



# NEWSLETTER

March 2024

## **Principal's Message**

Spring Break is fast approaching, and yes, I am happy to be back! February was extremely busy for the students. With Black History Month, I Love to Read and Festival du Voyageur, every day at school was an event. School is so much more than just academics. Children learn from discussions, activities, guest speakers and school-initiated events. Being a good citizen and person does not only come from academics, but from interactions and learning to deal with conflict and others. All students are here to learn and grow in a safe environment. As a community we must work together to educate and keep our school welcoming for all. Every child has a place within our ESNI community!

I look forward to seeing you at the student-led conferences later this month. It is always energizing for me to interact with parents, guardians, and students. Feel free to drop by my office for a little chat. I will have coffee for any parent or guardian who drops by!

Warmest regards,

*François Rémillard*

## **Report Cards & Students-led Conferences**

Report Cards will be made available to parents or guardians on March 18<sup>th</sup>. The student-led conferences are on March 21<sup>st</sup> (evening) & March 22<sup>nd</sup> (am). A letter outlining process and procedures will be sent early next week.

## **Week of Kindness**

Our grade 7/8 student led a school-wide week of kindness for the last week of February. Student kindness activities and sports camps for younger students. Our older students are always great role models for the younger ones. Bravo!



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## **ESNI Parent Advisory Council/SNIAC**

It was nice to have so many new faces at our last Parent Advisory Council meeting. We hope to have even more parents at our next meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> (6:30 pm). The meeting will be a hybrid of virtual and in person (school's conference room). The Teams link (below) to the meeting will be shared again a few days in advance. Your voice is important!

The SNIAC is establishing a Diversity Advisory Committee to assist the school community with social justice issues such as Anti-Racism, LGBTQ+ supports, and Anti-Ableism. A letter to parents/guardians will be sent out by the SNIAC to seek out members. This is a fantastic step to creating a safe space for all!

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## Microsoft Teams meeting

**Join on your computer, mobile app or room device**

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 295 435 747 971

Passcode: uZxVzV

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## **Elder Stan Kipling**

Elder Stan visited the school on Monday (February 25<sup>th</sup>). He brought a wide array of animal artifacts to support his teachings. Students love Elder Stan, his teachings and his stories. Miigwetch and we look forward to you coming back Elder Stan!



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## Lion King

Students have been working diligently on their musical production of The Lion King. The presentation will be held on March 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. Showtimes are at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm for both shows. Tickets are available through the office. This will be awesome!

## Yearbook

We are happy to announce that two students from Grade 8 and M. Rémillard will be preparing a 2023-2024 yearbook for students and families. This ESNI Yearbook will be available for purchase (approx. \$20) next month and will be delivered in September. A letter and order form will be sent out after Spring Break.

## Important Dates

March 18 <sup>th</sup>	Report cards available online
March 19 <sup>th</sup>	SNIAC Meeting
March 21 <sup>st</sup> (3:45 – 7:30 pm)	Parent-Teacher Conferences (In-person)
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	No school
March 22 <sup>nd</sup> (9:00 – 11:30 am)	Student-led Conferences
March 25 <sup>th</sup> to March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Break