



Rothesay Park School September 2013 Newsletter

Celebrate! All of our staff for the tremendous amount of effort and hours they have put into preparing for our students.

- All of our students as they begin a new year of learning, self discovery and contributing to our extended community
- All of our parents for the love and support they give to our children and to the staff as we work together to provide the best education possible
- Kaelin B., Anna C., Rachel E., and Brynn K. for taking time during their summer holidays to decorate the cafeteria hallway bulletin boards
- Brigitte C., Sophie H., Jack H., Jack MacK., Mira S., Ella D., Angus O., Lucy A., Kate G., Alexandria M., Chris D for helping with the grade 6 entry day

New Staff- We would like to welcome:

Mme. Ashley Melanson and Mme. Julie O'Donnell to our grade 8 team

Ms. Katie Lawson to our grade 6 team

Ms. Natalie McCluskey to our Resource & Methods team

Mrs. Cathy Steele, our Admin. Assistant

These ladies bring with them experience and fresh ideas from other parts of the district. They are excited about working at RPS and we know that they will be wonderful additions to our RPS community.

Safety Procedures-RPS is an **all types of nuts and scent free school**. We have students and staff whose health is at risk with these products. Please ensure that your children respect the well being of our community by leaving all food items containing nuts at home and wearing scent free hygiene products.

- In conjunction with provincial and district policies, the students and staff will be practicing fire drills and lock down procedures the first weeks of school.
- Parents please sign off on the media release forms/ electronics policy/ student handbook(found on webpage under Student Resources) review that was sent home via email and hard copy
- Parents please review and update the Student Information/ Authorization for Medical Emergency Sheet that was sent home with each student

Student Agendas- Our staff and PSSC made the decision to discontinue the purchase of school agendas. Most of the information included in the agenda is located on our website and we were able to reduce student fees by \$5.00. For those students who function best by recording their homework we encourage families to buy an agenda of their choice (we were told that they are available at the Dollar Store). Teachers are updating and activating their homework sites which are located on our school website. Students and parents can refer to these sites for information related to their child's classes.

School Photos- Thursday, September 19th, Photography Flewwelling will be here to capture our students on film. They will return at a later date to photograph any students who were absent.

Activity Period- The September/ October Activity period has begun and is posted to our website. We encourage our students to participate in activities that interest them from 2:20- 3:00. We will be asking students to offer instruction in activities that they would like to share with their peers. Also, any parent who is interested in offering an activity please contact me @ 847-6352. With your help we can offer a wide variety of activities.

Sports teams- The fall is busy with both soccer and cross country running. Fortunately, Mr. Vincent has volunteered to be the girls' varsity soccer coach and Mr. Wallace has volunteered to be the boys' varsity coach. If you'd like the rewarding experience of coaching our boys' junior varsity, the girls' junior varsity soccer or the RPS Cross- Country team please contact Mrs. Scott 847-6348. Students will be informed of tryouts on morning announcements and it will also be posted on the whiteboard outside the gym office.

Grade 7 immunization- The Public Health nurses will be conducting immunizations at RPS on Tuesday, Oct 1st. They will send out more information shortly.

OML Community Service- A reminder to all students that part of their responsibility in achieving the Order of the Maple Leaf is to complete community service. These volunteer activities are for the benefit of individuals who are **non family** members. A community service form must be signed by the individual receiving your help and the form is to be returned to your teacher. Grade 6 students must complete a minimum of 1 hour in the first half of the school year(by the end of January) and an additional hour in the second half of the school year (by the beginning of June), Grade 7 students 1.5 hours each half and grade 8 students 2 hours each half. There are many possibilities for community service within your neighbourhood, church and school. I am currently looking for **volunteers to pick up the school mail each day** at the Rothesay Post Office during the student break. 2 weeks of mail service=1 hour of community service. If your son/daughter has your permission to collect the school mail, please write me a brief note explaining that your child has permission to do so.

Students can earn their OML community service, under your supervision, by helping to keep Canada's shorelines and waters clean and healthy for everyone, including the wildlife and communities that depend on them. The cleanup runs from **September 21-29, 2013** and is open to everyone across **New Brunswick** and takes place anywhere land meets water. For more information or to sign up for a shoreline cleanup, visit ShorelineCleanup.ca or call **1-877-427-2422**.

Open House/ PSSC Election- We invite all parents to attend our Open House on **September 12th at 6:30 pm**. Please take this opportunity to meet your child's teachers, to learn about grade level programs and teacher expectations. The meeting will begin in the gym where we will also be appointing or electing Parent School Support Committee (PSSC) members. If you are interested on sitting on this school improvement advisory committee please contact me at 847-6352 so that I can give you more specific information.

Home and School Association- A letter from our Home and School Committee will be arriving shortly with specific details and the many reasons to support your children through volunteering in your child's education.

Our major fundraiser, the raffle ticket sales, will be taking place in September/October. The committee will be looking for volunteers to help with the kick off and tabulating of sales. H&S President, Mrs. Clark, will be sending a letter with more information.

Student Fees- Combination locks, consumable materials for Tech, Art, Music and special activities are included in every student's **\$30.00** student fee. In addition, all grade **6 students** are required to pay **\$15.00** for their athletic clothing which is used for Phys.Ed; large scale school activities such as school spirit days, track and field or cross country meets.

In short: Grade 6 Students- \$30.00+ 15.00= \$45.00

Grade 7 and 8 Students- \$30.00

All cheques can be made payable to Rothesay Park School. Thank you

Note- If your grade 7 or 8 child needs new athletic clothing they can see Mrs. Scott about placing an order. Also, there will be some "new to you" athletic clothing for sale during the Open House.

All students must wear their athletic clothing to Phys. Ed twice weekly.

If students are in grade 7 or 8 and need a new combination lock the fee is \$4.00.

Cafeteria- The cafeteria should have their monthly meal plan available shortly. They have the option of purchasing 11 meals for the cost of 10. The price is \$52.50. This includes the Healthy Choice Meal and milk. A second option is the \$20.00 Clip Card which works like a debit system. Students can select what food items they like and the purchase price is taken off the balance on the card. Either one of these options can be purchased in the cafeteria.

The kids are here and getting settled. We look forward to an exciting and rewarding school year. Should you wish to contact me, I can be reached at 847-6201 or by email at catherine.chiasson@nbed.nb.ca .

Sincerely,

Catherine Chiasson
Principal