

## **Sept 1<sup>st</sup> Weekly Message for Families**

Good evening, this is Mrs. Myatt with this week's weekly message.

I want to thank all of our families who attended our Open House on Thursday. This was the best turnout that we have had for an open house since we opened! I am sorry that we had to switch our plan at the beginning and yes – I am working on purchasing a sound system for the large gym. A few things to note ahead of our students arriving to school this week:

**Arrival time** – Walking students arrive between 8:10 and 8:25. These students will enter the school through our main doors. Please do not have your child come in the school through the basketball court doors. Teachers are on duty starting at 8:10 so please do not drop your child off earlier than that as they will be unsupervised, and this is a safety concern.

**Dismissal Time** – Our dismissal time is 2:40pm. All of our K-2 students who walk or who are picked up by a grown-up will be dismissed at the main entrance to the school with our Grades 3-5 students who walk or who are picked up by a grown-up being dismissed from the custodial doors. As a reminder we have a few students and staff who are either allergic to dogs or who are scared of dogs. We ask that you do not bring your dog to any of the pick-up doors at the end of the day to ensure a feeling of safety for everyone.

**Staff Parking lot** – just a reminder that the parking lot in the main area is reserved specifically for Seaside Park staff. We have over 75 staff members who utilize this space. If you need to park to walk your child to the door – please use any one of the side streets adjacent to the school. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

### **First week of school schedule:**

Our weekly schedule for the first week of school:

All Grades 1-5 students will attend school starting on Tuesday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

For our Kindergarten students:

On Tuesday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> all Kindergarten students with last names starting with A-L will attend school while students with last names M-Z will remain at home.

On Wednesday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>, all Kindergarten students with last names starting with M-Z will attend school while students with last names A-L will remain at home.

On Thursday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> all of our Kindergarten students will attend school and this will be the regular routine for the remainder of the school year.

All Kindergarten students and their grown-ups will head to the cafeteria to meet their teachers when they arrive. Once we have the students arranged by class, our teachers and students will head to their classes and the grown-ups will head out to begin their day.

As for our other students, we will have our staff available to walk students to their classes if they have forgotten where their class is located. Due to privacy issues and for child safety, grown-ups are not permitted to walk their child to their classrooms. We appreciate your co-operation with this.

**Morning drop-off** – Morning drop-off starts at 8:10am. If you are driving your child to school you will enter the school driveway next to the staff parking lot. This is a one-way driving zone and please ensure that you are driving slowly and looking out for students. Please stay in a single file lane and DO NOT pass other cars in the drop-off lane and please do not pull over to the side. This is a quick drop off – drive up as far as you can to the end of the school near the playground and let your child out of the car. We have staff outside to help direct you and to help you get your child out of your car quickly. Please have your child get out of the car on the right-hand side closest to the school. Once you come to the stop sign at the end of the driveway, please ensure that you only turn right. In order for this to be a seamless transition we need all families to be supportive and patient while waiting to drop your child off. Please do not speed, be alert and aware of your surroundings and please treat our staff with kindness as they attempt to provide drop-off support.

**Instructional Time:** Our instruction time begins at 8:25. Students who arrive after 8:45 are considered Tardy, students who are not in attendance by 9:00 are considered Absent.

**Cafeteria Service** – Our cafeteria service will not be available for the next few weeks. Please ensure that you send your child with their snacks and their lunches.

**Peanut/Nut Free** – Peanut and nut products are not permitted at school. Wow Butter is permitted as long as it is clearly marked with a Wow butter sticker.

**Scent reduced** – We have a scent reduced policy at our school. Please ensure that students do not come to school with any type of fragrance sprays or hand sanitizers that are scented.

**School supply lists** were sent home with all students at the end of June. If you need a new school supply list, please visit our school website and school facebook page as we have all grade level supply lists posted. Grown-ups are responsible for the purchase of school supplies. We do have a \$10 student fee that can be paid by cash at the main office of the school or on our School Cashonline.

Please don't forget to check your child's bookbag regularly for information coming home from the school. There will be many pieces of information coming home with your children within the first month of school. Please review our school handbook and our school code of conduct with your child.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at the school at 658-2729 or through email at [Jocelyn.myatt@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:Jocelyn.myatt@nbed.nb.ca).

We look forward to welcoming all of our students back to school!

Thank you and have a great week!