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Hubbard Happenings

Back to School Parent Newsletter 2016

Wol kis kot **Bienvenue**

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BUS POLICY!

Just a reminder of our district's bus policy... **There are no bus transfers available unless the transfer is necessary for an extreme emergency.** Parents are no longer permitted to call the school to make changes on a daily basis, but rather, 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 be glad to answer any of your questions. **Remember that bus numbers will change on Fridays at our 12:00 dismissal.** Also, it is very important that your child know his/her address and phone number. Please practice this with your child.



Walking students are assigned specific exits and are to walk straight home after school hours. Please ensure that they do not stay behind on the playground, they must return home first for safety reasons!

Happy New Year! It is our pleasure once again to **welcome** many new families to our learning community and to begin another year of learning together at Hubbard School. In just a short time it has been very busy, but exciting time for the staff and students. 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 welcome your input and look forward to working with you with mutual respect and cooperation toward student achievement.

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

Mrs. B. Loker-French

This newsletter contains important notices and reminders for parents/guardians that may answer some of the 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. This long-standing practice provides teachers with an opportunity to engage in professional development activities. 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.

Class Assignments

Because of the transient nature of many of our military families, our district keeps 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** and we have already had to make some changes to provide better support for students. 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 configurations.

Agendas for students are \$10.00: Monies collected will be used toward direct cost of agendas and school enrichment programs. 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. Look for homework and notices regularly.

Meet the Teacher & Orientation Night!

Save **Monday, September 12th for our Open House and Meet the Teacher Evening**-details were sent home yesterday. We will serve pizza slices and drinks for \$1.00 each for our back to school gathering, if you are interested. Student supervision is available while you go back to school, (outdoor play or a movie in the gym).

PARENT HOMEWORK

1. Return the **Registration Forms** to your child's teacher right away. This is **VERY IMPORTANT** for emergency contact.
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.**

NUT FREE ZONE ALLERGY ALERT!

Some children and adults in our learning community have **serious allergies to peanuts and ALL tree nut products.**

DO NOT send items containing these products with your child to school. Please ensure that all nut product residue is washed from hands before coming to school. You will be notified of any further allergens 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 helping us keep all of our children safe!

School Safety and Communication

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 picks up messages in the early morning and between the hours of 11:30-12:30 daily. Our secretary will clear messages and pass these along. We want to know that all children are safe. We offer safe arrival calls for walking students.

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 working toward a paperless notification

through e-mail distribution as well, 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 buses only and our walkway is to be free of traffic at all times.**

Supervision of the playground will begin at 8:00 am for students being dropped off or walking to school. **Please do not drop your child off assuming there will be supervision any earlier.** 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 pre-arranged 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.

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!

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 weeks or as soon as we have volunteers. Please call the school if you can help any day (Monday-Thursday) at noon or on



Friday mornings to tabulate orders and to 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.

Our **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. Any donations are welcomed!



We do require immediate volunteers to assist with breakfast. 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.

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!

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

Welcome back Hubbard Hurricanes!