

# Gesner Street News



## February 2023 Edition

### February is Black History Month

For 2023, Canada's theme for Black History Month is: "Black resistance". We can understand this theme to mean celebrating the ways in which Black people have resisted oppression, discrimination, and prejudice over history.

### Valentine's Day

On Tuesday, **February 14<sup>th</sup>** we will celebrate Valentine's Day with our students. Classroom teachers will be in touch with parents to inform them of various classroom events. For this day, students are encouraged to wear red, white or pink!

### GECKOS Education for February

This month we are focusing on the letter K- for kindness in GECKOS. Kindness is an important quality to have when growing up. When someone is **kind**, it means they are considerate and nice to others. Some good examples of **kindness** are saying please and thank you, sharing, and doing anything that helps others. When you treat other people with **kindness**, both people feel good!

**February is kindness month.**

## 12 Home Activities that Build Social Emotional Skills

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- Play board games and sports
- Go on a mindful walk outside
- Write in a journal or diary
- Practice coping skills, like mindful breathing
- Read picture books
- Practice mindful coloring
- Talk about characters' feelings in a movie
- Start an acts of kindness challenge
- Organize an area of the house together
- Write a self-compliment list
- Use conversation starters to share ideas
- Play games like "I Spy" and "Simon Says"

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### Skating Update

Grade one will begin their skating schedule on **February 8<sup>th</sup>**. Parent volunteers are greatly appreciated!!! During our Grade 2 skating sessions we had amazing support from parents and grandparents. Bravo!!!

### Pink Shirt Day at Gesner

On **Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**, we are celebrating Pink Shirt Day. Students and staff are encouraged to wear pink (or white for peace) to reflect the importance of joining together in support of respect, kindness, and friendship towards one another. This day originated in Canada and the pink shirt symbolizes a stand against bullying.

### Parent Volunteer Update

Our "Mabel's Label" fundraiser will continue until the end of the school year. It is as simple as following the link below and then entering "Gesner" into the fundraising field. [https://mabelslabels.ca/en\\_CA/fundraising/support/](https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/)

We have so many items in our lost and found that are unclaimed. We wish they had labels!

## Dates to Remember:

<b>February</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Grade 2 Skating
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ground Hog Day
3 <sup>rd</sup>	UNB Men's Hockey Game- Elementary School Night 7pm
8 <sup>th</sup>	PSSC Meeting 6:30 pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 2 Passion Project Day
8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Grade 1 Skating
13 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Appreciation Week
14 <sup>th</sup>	Valentine's Day
15 <sup>th</sup>	Flag Day
17 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 1 Passion Project Day
20 <sup>th</sup>	Family Day - no school
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Pink Shirt Day
24 <sup>th</sup>	K Passion Project Day
27 <sup>th</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gesner Spirit Week
<b>March</b>	
6 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup>	March Break - no school
13 <sup>th</sup>	First day back after March break
	K Skating, Dates Will Be Announced Soon

### Family Day in New Brunswick

**Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>** is Family Day for New Brunswick residents. Students do not attend school on this day. Have a wonderful family day everyone!

### Staff Appreciation Week

Staff appreciation week will be held from **February 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>**. Parents may wish to acknowledge the work of those who support their child at school. Thank you, Gesner staff, for all you do for our students!

### School Fundraiser

Coming Soon: K-Cup Fundraiser! We'll be selling all your favourite coffees, teas, and hot chocolates for our next fundraiser, starting Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>. Brands include Van Houtte, McCafe, Tim Horton's, Laura Secord, and more! This program will all be done through School Cash Online. Thank you for your support with this exciting endeavor!

### Parent School Support Committee

The next PSSC meeting will be held on **February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in person**, virtually is **also an option** on TEAMS. All parents are welcome to attend, just let Mrs. Baker know, so that she can add you to the invite. Everyone is welcome!

### School Spirit Week

February 27<sup>th</sup>-March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Please see the Spirit Week attachment for daily themes. This will be a fun week for our students!

### Our School:

#### New School Website:

<https://ge.nbed.ca/>

#### Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Gesner-Street-Elementary-School-114945196991019>

Twitter: @GesnerStElemen1

