read the word. As he got more familiar with the words I asked him to read me the word and use it in a sentence. This allowed him to demonstrate that he understood the meaning of the word.



Fruit Salsa with Cinnamon Chips

Prep Time: 10 mins

Cook Time: 5 mins

Serves: 4

Ingredients

3 whole wheat tortillas

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1 teaspoon sugar

1 cup strawberries, chopped

1 cup pineapple, chopped



Directions

Preheat oven to 400°F.

Use heart-shaped cookie cutter to cut tortillas. Spray with cooking spray and sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar.

Lay single layer on parchment-lined baking sheet and bake 5-6 minutes until brown.

Mix strawberries and pineapple in bowl.

<http://www.produceforkids.com/meal-planning/fruit-salsa-cinnamon-chips>

Recognition of this Month's Perfect Attendance

We would like to express THANK YOU to all parents for recognizing the importance of our attendance policy.

K4

Aiyana Larry

K5-Grade 1

Johnny Larry

Raymond Larry

Mya Francis

Grade 2

Abigail Stewart

Ian Ginnish

Grade 3&4

Gianna Walker

Grade 6&7

Samuel Simon

Kohen Simonson

Sage Simon

Owen Henderson-Ward

Grade 5

Mathyis Ward

Piel Ward

Grade 8

Hanah Gould

Kylo Patles

Shalyn Ward

Kolton Patles

We need to improve on tardiness & absenteeism. This month we had 92 lates and 143.5 absents.

Congratulations to Gianna Walker and Owen Henderson-Ward for winning the Tim's Card to treat their parents at TIM HORTONS for a donut and coffee in appreciation of getting them to school on time.

Numeracy & Literacy



Times Two

Excitement and enthusiasm are two words you don't normally associate with learning math, but this game will make you wonder why not! Your child and his friends will have a blast shouting out answers in this competitive game that will put their critical thinking skills to the test! Playing cards are placed out two at a time, and whoever yells out the number it would be if it were doubled wins the cards. The player who ends up with the most cards wins the game.

What You Need:

- Deck of cards with the face card (jacks, queens and kings) removed

What You Do:

- 1 Ask your child to remove the jokers from the deck and then shuffle the cards.
- 2 Lay out two cards face up on the center of the table. Whoever correctly shouts out the number of the sum times 2 wins the cards. Example: If you lay out a 2 and 3, $2 + 3 = 5 \times 2 = 10$. The correct answer is 10.
- 3 If this becomes too easy, try laying out 3, or 4 cards at the same time, or having the players multiply by 3, or 4.
- 4 Whichever player ends up with the most cards wins!

Helpful Tip: Increase the excitement by playing in teams!

<http://www.education.com/activity/article/double-trouble-cards/>



SUCCESSFUL NEWSLETTER DELIVERY BALLOT

Winner for January's monthly newsletter is **Kylan Gorman**. We had 24/80 Ballots returned this month. Sign below to indicate that your son/daughter has delivered to you this month's newsletter. Tear this ballot off and have your child return it to the ballot box outside the office by Friday, February 12th. Each month a draw will be made for a gift certificate.

Parent Signature _____

Child Name _____

Class _____