



It is hard to believe that summer is behind us and September is here. "Back to School" is an exciting time; a time of new beginnings and a time to rekindle friendships. The Summerhill Street Elementary School staff has prepared for another learning-filled school year and are excited about having your children back. As parents, we encourage you to work with us to ensure that great things happen during the 2019-2020 school year.

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher at any time if you have questions or concerns. We look forward to working together with you.

COMMUNICATION

We encourage you to visit our **website** regularly for valuable information.

<http://summerhill.nbed.nb.ca>

For highlights and pictures of events that are happening at our school, please follow us on **Twitter** - @SummerhillSt

We also have **School Messenger** set up so you can receive texts, emails and phone messages from the school

Summerhill Bell Schedule

Monday to Thursday:

08:00 Supervision Begins Outside

08:25 Classes Begin

10:35 Morning Recess

10:55 Classes Resume

12:30 Lunch Recess

12:55 Lunch – Students Eat in Classrooms

1:15 Classes Resume

3:15 Dismissal

Friday:

10:35 Morning Recess

10:55 Classes Resume

12:05 Dismissal

Important Information – Changes to Morning Supervision

Due to busing reorganization this year, our first buses will not arrive until approx. 7:40 - 7:50 and morning supervision will not begin until that time. **It is very important that no students be dropped off at school prior to 7:50 as there will be no supervision provided.** Thank you for your assistance in this matter. **Drop off time is 8:00 a.m. and walkers can arrive by 8:00 a.m. as well.**

Summerhill Street Staff

Principal – Shannon Atherton

Vice Principal – Christie Jordan

Administrative Assistant - Crys Myrie

Grade 3 Teachers —Christie Jordan, Meagan Walsh-Graham, Jacqueline Rowan-Howe (F.I.), Winnie Clerk (F.I.)

Grade 4 Teachers -- Colleen Davidson, Sheila Morgan, Erin Jones (F.I.), Natalie Lavoie (F.I.)

Grade 5 Teachers—Melissa Morris, Carla Small, Tanya Drillen (F.I.)

Resource - Rebecca Keirstead

Guidance — Kandy Voutour

Physical Education — Cynthia Keizer

Music – Keegan Dobbelsteyn

Literacy – Shyanne McWilliams

Library — Melody Duncan

Educational Assistants — Serena Basque, Danielle MacBeth, Tony Merlo, Jess Mersereau, Dagmar Moore, Kim Pomeroy, Sandra Seeley, Erin Sullivan

Custodians—Theresa Holm & Lou Ann Smith



STAR SLIPS

At Summerhill Street Elementary School, our Mission Statement consists of our 3 Stars: **Be Respectful, Be Safe and Be Responsible.**

Our staff works on using proactive strategies to teach and model the 3 stars every day.

When students are observed showing these positive behaviours, staff members will give students a Star Slip which will be kept in a basket in the classroom. We will work on procedures and routines during the first few weeks of school so everyone understands what respectful, responsible and safe behaviour looks like at our school.

Drop-off and Pick Up

If you will be driving your child to and from school each day, it is extremely important that you follow the designated drop off and pick up area traffic flow. Please enter the second driveway (not the bus loading zone or parking lot), and proceed to the front of the building (main office doors). Please do not block the walk way to the front doors. You can drop your son or daughter off at this location. In order to maintain a safe and orderly environment for our students, we ask that parents and caregivers who are picking up their children at dismissal please wait outside the school building or in your vehicles until 3:15pm. Our school dismissal bell rings at 3:15pm. Teachers will deliver their walking/pick-up students to the front lobby and out the front doors to meet parents who are picking up students.



If you are picking your child up throughout the school day, please sign out your student at the front office with Mrs. Myrie.

Please do not use the bus loading zone for drop off or pick up. If you have any questions regarding drop off or pick up, please contact the administration and we would be happy to help you. We thank you for supporting us in keeping our building a safe and positive learning environment for all.

Go Green

Summerhill St Elementary School saves a significant amount of paper each year by sending out our monthly newsletters by email. Today, you received a paper copy of the monthly newsletter; however, after this month, all newsletters will be sent by email. If you do not have access to a computer and would still like a paper copy we would be happy to send one home with your son or daughter. At the end of this newsletter, there is a form to detach and send back to the school if you would like to receive a paper copy. If we don't hear from you, we will assume that you will be reading the newsletter by email or as posted on our website. Thank you very much for helping us conserve paper!

School Procedures

All families are asked to read the first 12 pages of your child's agenda. This handbook will give you the information you need concerning the school – policies, expectations, Student Code of Conduct. Parent and child are requested to sign at the end of the handbook section, indicating that they have read the pages. The agenda will be provided at the end of this week or early next week, at the latest.

A friendly reminder that the \$10.00 student fees are due as soon as possible. Payment can be made through School Cash Online.

Be advised that this year we will be following the Afternoon School Bus Stops Policy, which came into effect in the fall of 2013. You can read more about it on page 9 in the agenda.

School Cash Online

School Cash Online helps parents and community members pay school-related fees safely, quickly and easily. By using "School Cash Online", you help increase efficiency and security at schools by making payments directly into your school's bank account...no more worrying about sending your child to school with cash. Plus, you can easily remain informed of your child's activities and needs!

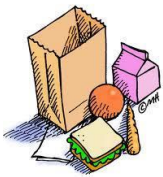
Powered by KEV Group, "School Cash Online" is the industry leader in school financial management. The new system puts all of the school fees available to your student online for purchase. As a school, we post our items and activities through the system and assign the relevant fees to your student. You can then choose to purchase these fees online through three different methods, including credit cards. You can also stay informed and keep track of which school fees require your attention.

You are now able to register – a simple task that takes less than two minutes – by visiting anglophonewest.schoolcashonline.com or following the link from our website at www.summerhill.nbed.nb.ca and navigating your way to the School Cash Online page. You will need your child's last name, first name and date of birth to register. Should you encounter any difficulties, you can use the parent help desk at 1(866) 961-1803 or by visiting schoolcashonline.com/Home/Support.

Milk Program

All students at Summerhill Street Elementary School will have an opportunity to have white or chocolate milk each day, Monday to Thursday, for lunch starting on Sept 30, 2019. Milk orders for the 1st three months will be available through School Cash Online on September 9, 2019 and are due by September 20. It will no longer be available after the due date. If ordering online presents a difficulty for you, please advise your teacher and we will make arrangements for you to receive a paper copy. Unfortunately, milk cannot be sold on a daily basis and needs to be pre-ordered.

Nutrition Programs



Our school offers a hot lunch program for students. On Tuesday, in the past, we offer pizza from a local restaurant. Food is prepared in-house on Wednesday and Thursday by Parent Volunteers. Order forms will be posted on School Cash Online once a month and will no longer be available after the due date. Due to the fact that special planning needs to be done in advance, we are unable to accept late orders. If ordering online presents a difficulty for you, please advise your teacher and we will make arrangements for you to receive a paper copy.

For those who have missed breakfast or find themselves unexpectedly hungry, we offer a simple grab-and-go breakfast every morning – toast, sometimes cereal, and hard-boiled eggs (provided weekly by the Food Bank). We have been successful in procuring a grant from PC Children's Charity this year to help with the costs of the Breakfast Program. That being said, donations of breakfast foods are still gratefully accepted. We expect the program to be operational by October.

The Hot Lunch program is paid for by parents and run by Parent Volunteers. While we will not see our students go hungry, we do not have the funds to provide meals to students on a regular basis. Parents are requested to ensure that sufficient food is packed for snack and lunch each day. We can help in case of a forgotten lunch or emergency. We are searching for a few volunteers to help with the hot lunch program...a few hours on either Wednesday or Thursday.

Because of the increasing costs of food and materials, we will no longer be able to provide disposable utensils to students. Please ensure your

child has the utensils they need each day for their food. Thank you for your assistance.

Nut-Free Zone

Summerhill is designated a NUT-FREE school due to students who are allergic to peanuts and tree nuts. Please refrain from sending peanut butter or any nut-related product in your child's lunch. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at 357-4098.



Parent Volunteers

Our amazing volunteers are an essential part of the family that makes up the Summerhill Street Elementary School community. There are many opportunities to help. Some of these are ongoing, such as helping with the Nutrition programs. Other opportunities involve single events, such as our fundraising events or special occasions. Each year, we need new volunteers. Parents are encouraged to contact the school to determine how you can share in your child's educational experience here at Summerhill as a volunteer. For the safety of all children, any volunteer who will have unsupervised access to students will need to first complete a criminal record check for the vulnerable sector as well as a sign-off document indicating a review of Provincial Policy 701 has been completed.

Parent School Support Committee (PSSC)

The PSSC is a valuable support committee of parents that meets about once per month. All PSSC meetings are open to the public and we encourage parents to attend. Monthly minutes are posted to the website upon approval by the committee. Please see Shannon Atherton if you have any questions about PSSC.

Last year, the PSSC and the school advocated for a new sidewalk adjacent to Ellerslie Street and we are excited to see this work has started. This will give more space for students who are walking in that direction much more space to walk on. Thank you to last year's PSSC members for working so hard on this!

Terry Fox Walk/Run

The Terry Fox Run is scheduled for September 27. Students who would like to donate \$1 to The Terry Fox Foundation are encouraged to do so on this date. Please send your child’s donation in an envelope or baggie marked *Terry Fox Run*. A letter will be coming home to explain our school’s involvement in the run.

Safe Schools Week

Traditionally, we have Safe Schools Week at the end of September or beginning of October. Our school will be practicing a fire drill, a “bus evacuation”, a “school evacuation” to an alternate site (Kings Arrow Arena), and a “secure the building” exercise where we practice what we would do if we had an intruder inside or outside the school. Teachers will discuss procedures with students prior to the scheduled practice session.

Physical Education

Our Phys Ed teacher, Mrs. Keizer, has many activities planned for the month of September. She is currently working on Cross Country and plans to start the Kilometer Club during the first couple weeks of school. Stay tuned for more details!

<u>DATES TO REMEMBER: Mark Your Calendar</u>	
Sept. 3	Welcome Back!
Sept. 3	Forms & Letters Coming Home: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Collection Sheet • Military Families Info sheet (optional) • Transportation Info Sheet • Student Photo Consent Form <p>Please return all forms by Sept 6th</p> <p>\$10 Student Fees are also due (available online)</p>
Sept. 9	School Milk and Hot Lunch orders available online. If online ordering presents a difficulty, please speak with your teacher and we will provide a paper copy of the order forms.
Sept. 20	Hot Lunch/Milk orders due
Sept. 21	Becca Schofield Day – Becca Told Me to Day (Random Act of Kindness)
Sept. 27	Terry Fox Walk at 11:00
Sept. 30	Orange Shirt Day
Sept. 30	1 st day for milk program
Oct. 1	1 st day for Hot Lunch program
Oct. 9	Picture Day

Please continue to send a paper copy of the school newsletter home with

Child’s Name: _____ **in**

Teacher: _____ **class.**