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FALL 2016 NEWSLETTER

I find it so hard to believe that this is the beginning of my 4th year at Priestman. Incredible how time passes! We have been through many changes inside the school, and now it is time to work on the outside area. I have always believed that schools should be the most beautiful buildings in the community and I intend to work very hard to make that happen here! Last spring, NB Nature helped us plant a pollinating garden at the front entrance. We have received many compliments on how much better the front of the school looks. We also purchased a new and bigger bike rack for this area. I would also like to have a bench built around the willow tree as well as a gazebo in the front area for classes to visit and work in when the weather is nice. Possibilities...

We have a big project unfolding over the next three years. It is the new Priestman Playground of Possibilities. The ideas developed by a group of dedicated parents and teachers over the summer, were transformed into an architectural plan by Glenn Group, and is on display in the school foyer. We are currently in the throes of fundraising for this incredible space designed to stimulate creative play, global awareness and environmental learning. This summer we intend to begin Phase 1 which is the Grand Canyon and Oak Island section of the overall plan. We have plenty of excited kids checking out the design plans every day!

Priestman is a fabulous school filled with caring and dedicated staff. We love to laugh and enjoy life, and truly enjoy what we do every day for your children.

- Ms. Mary Evans

sometimes away from the office for short periods. You may not get buzzed in immediately so please be patient.

All visitors to the school during instructional hours must remain in the front foyer. We will either deliver a message to your child for you, or your child will be notified to meet you in the waiting area. If you become one of our volunteers and arrive at the school for a particular activity, you must sign in at the office and wear a special volunteer tag.

DISMISSAL PROCEDURE



For safety reasons, only students and staff will be permitted in the school during dismissal times. All K-5 bus students exit through the front door of the school to the bus loading area off Priestman Street. If you are picking up children, you will meet with your child(ren) in the K-2 playground area, close to the gate off York Street. **K-2 students will arrive at the outdoor pick-up location by 2PM, and 3-5 students by 3PM, rain or shine. Wednesday dismissal for all grades is 11:50AM.** School supervisors will bring the students to the designated pick-up location and match students with caregivers. Please be on time.

Alternate plans to pick up your child or have them travel on the bus home need to be relayed to the classroom teacher by a note or email in the morning. Phone calls to the school office with plan changes cannot be guaranteed.

VOLUNTEERS

We welcome volunteers into our school to help in a variety of ways. If you are interested in volunteering, please check the Friends of Priestman Facebook page and ask how you can help! Thank you for being willing to give up your time to be a volunteer. We appreciate everything you do.



SECURITY AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURE

We have a security camera and doorbell installed on the front door. All doors into the school will be locked by 8:20AM. If you need to come to the school after 8:20AM you will need to be buzzed in by office staff. Please read the directions on the door carefully. Also, the administrative assistant is

MORNING DROP-OFF ZONE

If you are dropping off your child in the morning you must use the entrance off York Street. Please remember that by 8AM it can become very congested with cars. This area is for quick drop off only... not for parking.

If your child needs to be removed from a car seat or has other special requirements, please go to the small parking area next to the playground fence. However this area also fills up quickly so please be aware of how long you remain here. We have very limited parking space at the school yet our population continues to grow. Lisgar Street is also an option for parking if necessary. The large parking lot is for staff only.

The zone at the front of the school is for buses only during the hours of 7:30-8:30AM and again from 1:30pm-3:30PM.

SAFE ARRIVAL

If your child will be absent from school or late arriving, please contact the school by phone at 453-5424 or via email to Donna Bubar, the Administrative Assistant at Donna.Bubar@nbed.nb.ca before 8:10AM.

Students arriving after 8:10AM are considered tardy and must sign-in at the office.

SYNREVOICE

Our school also uses an automated voice/email messaging system to relay information from school to home. This system is used to make Safe Arrival calls and general information from the school. Our system is currently being updated, but we were notified from District Office IT, it would be up and running soon.

ALLERGY ALERT

Students are not to bring shellfish, peanuts, nuts or nut products to school.

Thank you for your continued consideration and cooperation in dealing with allergies in our school.

NO CHILD WITHOUT PROGRAM MedicAlert

If your child has allergies, asthma, epilepsy, autism, diabetes, is visually or hearing impairment, has Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, etc and is between the ages of 4 and 14, this program provides a Medical Alert bracelet for your child at no cost. For more information, please check the No Child Without website at

www.nochildwithout.ca or pick up a brochure at the school office.



HOT LUNCH AND MILK PROGRAM

The school milk program began October 3. You can purchase milk for the year or monthly. Cheques must be made payable to Priestman Street School. The price for both chocolate and white milk will be .50¢.

The Hot Lunch Program also began in October. When order forms are sent home, **please make sure you send in separate envelopes for each restaurant with the appropriate order form and funds.**

**Monday-Great Canadian Bagel
Tuesday-Pizza Delight
Thursday-Pita Pit (cash only)**



DRESS FOR THE WEATHER REMINDER

We would like to remind parents to help their child to dress for the weather. Our mornings will quickly become a little chilly and your child will be outside, so please make sure they have jackets and even hats and mitts if you feel it is necessary.

If your child is missing any clothing items, lost and found baskets are in the foyer.

PRIESTMAN STREET SCHOOL WEB SITE

Our school web site can be found at <http://priestmanstreet.nbed.nb.ca> Please refer to it for upcoming events and calendars. **In our quest to save paper, future newsletters will be posted on the school website.** Your child's teacher will be posting information for you as well on their teacher page.

The Friends of Priestman fundraising group has a Facebook page with more information of events going on in the school. Please check it out!

www.facebook.com/Friendsofpriestmanstreetschool

***Don't forget about your student fees!
Cheques can be made payable to
Priestman Street School. Please
contact the office if you need to make
alternate payment arrangements for
student fees. ~ Thank you.***

