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Elementary School

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Hubbard Happenings

Back to School Parent Newsletter

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Bienvenue

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Happy New Year! It is our pleasure to **welcome** many new families to our learning community and to begin another year of learning together at Hubbard School with others. I can assure you that the teachers of your children have worked hard to prepare for this first week of school, and have done so with a dedication that will serve your children all year. We have spent professional learning days examining student wellness and mental health, learning about how to increase student engagement and in learning about increasing positive behaviour in schools. We welcome your input and look forward to working with you with mutual respect and cooperation toward achievement.

We continue to be committed to making Hubbard Avenue School be the greatest that it can be, and realize that you are our best and first partners in education. Welcome Back to School!

Mrs. B. Loker-French

And Staff

A parent newsletter and calendar of events will be sent home at the beginning of each month as well as it being posted on our school website. This newsletter outlines some important notices and reminders for you that may answer some questions that you have, and inform you of the details associated with the beginning of a new school year. This information, as well as much more is also found in the front portion of your child's agenda.

Friday Noon Dismissal

Elementary students do not have classes on Friday afternoon in Oromocto. Our dismissal on Friday begins at 12:00. Bus numbers often change on this day but will soon become routine as our school year advances.

Tentative Classes

Because of the transient nature of many of our military families, our district must keep a close

watch for significant losses or gains in student numbers across the district. As such, this may require that our classes need to be reconfigured. **The class that your child has been assigned may change before next week's end.** We will make every effort to minimize disruption to students but we trust that you understand that changes beyond our control may occur with our tentative classes and we ask for your support if this is needed.

Agendas for Students

Student costs are \$10.00 for agendas. Monies collected will be used toward direct cost of agendas and to augment school field trips.

This is the only school fee to start the year. Occasionally we ask for monetary

support for special events, subsidized by fundraising but this is on an as need basis. Please use the agenda regularly as a way to communicate with your child's teacher. Important messages are in the agenda and we don't want your child to miss out.

Meet the Teacher & Orientation Night!

Save **Wednesday, September 12th for our Open House and Meet the Teacher Evening**-details will follow so watch for notices. Student supervision is available while you go back to school: (outdoor play or a movie in the gym). We will have a small display of school spirit gifts including water bottles, mugs, bracelets & some school clothing for sale. PSSC elections will take place following the meeting with teachers. We have room for two more members only.

Bus Policies



Just a reminder of our district's bus policy. **There are no bus transfers available unless the transfer is necessary for an extreme emergency. Daily changes are not permitted. Instead, parents have the opportunity to list TWO bus locations on specified days. This change has ultimately been safer and more consistent for children.** If you have any questions regarding bus numbers and timings or about the new bus procedure, please call District Transportation @ 357-4256. They will answer any of your questions. **Bus numbers will change for some on Fridays at noon!**

Also, it is very important that your child know his/her address and phone number. By this age students should know this information. Please practice this with your child.

PARENT HOMEWORK

1. Return the **Registration Forms** to your child's teacher tomorrow, September 6th. This is **VERY IMPORTANT** in case of emergency. First class with **EVERY** form returned will win a pizza/class party!
2. Read the **student agenda** information with your child and sign the front page. The agenda fee is \$10.00. Please send to your child's teacher.
3. Over the next week look for many **notices and forms** that will need to be completed. Please pass these in as soon as possible so that we may have the most up to date information on your child.
4. Bring any custody matters or arrangements to our attention as well as medical conditions such as allergies, or asthma for example.

HEALTH NOTES:

ALLERGY ALERT!

Hubbard is a PEANUT & NUT FREE ZONE! Some children in our learning community have **serious allergies to peanuts and nut products**, do not send items containing these products with your child to school. Ensure that all nut product residue is washed from hands before coming to school. You will be notified of any further allergies as soon as we are made aware of them. If significant concerns arise in individual classes you will be notified on potential foods to avoid in lunches.

Thank you in advance for keeping all of our children safe!



POLICY 711 and Healthy Schools. At Hubbard we are continuing to strive to meet the new regulations of food policies with common sense as our guide. Timely changes as necessary, will be made in order to comply as the year progresses!

School Safety and Communication

At school we will be practicing routine fire drills and secure the building exercises to prepare students in the event of an emergency. It is important that you assist us in some of the following routines and practices to not only help in student safety, but also to ensure that children are supervised at all times.

School Hours/Safe Arrival School begins for all students at 8:25 am. Classes commence at 8:30 and regular attendance is imperative to student success. **If your child will be absent or late, please call the office at 357-4199 to let us know.** The answering machine will pick up messages in the early morning and between the hours of 11:30-12:30 daily. Our administrative assistant will clear messages and pass these along. We want to know that all children are safe.

Being Informed It is very important to look for parent notices in your child's book bag and agenda, so you don't miss out on important information. We will be trying to go paperless

through e-mail distribution, so providing your e-mail address is very important as we set up distribution lists.

Parking/Student Pick Up and Drop Off At the far left end of our building ample parking space is available for parents. If you are dropping students off in the morning or picking them up at dismissal, please use the parking lot area provided. Please follow the lines for our drop off zone. **Our bus driveway is reserved for busses only and our walkway is to be free of traffic at all times.**

Supervision of the playground will begin no earlier than 8:00 am for students being dropped off or walking to school. Do not drop your child off assuming there will be supervision any earlier. The end doors will be locked until supervision begins. If you are picking your child up at the end of the day, please be prompt at 3:15 dismissal time and at 12:00 on Fridays. As you can appreciate, teachers have a prearranged supervision schedules and several meetings that begin at this time. Thanks in advance.

All visitors to our school, including parents, need to ring our security system bell and sign in at the office. If you are dropping off a lunch or items please label these and we will see that your child receives them. We attempt to minimize disruptions to the classes and would be most glad to deliver items for you. We cannot heat lunches for students so make sure they are easy to consume without heating.

Bikes at Hubbard

The Town of Oromocto provides us with a bike stand for students who ride their bikes to and from school. **In the interest of security and safety, students should use a bike lock at all times and wear a helmet while riding.** Securing of bikes is a student/family responsibility as they are not supervised while school is in.



They Need to Know

Please ensure your child knows his/her address and telephone number and is aware of afterschool arrangements. By this age, students should know this important safety information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...and Appreciated at Hubbard!

Like many schools, we rely heavily on the time and efforts of volunteers. Your **PSSC and Parent Committees** will be sending home notices requesting your support in helping with various school programs to support your children. Please consider a bit of your time or efforts to help.

How do I become a Volunteer?

Look for the volunteer form that will be coming home within the next two weeks, sign up at our orientation or call the secretary to give your name and number if you can make even a

small amount of time to volunteer. In all schools in NB, volunteers need to have an updated **Criminal Record Check** and have read the **Pupil Protection Policy 701**. As a volunteer, the criminal record check is free when completed by our local RCMP. If you are considering upcoming field trips and outings, please ensure that your paperwork is on file with us at school. We always enjoy working with you!



Hot Lunch Program We would like to continue with our hot lunch and drink program and look forward to having this begin within the next 2-3

weeks, or as soon as we have volunteers. Please call the school if you can help during the noon hour for a day. On Friday mornings volunteers tabulate orders, count and roll money. This is a great time to meet other parents and get to know the staff. We cannot begin the program until volunteers are in place and we work toward new regulations of Policy 71 I.

The **Lovin' Spoonfuls Breakfast Program** is being set up again with the help of **Omista Credit Union**. Their generous donations of financial sponsorship have helped to make this possible. If your child is in need of breakfast, we welcome them. We understand that morning nourishment is the key to a good start to the day! **We do require immediate volunteers to assist with breakfast and our morning BOKS activities in the gym. Please call the school if you can help between the hours of 7:30-8:30 am for all or a portion of this time.**

How and When to Contact our Teachers...

At Hubbard School we value respectful parent and staff communication.

If you wish to speak with a teacher, there are a number of ways to do so...and ways that are challenging!

Please do not rely on stopping by to catch a teacher by chance. Dropping in while the teacher is getting the students settled in the morning is nearly impossible. We want to have time to properly discuss your child. Please respect the supervisory position the teacher holds when students are in the room or on the playground. Feel free to write a note in the student agenda or leave a message at the office with our secretary. Teachers will make their best effort to get back to you the same day, when possible.

We ask that you do not use Social Media and FACEBOOK to voice your concerns, particularly if it means a teacher or student situation is singled out or identified. This breaks down relationships and we more than willing to work through concerns, so please allow us this opportunity.

Your child's teacher is the person who comes to know your child the best and contact with you is very important. Please do not let a matter of concern rest with you until it has become too large. Our goal is to keep you informed throughout the year, not just at interview times. Our staff will do the same to always keep you informed and to seek your help in learning and behaving!

Welcome Back

Hubbard Hurricanes!

**"Minds are like parachutes.
They only work when they
are open!"**