



Hard to believe it is already February of 2023! Maybe it's the joy I get from working with the kids or all the activities going on, but the time seems to have flown by. In January the NES students got to build a wide assortment of arcade games out of cardboard, testing their creativity and engineering skills. The following day BCE students came up to play all the games NES had created. It was great to see the BCE kids having fun playing the games and just as wonderful seeing the pride it gave the NES students as they watched and helped the younger kids play their games. As an observer, it was really nice to watch the NES kids find joy in making others happy, learning that giving can be just as good, if not better, than receiving.

The grade seven class was able to get up top for a day of downhill skiing this year. It was a great day for all the kids, some shredding the slope and others trying on ski and snowboard boots for the first time and learning a brand-new sport! A big thanks to the volunteers who helped bring in all the gear and keep the rope tow going at the hill all day. There were many laughs and only a couple of tumbles on the slope.

We are kicking off February by taking the whole school up top for a day of winter activities. This includes cross country skiing and tobogganing at the East Branch parking lot. Later in the month, we are hoping to join BCE for some team building activities focused on anti-bullying and kindness. Stay tuned for more information on that! As part of another fun activity that is coming up, some classes have already started creating their own board games. On February 24th, students will be showing off their boardgames and allowing other students to play each other's newly created games. Lastly, with this fresh dusting of snow on the ground, the student council is hoping to finally host their annual snow creature building competition during lunch. Watch closely to some of the creations being posted on Facebook and next month's newsletter!