



SSES Buzz- Week of September 5th, 2022



We were thrilled to be able to host so many of you at our Welcome Back Event this week. It is a real treat to be able to invite families into our buildings once again and we are looking forward to many more such events over this school year. We hope you had a chance to peek at our newly built 'Outdoor Classroom'. Please help us extend a special thanks to our Home and School Association who spearheaded this project- what a fantastic addition!

A special welcome to our new students and families, whether you are starting kindergarten or have recently moved to our community. We are excited to have you join our school!

Once you check your child's bookbag, you will see that the adults in the house have the most homework this week. Please make sure all contact information and other documentation is accurate and return them to your child's teacher as soon as possible to ensure records are accurate. Also, school fees can be paid in cash or School Cash Online which can be accessed from our website. *Please remember to send your child with a water bottle for school this week, as our water fountains are for bottle fill-up only.*

If you see one of our hard-working custodians, please let them know how much they are appreciated. They have spent many hours over this summer in hot conditions making sure our school was ready to welcome staff and students for September. Thanks to Mr. Hovey, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Bartlett and Mr. Cleghorn!

## First Day of School!

The first day of school is always exciting and busy!

Safety of students is our priority and we appreciate your help and support on this busy day as students are finding their way. As you can imagine, our sidewalks and parking lot will be full - please pay attention to areas where no parking is permitted, watch for pedestrians and follow the rules of the 'Kiss and Drop' to keep things running smoothly.

Families of kindergarten students should have been contacted already with information about whether their first day is Tuesday or Wednesday. Those children and their parents/guardians will begin their day at 9 o'clock in the cafetorium where they will be met by their teachers to take them to classrooms. When they return for day two, they will use the lobby door.

Students in grades 1 and 2 who walk to school or are dropped off will enter through the lobby doors. Teachers will be on duty to greet them and help them into the building, while other staff will be inside to make sure they find their way to the right class.

Intermediate students (grades 3, 4 and 5) will enter the building through the "Kiss and Drop" door in the morning and will also be greeted by duty teachers who can provide any directions they may require. If you need to share information with your child's teacher, please leave a note in their agenda, or leave a message at the office by calling 466-7303.

## SSES is a Bee Me Kidz Zone!

Welcome to Mandy Ridgely who is the Bee Me Kidz Coordinator for St. Stephen Elementary School. Bee Me Kidz empowers and inspires elementary aged children to develop the social and emotional skills that will enable them to succeed in school and life. Their mission is to help kids and families 'Be the Best Me They Can Bee!'



## Week at a Glance

### Monday September 5

- **Labour Day- No school for staff or students**

### Tuesday September 6th

- **First day of school for all students in grades 1-5**
- **First day of school for 1/2 of kindergarten students (You will receive information for your child's start date)**
- ***Cafeteria service unavailable this week***

### Wednesday September 7th

- **All students in grades 1-5 attend school**
- **First day of school for other 1/2 of kindergarten students (first group remains at home today)**

### Thursday September 8th

- **All students in grades k-5 attend school today**

### Friday September 9th

- **School data forms returned and school fees paid by today**
- **School-wide PBIS Assembly @8:45**
- **Happy Friday!**

## Upcoming Events



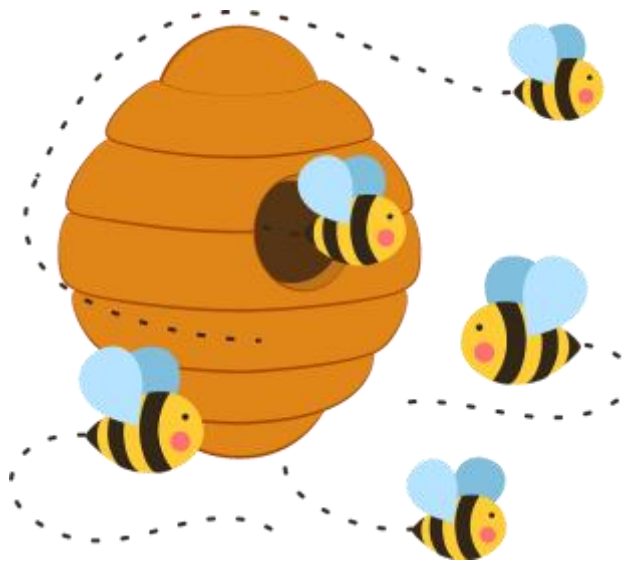
### Dates to Remember!

- School fees paid by September 9th
- Cafeteria service tentatively scheduled to begin on September 12- more details to follow
- September 12-16 Bus Safety Week
- Wednesday September 21st PSSC (Parent School Support Committee) Meeting 6:30-7:30pm in library
- Friday September 30th - Terry Fox Walk





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