

ISSUE 6

# TBS Updates

January 2026



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## Upcoming Dates



**Jan. 30** - G3-8 Ski Martock Trip

**Feb. 6** - G3-8 Ski Martock Trip

**Feb. 7** - FIRST Lego League Challenge!

**Feb. 13** - School Closed - Teacher Work Day

**Feb. 16** - School Closed - Heritage Day

**Feb. 20** - Final G3-8 Ski Martock Trip

**Mar. 3-6** - Frozen Jr - A G4-8 Musical Production



# Snowy days at The Booker School

*By Mr James Weekes  
Head of School*

Good afternoon from the Winter Wonderland that is The Booker School in Winter.

This year we have seen more snow and cold weather than we are used to! Your child's teachers have been working hard to help your children deal with the unpredictable nature of the weather and school closures.

It really is in our nature here at The Booker School to embrace all weather. It has been fun to see the games and activities change at recess and lunch depending on the weather and conditions. It is also a great reminder for students to bring all of the appropriate clothes and spares that they may need. If you are ever missing items, please feel free to check out our Lost & Found at drop-off or pick-up.

This is also a good time to remind students to stay healthy and practice good hygiene. With many sicknesses and bugs going around, it is as important as ever to practice handwashing routines and using sanitizer as needed. Families are reminded that students should be trying to pack healthy lunches with minimal candies and single-wrapped items. We also ask that students only bring water to school in their water bottles.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter! There are many things to celebrate with the children, from progress on the ski hills, to academic projects and more.

Warmest regards,

Mr James

Disney  
**FROZEN** JR.

## TICKETS AVAILABLE

Call 902-678-8040 to reserve seats

Adults \$10 Children \$5

*(Cash, Debit or Credit at the door)*

## Show Times

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With special thanks to this  
year's Title Sponsor:



## Did you know?

*Frozen tickets are now  
available.*

Call  
902-678-8040



*Ski lessons at Martock  
have started really well!!*

# Events & Notes

## Grade 5 Fundraiser

**Wednesday, Feb. 4 - 2:30-3:30 p.m. - Mercer Studio**

We're excited to invite you to the Grade 5 Summative Project Fundraiser on Wednesday, **February 4, from 2:30-3:30 PM (snow date: Thursday, February 5).**

As part of their unit on injustice, inequality, and social change, students have researched causes they care about and planned this event. Funds raised will support **The Flower Cart Group, Special Olympics,** and the **First Nations Child & Family Caring Society.**

Classes will be invited to attend, and Grade 5 students will visit classrooms to share why they are fundraising. There will be art, crafts, food, and more for sale. **Please note: this is a cash-only event.** Students may bring money to school that day.

We hope you can stop by to support our Grade 5 students and their advocacy!

## Martock Ski Trips

**Fridays - January 23 & 30, February 6 & 20**

With all the snow we've been getting, conditions have been perfect for our Friday ski trips to Martock this year! There will be two more ski trips (weather permitting) on February 6 and 20.

## Valentine's Day

**TBD**

Please stay tuned for information from your child's teacher regarding Valentine's Day celebrations.

## Teacher Work Day & Heritage Day

**Friday, February 13 - Monday, February 16**

Friday, February 13 will be a Teacher Work Day. There will be no school on this day.

Monday, February 16 is a provincial holiday - Heritage Day. The school will be closed on this day.

## Frozen Jr. - See the poster for ticket info.

**March 3-6 - Centre Stage Theatre**

We have our annual **Understudy Performance on Tuesday March 3 at 2pm.** We strongly recommend to any families of understudies that they come along to support them in this role!

# A Visit from Valley Waste

*By Ms. Josanne - Grade 1*

The Grade 1 students are currently exploring the ways in which, 'People's actions impact natural environments'. As such, the students were delighted to have two representatives from the Valley Waste Resource Management Education Team, Krystal Tanner, the Education Coordinator and Jessie Davis, the Inspection and Education Coordinator, who both shared factual information and important statistics related to beach waste, pollution, and conservation actions that are currently being promoted in Nova Scotia.

The students were able to view a large container of tangible waste objects that were actually found in the ocean, ranging from lobster ties and traps to a large styrofoam mass and even plastic and tyres that had been warped and eroded by the waves, which all pose a threat to marine and human life.

The Grade 1 students were inspired by the critical knowledge that was shared from the impact of microplastics to the shocking reality of the size of the Pacific Ocean Garbage Patch. In order to take action the students are embarking on their own 'Trash to Treasure' Art Project to reduce waste and reuse items to both advocate for and to protect our beautiful environment!

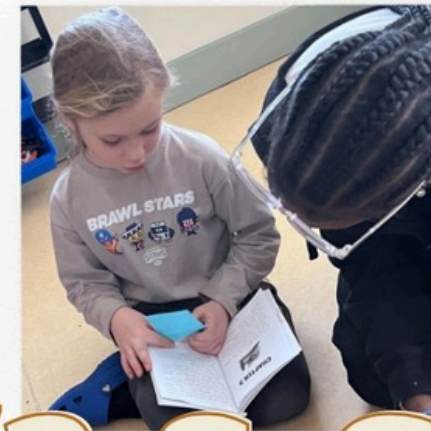




REFUSE  
REDUCE  
REUSE  
REPURPOSE  
RECYCLE



# READING BUDDIES



G2/3 & G7/8

# Treaty Education

*By Ms. Temma*



Grade 7-8 students hosted a Treaty Education Event in December. They prepared interactive and creative teaching tools to share with the public, including displays and activities on Mi'kmaw and Indigenous culture and the Peace and Friendship Treaties. Visitors were invited to make luskinikn (Mi'kmaw version of bannock) around the campfire while learning about the complicated Indigenous and colonial history of bannock. They were invited to learn more about the history and present day implications of the Peace and Friendship Treaties through detailed presentations and videos. Visitors also had the chance to learn about the Mi'kmaq Honour song, the Ko'jua dance, and the poetry of Rita Joe. There were also interactive presentations and board games about the Seven Sacred Teachings, the Four Sacred Medicines, and the importance of preserving the Mi'kmaw language.

At The Booker School we are committed to Treaty Education and including Indigenous perspectives across all areas of the curriculum. The goal is to understand the past and strive to honour our ongoing obligations to each other and this beautiful land we share as Treaty People. For me, this is a lifelong commitment; my hope is that students and community members will also embrace a lifelong dedication to learning more and continually evolve their understanding of what it means to be a Treaty Person.



# MARTOCK FRIDAYS

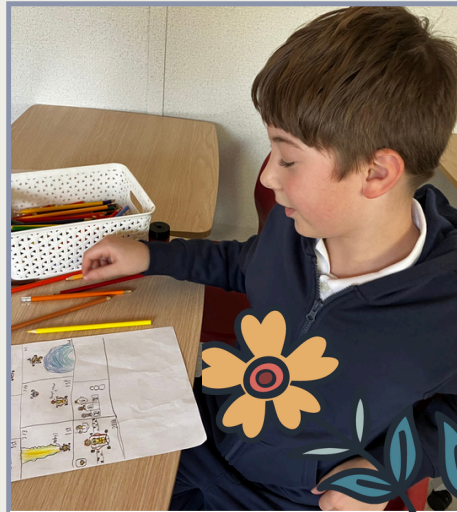


# Clubs

## Current Clubs

### ***Creative Writing Club***

Every Wednesday at lunchtime, a group of middle school students join Ms Temma for Creative Writing Club. Students have jumped wholeheartedly into creative writing in its many forms - short stories, scriptwriting, multi-chapter books, and even elaborate comic strips.





## Volunteering & the Parent Participation Program

Our school community thrives when families get involved! Volunteering is a great way to meet others and support the experiences that make our school special. Whether you can help in the classroom, at events, or by sharing a skill, every contribution makes a difference. If you can give some time this year, we'd love to hear from you.

### **Parent Participation Program**

If you would like to sign up for our Parent Participation Program, please email:

[jamie.ohanlon@bookerschool.com](mailto:jamie.ohanlon@bookerschool.com)

## Tuition Payments for 2025-26



For families on the three-payment plan, don't forget to send in your February payments at the beginning of the month. Please send e-transfers to:

[treasurer@bookerschool.com](mailto:treasurer@bookerschool.com)

*Please note that we can also take Visa payments in the office with a 3% charge.*



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**Scholastic Canada Book Clubs**

**School Code: RC791340**

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## Seasonal Notes

**Clothing** - Students of all ages should make sure they have spare clothes in their bags or cubbies. We love to head outside in all weather, so let's make sure our students are ready for it!

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## Follow us online!



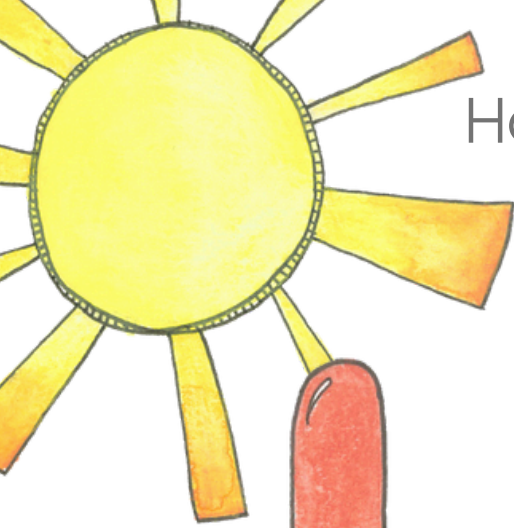
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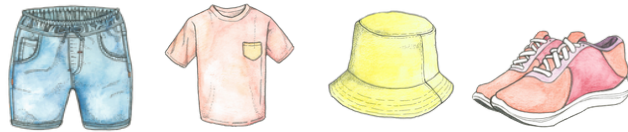
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# How to Dress for the Weather Guide

Outdoor play is a great way to support healthy growth and development. Opening the doors to outdoor play in all kinds of weather provides children and adults with opportunities to spark their curiosity, leading to wonder, exploration and learning. When children have the right clothing for the season it contributes to them having positive, rich outdoor play experiences that just can't happen indoors. Get outside, be curious, let children lead and have fun!

20°C



10°C



0°C



-10°C



-20°C



## Supporting Outdoor Play Year Round



[www.getoutsideandplay.ca](http://www.getoutsideandplay.ca)



[www.befitforlife.ca](http://www.befitforlife.ca)



## The Booker Fund

This year, we have been rolling out a new fundraising initiative called The Booker Fund. The Booker Fund is the backbone of The Booker School's fundraising program. This annual fund provides vital support that allows us to hire the best teachers, give them the resources they need, offer financial assistance to amazing students, and give our students the chance to go beyond. Most of our donors choose to make unrestricted gifts, allowing the school the greatest flexibility to deploy funds where they are most needed. Some of our donors prefer to direct their gifts specifically to financial assistance to ensure that the school can offer sustainable support to families who enrich our community in every way.

### 2025-2026 Goals

In the 2025-2026 school year we aim to raise \$50,000 and hope that 100% of our families will join in this effort. A gift of any size makes a difference to how we can help our students flourish this year.

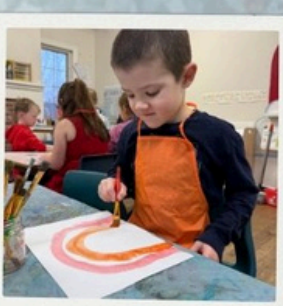
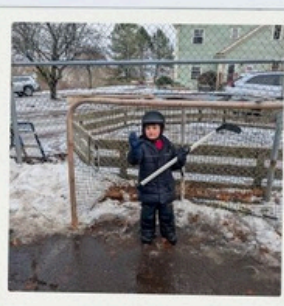
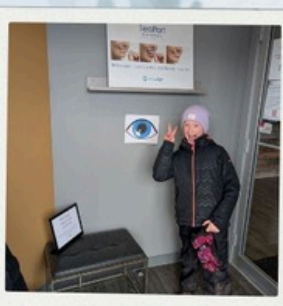
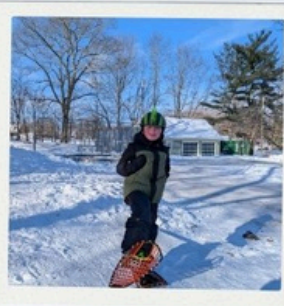
The Booker School is a charitable organization and gifts to the Booker Fund are tax deductible as allowed by law. Make your gift today!

### Ways to Donate

You can easily donate and receive a tax receipt through Canada Helps by using this [link](#).

We also accept cheques and e-transfer. Cheques can be made out to The Booker School and e-transfers can be sent to [treasurer@bookerschool.com](mailto:treasurer@bookerschool.com).

# January



# Forms



An important part of The Booker School experience is having opportunities to explore our local community. We also benefit greatly from the volunteer efforts of our friends and family. The forms below enable us to provide safe programming for all students. Please fill them out at your earliest convenience.

## 8.5 Activity Waiver

### 9.5a Volunteer Driver

*Please note that The Booker School will now hold volunteer record checks for two years. If you submitted these documents in 2024-25, you do not need to do so this year.*



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**FROZEN** JR.  
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## A CALL FOR SPONSORS

We are looking for sponsorship for our show in March. Our shows tend to sell out at 4 shows with roughly 120 people per show. This is a great opportunity for a local business to get their name out there in our community. We also promote our sponsors through our social media pages.

### ~~Title Sponsor — \$1600~~

The Title Sponsor position has now been filled.

### Programme Sponsor - \$800

Five Programme Sponsors will be featured with their business logos beside different features as follows:

MTI SHOW KIT SPONSOR  
SOUND SPONSOR  
LIGHT AND EFFECTS SPONSOR  
~~COSTUMES SPONSOR - CLAIMED~~  
GIFT SPONSOR

Additional Sponsors would be featured throughout the programme.

*As a not-for-profit charitable society,  
all sponsorships will be eligible for a*



PRESENTS...



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**FROZEN** JR.

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MUSIC & LYRICS BY  
KRISTEN ANDERSON-LOPEZ & ROBERT LOPEZ

BOOK BY JENNIFER LEE

BASED ON THE DISNEY FILM WRITTEN BY JENNIFER LEE  
AND DIRECTED BY CHRIS BUCK AND JENNIFER LEE

All performances are in the Upper Performance Centre at  
Centre Stage Theatre: 61 River St, Kentville, NS

# 2025-2026 Master Calendar

## The Booker School Master Calendar 2025-2026

Week	TBS 2025-26	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	Whole School Events
							1	2	School Closed
	August	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Teacher Work Day
		11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Event
		18	19	20	21	22	23	24	<i>Tentative Dates are italicised</i>
		25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
1		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Labour Day Sep 1 - Classes begin Sep 2
2	September	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Hopes & Dreams Conferences
3		15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
4		22	23	24	25	26	27	28	Adventure Week - Sep 28 Orange Shirt Day
5		29	30	1	2	3	4	5	Truth & Reconciliation Sep 30
6		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
	October	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Thanksgiving Break
7		20	21	22	23	24	25	26	Teacher Work Day Oct 24 - School Closed
8		27	28	29	30	31	1	2	
9		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
10	November	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Remembrance Day Observation Nov 11
11		17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
12		24	25	26	27	28	29	30	Annual Scholarship Fundraiser
13		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
14	December	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
15		15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Teacher Work Day Dec 19 - School closed
		22	23	24	25	26	27	28	December Break
		29	30	31	1	2	3	4	
16	January	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Teacher Work Day Jan 5 - School closed
17		12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Conf. Three Way Conferences Jan 12-23
18		19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
19		26	27	28	29	30	31	1	
20		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
21	February	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Teacher Work Day - Feb 13 - School Closed
22		16	17	18	19	20	21	22	Heritage Day Feb 16
23		23	24	25	26	27	28	1	
24		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Grade 4-8 Musical Production
	March	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	March Break
25		16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
26		23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
27		30	31	1	2	3	4	5	Easter Weekend April 3-6
28	April	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
29		13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
30		20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
31		27	28	29	30	1	2	3	TWD & Student-Led Conference day
32		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
33	May	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
34		18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Victoria Day May 18 & Teacher Work Day May 19
35		25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
36	June	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Port Williams Days
37		8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Adventure Week
38		15	16	17	18	19	20	21	End of Year Assembly Jun 19
	July	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	Teacher Work Days - School Closed
		29	30						

