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# October Newsletter

October 5-9 Walk and Roll Event October 5-9 **Fire Prevention Week** October 7-8 **Science East presentations** October 12 Thanksgiving Day Holiday- no school October 13-23 Kindergarten Registration October 19 **Cross Country Run Awards** October 19 Playground Committee Meeting at 6 pm October 19-23 Safe Schools Week October 23 October Birthday Cake **School Halloween Parties** October 30

### **Halloween Activities**

We are unable to hold our annual Fall Fun Night this year due to the many restrictions currently in place because of Covid-19. We will have a Halloween/Fall theme on 30th to celebrate the day and the theme will carry over into Literacy, Math, and other subject areas! Students are encouraged to dress up if they would like to and we will have treat bags and fun in classrooms. We are not able to receive food from home this year for parties, but the school will provide something for each classroom. Art Richard will do a virtual concert for the kids that day to participate in as well from their classroom.

#### **Trunk or Treat**

"Trunk or Treat is happening this year! We've been thinking on how to do Trunk or Treat in this "New Normal" and the best and safest way is a drive-thru. We want to take advantage of Halloween being on a Saturday and people's concerns about doing the event in the dark, so this year it will be held from 2-4pm. We will have cars lined up and decorated for you to view from your vehicle as you drive past, then at the end of the line, we'll safely pass you a fully loaded treat bag! You can also vote for your favourite trunk and the winner will receive the coveted trophy! If you would like more information, or would like to contribute candy or a trunk, email ryan@theridgechurch.ca"

### Kindergarten Registration

Registration for students for next year's Kindergarten class takes place between Oct. 13 and 23. All children who will be 5 as of Dec. 31, 2021 need to register. If you have a child that will be attending here next year you need to register your child online and then you will receive a call from the school. We will arrange a time for you to come and complete your registration. Only one person should come in to register for your child at the school. Wearing a mask is mandatory. Please bring photocopies or scanned copies of your child's birth certificate, Medicare card and immunization documents (if possible); if not, we will copy them for you. Please note: All immunizations must be in order prior to starting school in September 2021. Proof of Immunization is required by the Health Act and Education Act for all students entering school for the first time in NB. Please provide an Immunization Card or letter from the Doctor. Information about the routine childhood immunization schedule in NB can be found on the Govt' of NB, Dept. of Health website http://www.gnb.ca/0053/public health/immunizatione.asp. If you have any questions or concerns about the required immunizations for school entry, please call Public Health in Fredericton at 453-8252. \*\*If registration online is not possible, please reach out to your school to schedule an appointment to register onsite.

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### **SRC** Election Results

Congratulations to our new student council. Voting took place in grade 5 classrooms on October 2. President: Cynthia vanOord, VP: Haley Young, VP Sports: Layleh Trail, Secretary: Brooklyn Swan, Treasurer: Jordan Levesque and Activities Coordinator: Maddy Sharp. Meetings take place every Tuesday at 12:30.

### **Science East**

We are excited to have Science East visit our school on October 7 and 8 and do a presentation for each class in their bubble. Members of Science East will wear appropriate protective equipment, will sanitize between each class and will be screened before entering the building. The following explain what each grade level will do: Kindergarten- Code-a-Pillars - In this hands-on workshop, students will use sequences to communicate effectively with a robot the Code-a-Pillar. This caterpillar is segmented - each segment represents an instruction. Students will begin by replicating patterns provided by the educator, and then work on making their own sequence to achieve a desired goal. **Grade I** - Botley - In this hands-on workshop, students will engage with coding and debugging as they work to move Botley to a desired goal. Grade 2 - Botley - In this hands-on workshop, students will engage with debugging, loops, and if/then statements as they work to move Botley through selfconstructed mazes. **Grade 3** - Ozobots - Using their observations of their communities, students will work collaboratively to create an Ozobot community! Color codes will be used to control the "traffic" flow in new and creative ways. Grade 4 - Ozobots - What does it take to survive? In this hands-on workshop, students will explore the four basic components for organisms to survive - food, water, space, and shelter - as they use codes to maneuver Ozobots through different environments. **Grade 5** - Spheros - Time for a Robo-Battle! Students will observe the properties of provided materials to provide the best offense and defense to head into battle with!



### 7 Habits for Happy Kids

At NES students have been trained in Stephen Covey's 7 Habits and we have adopted these as our code of conduct. Each month students will discuss one of the habits in depth as a class. This month's habit is Be Proactive.

### **Terry Fox**

We would like to thank you for your donations in support of our run last month. We raised \$ \$393.00 We also would like to thank Hoyts Orchards for their donation of apples and Av Nackawic for their donation of water for students to enjoy after the Terry Fox walk on October 2. We also want to thank Tanya Perry, our AV Nackawic volunteer for helping to deliver the snack break.

### **Cross Country Run**

NES will have a cross country team for grades 3, 4, and 5 this year. Students will have an opportunity to run during PE classes as apart of our fitness unit. This unit I began the last week of September, during the final week of our fitness unit. Students interested in competing against other schools will have a timed race at school within their bubble. Their times will be compared to other schools within our district, with the top 5 places receiving ribbons. Our hope is that parents will also encourage and support their child in their training at home as well. Grade 3 students will run I km, grade 4 will run I.5 km and grade 5 will run 2 Km. School races will be completed by October I6 and with the top students receiving ribbons on October I9.

### **Playground Committee**

We are looking to recruit some new members for our playground committee. This committee meets a couple times in the fall and a couple times in the spring to plan some fundraisers for our playground. We are currently working towards purchasing a new structure that would be comparable to the blue structure but for the primary side of the playground. We meet at 6pm on Mondays and we have our first meeting set for the 19th. We are meeting virtually over Teams this year. If you would like to join us please plan on attending our first meeting!



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### **School Bus Safety**

Students will have an opportunity to practice school bus safety rules this month during Safe Schools Week. Here are some of the rules to review with your child:

- I. Obey the driver promptly.
- 2. Avoid any unnecessary conversation with the driver while the bus is in motion.
- 3. Respect the driver and fellow passengers.
- 4. Arrive on time and stand away from the roadway while waiting for the school bus.
- 5. Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before moving to get on.
- 6. When crossing the road, wait for the driver's signal and always cross at least 3 meters in front of the bus. Never cross behind the bus.
- 7. Always keep a safe distance around the school bus.
- 8. Go directly to your seat; allow others to sit with you. Remain seated.
- 9. Sit facing forward, with your belongings on your lap or under the seat. Keep the aisle clear.
- Obtain approval of the driver to open windows or emergency door. Nothing must hang out or be thrown out of the windows of the bus.
- 11. Talk quietly. Silence is required when approaching a railway crossing.
- 12. Eating and drinking are not allowed on the bus. Smoking is forbidden.
- 13. Neither pets nor large objects are allowed on the bus.
- 14. Anyone who intentionally damages the bus will be held responsible.
- 15. Dress according to weather conditions. For safety reasons, avoid draw stings or loose objects on clothing and backpacks.

Please support our bus drivers.



### Safe Schools Week/Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention week will be highlighted at school on Oct 5-9. We will run a full fire drill with the fire dept. responding on Oct. 6. Oct. 19-23 will be Safe Schools Week. We will be going through an emergency medical drill, a lock down drill and have lessons on bus safety this week. Information has gone home with students regarding fire safety. We appreciate the Fire Department and bus drivers helping us with these lessons.



### **Important Reminders**

- Please have walkers to the school between 8 am and 8:15 so students are not walking between or beside busses. If you are running late, walkers can come after 8:25 am.
- Please pay school fee right away of \$20
- Please make sure meal forms are still filled out when ordering online.
- Please ensure your child has a mask and water bottle every day. Students cannot take juice boxes, milk and pop to the gym and after being active for 50 minutes, they really need a drink of water. Our fountains only have water bottle fillers and no spouts to get drinks.
- Please return permission slips given to 3-5 walkers regarding their after-school arrangement. We need to know if they are allowed to walk home on their own and that someone is there to supervise them.
- Please return all permission slips and forms that were sent home to be filled out. This information is very important for us to have.
- It is wise for our younger students to have a change of clothes in case they get wet or dirty at recess.

### **October Birthdays**

Happy birthday to our students with birthdays this month. We will celebrate on Oct. 23 to honor our birthday students and they will each receive a cupcake courtesy of our partner, Cal's Independent Grocer. Birthdays this month include: Avery Maillet, Marshall Pike, Jack VanHorne, Halleigh Coulter, Bella Cerro Barrett, Hunter Denny, Layla Cluff, Brayden Greencorn, Mallory Sharp, Sadie Knox, Luna Gillet, Matthew Kaley, Bryson Crandlemire, Jayden O'Donnell, William Staples, Aiden MacFarlane, Mya Fox-Grant, Blake Pollock, Mme Rogers and Mrs. Morehouse. We appreciate the Independent Grocer for donating a birthday cake for our students and staff each month.



### Walk and Roll

NES classes will join thousands of New Brunswickers as they Walk & Roll for 15 minutes between October 5-9 to show support for persons with disabilities. Classes will be learning about disabilities and go for a walk in the neighborhood. Some classes will also be participating in a virtual presentation by inspirational speaker Amberley Snyder on Tuesday, October 6th. She is a barrel racer who has fought her way back from tragedy and tells her story. She continues to compete in rodeos across the western United States. You can watch the movie WALK RIDE RODEO on NETFLIX to see her true story.



### **NES Healthy Minds**

We would like to thank our most recent donors: Judy Fox and UNIFOR Local 219. Just a reminder we spend our donated funds on food for breakfast and lunches, bottled water as we can only use our fountains to fill our water bottles and sometimes, we forget them at home, and for toys for our bins to play with at recess time. All of this is keeping our minds healthy at school! Inquiries can be forwarded to Mrs. Priest at 575-6000.

### **PSSC**

The Parent School Support Committee would like to welcome everyone back to a new school year. We met last month and are very happy to welcome back some returning members and happy to see some new members join. The members are as following:

Veronica Sears - Chair Kelsey Davidson - Vice Chair Sarah McGuigan Angie Springer Mike Agrell Vanessa MacDonald Melissa Rockwell Nicole Priest - Teacher Rep

We meet several times a year to discuss school improvement and policy. If you have any questions reach out to one of us or take part in one of our meetings. It is open to the public. Our next meeting is November 18 at 6pm.

### Thanksgiving Holiday

There will be no school on Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> to recognize Thanksgiving. From the staff at NES we hope you take time to enjoy your family and friends on this occasion.

