



PANTHER NEWS

September 2021

Principal: Kayla Walker

Vice-Principal: Heather Touchie Blakely

Admin. Assistants: Cindy Allain & Tanja Mallery

School Website:

<http://haroldpeterson.nbed.nb.ca/Welcome.html>

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Thought for September:

Only as high as I grow can I reach,
only as far as I seek can I go, only as
deep as I look can I see, only as much
as I dream can I be." – Karen Raven

WELCOME TO HPMS

Welcome to the 2021-2022 School Year! A warm HP Panther welcome is extended to each student. We look forward to the support from our families as we begin a new normal this year. We welcome parents, at any time, to contact their child's homeroom or subject teacher, either through the office or e-mail. Ongoing and regular communication is important to our students' success! This year we will not be having a "Meet the Teacher" due to the restrictions that remain in place, so your child's teachers will be relying on email communication a great deal to share information from the classrooms with you. We look forward to a successful school year and look forward to getting to know each of you!

Ms. Walker (formerly Mrs. Giesecke)

Principal

Information Documents



Your child has brought home or is bringing home a number of documents to be **completed** and some **signed**.

Included with the forms are the Data Collection form, School Locker form, Student Photograph form, Canadian Forces form and Concussion Education sheet. Also included are the SchoolCash Online information, Electronic Device Policy, Scent letter, Media Release form, information on the new PowerSchool Public Portal and Student Handbook with Fair Notice letter. **All of these documents need to be reviewed and signed as they provide essential information for your child's safety and we ask that you take the time to complete them in their entirety. For the e-mail address, please print clearly as we will be sending the monthly newsletter, and lots of other important information, home via e-mail. Please return the completed forms to your child's homeroom teacher by Wednesday, September 15.**

Dates to Remember Mark Your Calendars

Thurs. Sept 23	School Pictures - Morning ☺
Thurs. Sept 30	Orange Shirt Day
Mon. Oct 11	Thanksgiving Day – no school
Thurs. Nov 4	TDAP/HPV #1 immunization – Grade 7 & 8, boys & girls

SCHOOL WEBSITE/CALENDAR

Please check the school website daily for updated information regarding sports, after-school activities and upcoming events.

<http://haroldpeterson.nbed.nb.ca>

Welcome New Staff

We are happy to welcome new staff to our school:
Mr. Andrew Sandford – 7E Homeroom Teacher, PIF, Math and LA Teacher

Mr. J. Addleman – 6B Homeroom on Wednesdays for Mrs. Guilfoyle

Tanja Mallery, Administrative Assistant

Morning Supervision & Student Drop-Off

Morning supervision begins at 7:45 a.m. each day, when our first bus arrives. The doors will remain locked until that time and students will not be permitted to enter the building. **If your child walks to school they should not arrive until 8:00 a.m.. Drop offs are permitted after 7:45 a.m.** A reminder that our school is a closed campus. Students are not permitted to leave school grounds once they arrive at school. At the end of the school day, walking students must head home right away and not hang around the school.

Bussing

Our Transportation Department is doing their best to have busses running on time, however there may be delays in these first couple of weeks. Thank you for your patience. It is important to note that schools do not issue "bus passes". The Afterschool Bus Stops Policy does not permit this – students must travel on their designated school bus to their afterschool destination. Our school buses are not used for students to travel to friends' houses and we will not accommodate those requests. If you have further questions regarding your child's bussing information, please call Transportation at the Oromocto Education Centre @ 357-4256.

ALLERGY ALERT

Upon entering our building, you will notice many signs indicating **NO SCENTS**. We have a number of staff members and students who have **severe** scent allergies. Please take note of this as we can't have people wearing perfume type scents enter our building, even just to stop briefly at the office. Thank you!



Late Buses

If your child does not return home at the expected time, please give us a call. However, we ask that you allow 15 minutes after expected arrival time in the afternoons before calling – this allows for time delays, ie. spare drivers new to a route, breakdowns that may occur on the road to be communicated, delays as a result of the driver dealing with behavior issues, student dawdling on the way home from the stop, etc. There are new bus routes and new drivers so please be patient.




HELPFUL INFORMATION

Please ensure that your child knows your home address and contact number(s) for parent(s)/guardian(s). If the child is unlikely to remember this information, please make sure it is written in the front of your child's agenda/planner, easily accessible to them. Also, kindly contact the school with any address or contact number changes that may occur throughout the school year.

ATHLETICS

The Phys. Ed Department is excited to welcome our students back to Harold Peterson for another school year. Students will be attending PE 3 times a week, split between the gym, wellness studio and outdoors. We ask that all students be prepared for PE class with indoor sneakers as well as a pair of sneakers designated for outdoors. We are looking forward to a great school year with our students!

Electronic Devices at School

 The purpose of our electronic device policy is to encourage responsible use of electronics, including cell phones, games, etc. Students are only permitted to use these up until 8:15 a.m. and at lunch time. At all other times, students must leave their electronics in their lockers/bookbags. **Please do not text or call students' cell phones throughout the day** – if necessary, please contact the office before 2:15 p.m. and messages will be passed on to students. Thank you for reviewing this with your child.



Parent School Support Committee (PSSC)

We have a couple of spots open on our PSSC this year. If you are interested in joining, please email kayla.walker@nbed.nb.ca to express your interest. We meet on Mondays, several times per school year, from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. This year please note that some meetings may be held virtually if need be.

School Absences

If your child is going to be late or absent, please call the office to advise us. You can leave a message, day or night. Messages are collected first thing in the morning and several times during the day. Unless we hear from you, your child will be marked with an unexcused absence. If you plan to pick up your child during the school day, **you must be visible and call from the parking lot or buzz at the door to sign them out.**



CAFETERIA

Welcome new and returning students and staff!! My name is Rachel and I'm the HP Cafeteria Manager. The cafeteria will open on September 13th this year and I'm excited for everyone to check out our menu. We do our best to provide healthy, home cooked meals – a copy of our menu will be provided the second week of school. If you have any questions or concerns, please drop in to see me or give me a call at 357-4296.



SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP?? Please note that our preferred method of payment for student items is through School Cash Online. Instructions for signing up have been sent home with your child or you can simply go to <https://anglophonewest.schoolcashionline.com>. If you have any difficulties please contact the school and we can step you through the process. Student Fees may now be paid on-line – easier, faster and most convenient for you - make this your preferred way to pay!

Daily Schedule

1st Bell	8:15 – Go to Homerooms
O Canada and Announcements	8:15 - 8:30
Period 1	8:30 – 9:25
Period 2	9:25 – 10:20
Period 3	10:20 – 11:15
LUNCH	11:15 – 11:50
Period 4	11:50 – 12:45
Period 5	12:45 – 1:40
Period 6	1:40 – 2:35
Staggered Dismissal	2:35 – 2:45, lockers, announcements and dismissal, with walkers and students being picked up, dismissed first.

All new families will be receiving a fridge magnet with our school contact information on it. We should have these to go home soon!