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October Newsletter

October 4-8	Fire Prevention Week
October 11	Thanksgiving Day Holiday- no school
October 12	Java Moose Fundraiser ends- return forms
October 12-15	Kindergarten Registration
October 18	Cross Country Run Awards
October 18	Playground Committee Meeting at 6 pm
October 18-22	Safe Schools Week
October 29	October Birthday Cupcakes
October 29	School Halloween Parties

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 the 29th to celebrate the day and the theme will carry over into Literacy, Math, Gym and other subject areas! Students are encouraged to wear their costumes if they would like (no weapons please) and we will have fun in classrooms. We are able to receive party food from home this year, but it must be prepackaged and nothing homemade. We also have students allergic to nuts so nothing with nuts or may contain nuts should be sent in. Teachers will organize party food for their own classrooms for the day.

Java Moose Fundraiser

Our first fundraiser of the year started on September 27th and wraps up on October 12th. Please return all forms to the school on the 12th. Orders will be filled before Christmas. The top sales person will receive a hundred dollars' worth of books from the bookfair in November and the top selling class will receive a hundred dollars' worth of books for their classroom. All funds will go towards new tech for our classrooms! We thank you in advance for your support.



Kindergarten Registration

Registration for students for next year's Kindergarten class takes place between Oct. 12th and 15th. All children who will be five as of Dec. 31st, 2021, need to register. If you have a child that will be attending here next year you need to register your child online if possible at <https://secure1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-W/kindergarten/Pages/default.aspx> 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 and we ask you sanitize at the door and sign in. 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 2022. **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/immunization-e.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 our school to schedule an appointment to register onsite at 575-6000.

SRC Election Results

Congratulations to our new student council. Voting took place in September. President: Sidney Bourgoïn, VP: Kristen Eastwood, VP Sports: Leah Barrett, Secretary: Mallory Sharp, Treasurer: Victoria Brewer and other reps include: Jenna Lee Sharpe, Amelia van Oord, June Furey, Layla McGuigan, Dawson Pollock, Winrey Staples and Isabel MacLaughlin. Meetings take place every Tuesday at 10:30.

Good News Item

We would like to thank the students from NHS in Mr. Calder's gym class for refreshing our outdoor classroom after it has been vandalized. Mme Fournier's grade 1 class created a video plea on YouTube to preserve our outdoor classroom that went viral. The quick response from the high school was greatly appreciated. Mrs. Graham's high school class has committed to repainting the rocks that are missing and placing them back where they belong. We really appreciate all the support!

New Rapid Testing Program

Starting October 12th, unvaccinated students identified as close contacts with a confirmed case will receive rapid test boxes and instructions. Test boxes will be distributed to parents directly by the school or district. Students will be required to self-isolate for a period of at least 24 hours, during which time they are to take the first two tests. Unless otherwise advised by Public Health, students will be able to return to school as soon as they have two negative tests with no symptoms. Students who do not participate in the program will be required to self-isolate and follow Public Health guidelines. Also, they will not take part in blended or online learning but will be provided with homework or other projects. Students and school staff, regardless of their vaccination status, who are identified as close contacts and who receive a positive result of COVID-19 or who present with ONE symptom, must stay at home and contact Public Health to receive a PCR test. Families need to be prepared for the fact that outbreak management decisions will continue to be made on a case-by-case basis. This means that students will likely have to continue distance learning at certain times in the coming year, in accordance with public health guidelines or for operational reasons. We are aware of the upheavals that these new measures can cause. We must continue to work together to enable our students to continue learning in healthy and safe schools.

Terry Fox

We would like to thank you for your donations in support of our run last month. We raised \$1171.30. 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 1st. We also thank Tanya Perry and Jeanette Garland for organizing the delivery of apples and water.

Cross Country Run

NES will continue our cross country run for grades 3, 4, and 5 but will organize it virtually. Students will have an opportunity to run during PE classes as a part 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 1 km, grade 4 will run 1.5 km and grade 5 will run 2 km. School races will be completed by October 15th and with the top students receiving ribbons on October 18th.

Playground Committee

We are looking to recruit some new members for our playground committee. This committee meets a few times in the fall and 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 18th. We are meeting virtually over Teams this year. If you would like to join us please plan on attending our first meeting by emailing Mr. Graham at larry.graham@nbed.nb.ca and he will send you an invite to the meeting.



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:

1. 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.
10. 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 strings or loose objects on clothing and backpacks.

Please support our bus drivers.



Safe Schools Week/Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention week takes place between Oct 4th-8th. We will run a full fire drill with the fire dept. responding during Safe Schools Week which is Oct. 18th-22th. We will be going through an emergency medical drill, a lock down drill and have lessons on bus safety this week. Information will go 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 8:10 so students are not walking between busses. Please use the cross walk for safety purposes.
- Please pay school fee right away of \$20
- Please make sure meal forms are still filled out when ordering online. They need to be completely filled out with all the information as they are cut apart and given to the restaurants.
- Please ensure your child has 2 masks and water bottle every day. Students cannot take juice boxes, milk and pop to the gym and after being active for 25 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 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.
- When calling in an absence please give the reason as we have to track why a student is absent. Please be specific as possible so we can assign the correct code.
- Gym takes place outside whenever possible so please send sneakers or comfortable footwear for being active.

October Birthdays

Happy birthday to our students with birthdays this month. We will celebrate on Oct. 29th to honor our birthday students and they will each receive a nut free mini cupcake courtesy of our partner, Cal's Independent Grocer. Birthdays this month include: Avery Maillet, Marshall Pike, 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, Jennifer MacDonald, Aiden MacFarlane, Marshall Palmer, Jaxon Vance, Hannah Ingram, Karlie Banville, Maxwell Brown, Mme Rogers and Mrs. Morehouse. .



Happy Birthday

Remembrance Day

We will hold a virtual Remembrance Day Assembly this year for classes to watch to honor the occasion and we will post this on our website. Class acts will be recorded on November 5th and our presentation will be ready to view on Nov. 10th at 11:00 am. The holiday will be observed on Thursday, November 11th.

**NES Healthy Minds**

Our school breakfast program is up and running 5 days a week. We have outdoor bins fully stocked with toys for each class to have to take outside at lunch recess time. We have extra snacks and water to top up lunches for those requiring more. This is where our donated monies go! We would like to thank our most recent donors: UNIFOR Local 219, Nana Sue (Sue Glazier), Kara English and Wayne and Judy Fox. Any inquiries about keeping our minds healthy at school can be directed to Mrs. Priest.

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 follows:

Veronica Sears - Chair
 Kelsey Davidson - Vice Chair
 Angie Springer
 Mike Agrell
 Vanessa MacDonald
 Melissa Rockwell
 Alicia Sharp
 Eden Tootoo
 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 17th at 6pm.

Thanksgiving Holiday

There will be no school on Monday, October 11th to recognize Thanksgiving. From the staff at NES we hope you take time to enjoy your family bubble on this occasion.

