

Barkers Point School

NEWSLETTER NO. 1

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As the last few weeks of summer come to an end the staff of Barkers Point School wish to extend a warm welcome to all our students and families new

to the school. We also wish to welcome back our students and families from last year. We look forward to working together to ensure this is a happy and successful year for all!

Barkers Point Staff 2019-2020

Kindergarten – Jessica Campbell, Melanie Lloyd and Alex Sorenson

Grade One – Trinda Waugh, Catherine Gorman, and Nathalie Michaud

Grade 2 – Liza Allison, Katie Doran, Kim Hawkes, Trinda Waugh

Grade 3 – Cheryl Lavigne, Krista Virgoe, Sarah Walker

Grade 4 – Sebastien Bernier, Don Lavoie, Mary Ann McConaghy,

Grade 5 – Laurie Billings, Don Lavoie, Janet Tremblay

Music – Katie Doran

Physical Education – Tom Coolen, Keri O’Leary

Resource – Colin Dolan and Holly Doyle

Guidance – Patrick Campbell

Educational Assistants – Veronica Bradley, Charlotte Betts, Darlene Carrier, Michelle Dougherty, Kelly Gunter, Jessica Jackart, Casey Jamieson, Lianne Kean, Diana MacBeth, Marsha MacGregor, Laverne McAllister, James McLean, Betty Myers, Ann Tselichtchev, Michelle Shanks and Shannon Wark

Librarian – Eileen Dunlop

School Intervention Worker – Michael Butterfield

English Language Instructor – Ashley Fernandes

Custodians – Heather Kennedy, Rose MacKinnon

Admin. Assistants – Carlyn Moreau & Eileen Dunlop

Vice Principal – Kim Hawkes

Principal – Jennifer Ward

Morning Drop-Off and Afternoon Pick-Up

It is our goal for your children to learn and play in a safe environment. Each morning we have teachers on duty at **7:40 am** – parents are welcome to drop their children off at this time.

If you will be driving your child to and from school each day, it is **extremely important that you follow the designated traffic circles.** Please drop your



child off on Carman Ave, beside the tennis courts. Your son or daughter will walk directly onto the playground. **The area directly in front of the school is school bus loading and unloading; please refrain from using this as a drop off or pick up. The parking lot off of Carman Ave is for staff only and is an unsafe area to drop off your child.**

*** Please help us ensure that all our students are safe!**

Arrival/Dismissal Times



Establishing routines is extremely important to school children. Teachers will be busy during the first week(s) of school ensuring that rules and routines are established for a positive school year. It is imperative that students arrive on time in the morning – the bell rings at 8:00 am and instruction starts at 8:05 am **sharp**. This five minute period is an important time for teachers and students to get organized for the day's activities. **Students who come in after the 8:00 am bell disrupt their own learning as well as the learning of others.** We understand that emergencies happen and your child may be late on occasion; however, if it becomes a regular occurrence we will be contacting you to support you in this area.

Dismissal time for ALL students is 11:50 am on Wednesdays. Buses will pick students up at this time.

Kindergarten - Grade Two students are dismissed Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at **1:50 pm**. Students in grades 3-5 are dismissed at **2:55 pm**. If you are picking up your child please meet them outside the front doors of the school. Classroom teachers often have meetings scheduled immediately after school; for this reason it is important that you pick your child up on time. If you are going to be late please call the school so alternative arrangements can be made.

Cafeteria

K-2 students eat between 12:00-12:25pm. Students in 3-5 eat between 12:30-12:50pm. Reminder that we are a nut-free school. Students can purchase hot-lunch monthly and milk daily.



Orders for the cafeteria go home once per month and families have one week to return orders to your child's classroom teacher. Please be sure to have your orders in on time!

Milk Program

All students at Barkers Point School will have an opportunity to have milk each day for lunch starting on **September 9th**. Students can buy milk on a daily basis for .50 cents.



Nut-Free Zone

Barkers Point School is designated a NUT-FREE school due to students who are allergic to peanuts and tree nuts. Please refrain from sending peanut butter in your



child's lunch. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mrs. Ward at 453-5402.

Student Hunger Program



Barkers Point School will be taking part in the "Student Hunger Program" through "Communities Kitchens Inc." again this year. If you would like more information on this program please contact Mr. Campbell.

Paperless Newsletters

Barkers Point School is extremely aware of the importance of saving paper. For this reason, we will be offering a paperless option for our school newsletters. Each month the newsletter is posted on our school website, bps.nbed.nb.ca - if you wish, you may still receive a paper copy of the newsletter . . . merely fill out the form below. If we do not receive this form back from you we will assume that you will be reading the monthly newsletter online. **Please note – the calendars will be printed and sent home each month.**



Guidance Corner

My name is Patrick Campbell and I am the guidance counsellor at Barkers Point School.

I work with students in many ways. I work with some on a one to one basis. These students may struggle with behaviours and emotions such as anxiety or anger. I also meet with small groups of students who are dealing with similar issues. Self-Esteem, Anxiety, Divorce, or Friendship are some of the groups which I have run in the past. Finally, I help classroom teachers deliver the Guidance Curriculum and the school wide programming which we have developed as a school.

Last year I started holding Parent Information Sessions throughout the year. At these sessions parents meet at the school to discuss and learn about issues such as kids and technology. This week I will be sending a short 3 minute survey out to parents to get feedback from them about topics of interest for these sessions. I hope that I can count on your feedback.

Please be sure to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child which you feel that I could help with. I can be reached at 453-5402 or 444-4770. My email address is patrick.campbell@nbed.nb.ca .

*Please note: I work Monday-Wednesday and Thursday morning. If you require support on Thursday afternoon or Friday please contact a member of the administration.



I would like to receive a paper copy of the school newsletter once every month. My child's name is _____.

My child's teacher is _____.