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A **Hubbard Welcome** to both our new and returning families and students. We are looking forward to another year of learning together at Hubbard School. Thank you for your support during the challenges of last year, and while we are not out of the woods with routines to mitigate COVID, we are looking forward to being together. I can assure you that we 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 learning about updated and prioritized curriculum and learning about safe school protocols for this second school year opening during a pandemic. While some restrictions have eased a bit, we continue to practice mandatory safety routines as per public health. (See reverse for details and keep up to date on information as it is shared). We look forward to working with you with mutual respect and cooperation toward achievement and safety this year.

We continue to be committed to making Hubbard School be the greatest that it can be, and need your help to support your child at school! Happy New Year!
Mrs. Loker-French & Staff

Hubbard Happenings

School Parent Newsletter

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**B. Loker-French,
Principal**

**C. Miller
Vice-Principal**

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 important notices and reminders for you that may answer some questions that you have, and informs you of the details associated with the beginning of a new school year.

NOTE! TENTATIVE CLASSES

The class that your child has been assigned, may change before next week's end as our enrollment numbers may warrant gains/losses in teachers across the district. 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 and large class numbers in our transient community. We ask for your support if this is needed.

STUDENT FEES

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

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.

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.

ORIENTATION 2021

Teachers will be contacting you regarding class orientation, which will happen electronically and/or virtually, as we are not permitted to hold open houses due to COVID restrictions. A common understanding of class and school expectations is critical to helping one another, so keep an eye on emails and school messenger for information. It is really important that you remain connected with your child's teacher who will send important electronic communication regularly. If this poses a difficulty for you, please call your child's teacher.

BUS POLICIES & ARRIVAL Just a reminder of our district's bus policy— **there are no bus transfers available unless it is necessary for an extreme emergency.** Daily changes are not permitted.



Parents are to have a primary location for bus travel to and from school. In cases of shared custody, or transportation approved exceptions, a schedule for specified days is needed in advance. If you have any questions regarding transportation, please call District Transportation @ 357-4256. They will answer any of your questions. **Bus numbers will change for some on Fridays at noon!**


Ensure that **your child knows his/her address and phone number.** By this age students should know this information. Please practice this with your child.

Morning supervision for students being dropped-off or walking begins at 8:00 am, but not earlier. Please ensure you have child-care arrangements made for early morning. The doors are locked before this time and supervision is not in place except for early bus arrivers. Our staff are engaged in getting ready for the day and for your child's programming, please respect this.

PARENT HOMEWORK

1. Return **Registration Forms** to your child's teacher by the end of the first week please. This is **IMPORTANT** in case of emergency. The first 2 classes with **EVERY** form returned wins a class pizza 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, or use our preferred Cash Online method.
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 in case of emergency.
4. Bring **any custody concerns or arrangements** to our attention as well as **medical conditions** such as allergies, acute conditions or asthma for example. Thanks!

ALLERGY ALERT!

Hubbard is a PEANUT & NUT FREE ZONE! 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. This includes products such as Nutella. If you use Wow Butter, please send a note in with the product to indicate so. 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 or snacks.

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

Our **Lunch Program** is being organized and notices will be sent home. Please ensure that you send a nutritious lunch and snack to school daily.

Healthy & Safe Schools

Being **Safe at School** continues to focus on COVID routines and practices that will help us mitigate risks as directed by public health in the Healthy and Safe Schools document. Please see the information below:

Illness: Students who present with **two or more COVID symptoms while at school will be asked to put on their mask and wait in the lobby for pick up within an hour.** Parents are advised to take appropriate measures according to Public Health, including contacting 811 for a COVID test. Students and staff with two or more symptoms or who are feeling sick, are asked to stay home.

When the student is symptom free, the student can return to school. Students or staff with one symptom will wear a mask at all times.

Hygiene Practices: Hand sanitizing stations will be available in each classroom and school entrance.

Classroom windows will be opened regularly. Teachers may engage students in outdoor learning as well. As well, teachers will teach and monitor good respiratory hygiene etiquette and hand-washing with students.

Students are to sanitize their hands upon entry to the building and with use of the gym and the library.

Masks: Students and staff will wear masks when in common areas i.e., wash-room, hallways, busses, entering/exiting the building. No masks will be required outside.

Buff masks (those which hang between nose to neck) are not permitted.

Safety Drills and Practices: At school we will be practicing **routine fire drills and secure the building exercises** to prepare students in the event of an emergency. While these practices can create some excitement and nervousness, it is better to know what to do in advance!

School Hours/Safe Arrival classes begin for all students at 8:25 am. 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. If you are calling about end of day changes, please do so on or before 2:30 so we can ensure the message is not missed.

Visiting our School: Upon arrival, please ring the doorbell and wait outside the main doors for your child to come to the office.

Parents and caregivers in all schools enter school by appointment only. Visitors who have permission to enter the school will be required to wear a mask and be signed in for contact tracing. Please understand that this is to protect each other as per guidelines and to ensure we know who is in the building as usual.

When needing to pick up students early, parents/caregiver are asked to inform the homeroom teacher and office in advance.

Student Pick-Up and Drop-Off Please use the front of the school when dropping off or picking up students. The earliest drop off is 8:00 am and students are ready for pick up by 3:15 pm (12:00 pm on Fridays). Please be patient, give yourself ample time, and follow the flow of traffic, so we can ensure safety!

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 or committees to support your children. Please consider a bit of your time or effort to help, within the COVID boundaries this year.

How do I become a Volunteer?

Look for the volunteer form that will be coming home within the next two weeks. 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 and takes only a few days.

If you hope to volunteer this year, **proof of double vaccination needs to be presented at the office.**

Thank you!

We do require immediate volunteers to assist with breakfast and Lunch Program. We cannot begin the program until volunteers are in place and hope to do so within the next 2-3 weeks. Lunch program requires delivery to classes at noon (about 40 min. commitment) and on Fridays, we



need volunteers to tabulate orders, count and roll money. This is a great time to meet other parents and get to know the staff. Please call the school if you can help during the noon hour one day a week or or Fridays at 9:00.

Every bit helps!



Welcome Back
A good start so far!

How and When to Contact our Staff-Stay Informed!

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.

Please do not rely on stopping by to catch a teacher. Appointments will be necessary to come to school for teachers and office. We want to have time to properly discuss your child, so feel free to write a note in the student agenda, email or leave a message at the office with our secretary. Teachers and staff 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, identified or defamed. This often breaks down relationships. We are 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!

Each homeroom teacher has set up a distribution list for their class and information will be sent by email/or other digital means. If we need to revert to at home learning, getting set up is critical to getting work.

A whole school messenger is sent out from time to time, with most information coming through your child's teacher.

Our school Website and FB addresses:

<https://secure1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-W/hubbard/Pages/About-Us.aspx>
<https://www.facebook.com/Hubbard-Avenue-Elementary-School-101947037895953/>