

Last week, we experienced what it was like to walk in the halls again and to hear our students back in the classrooms. “Back to School” is an exciting time; a time of new beginnings and a time to rekindle friendships. The Summerhill Street Elementary School staff is prepared for a great year with our Summerhill Stars. It will be a year with many changes and differences, but one that will be filled with amazing learning experiences. As parents, we encourage you to work with us to ensure that great things happen during the 2020-2021 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.

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)

**Summerhill Bell Schedule**

**Monday to Thursday:**

 **08:20 Classes Begin**

**Staggered Morning Recess**

Grade 3 9:55 – 10:10

Grade 4 10:15 – 10:30

Grade 5 10:35 – 10:50

**Staggered Lunch Recess**

Grade 3 11:50 – 12:10

Grade 4 11:55 – 12:15

Grade 5 12:20 – 12:40

 **2:55 – Walking students/Pick up**

**3:05 – Bus departure**

**Friday:**

 Same Arrival times and recess schedule

 **\*\*\*\* 11:55 – Walking students/Pick up**

**\*\*\*\* 12:00 Bus students depart**

**Important Information – Changes to Morning Supervision**

Our first buses arrive at approximately 7:40 and we have duty teachers at the bus zone ensuring physical distancing and making sure that students sanitize their hands as they walk in. **It is very important that students are not dropped off at school prior to 8:05 as there will be no supervision provided at the front doors.** Thank you for your assistance in this matter. **Drop off time is 8:05 a.m. and walkers can arrive by 8:05 a.m. as well.**

**Summerhill Street Staff**

**Principal –** Shannon Atherton

**Vice Principal** – Christie Jordan

**Administrative Assistant** - Crys Myrie

**Grade 3 Team** — Meagan Walsh-Graham, Mark Niles, Shyanne McWilliams, Jacqueline Rowan Howe (FI)

**Grade 4 Team** -- Colleen Davidson, Christie Jordan, Tyler Wood (FI), Winnie Clerk (Grade ¾ FI)

**Grade 5 Team**—Melissa Morris, Carla Small, Tanya Drillen (FI), Natalie Lavoie (FI), Sheila Morgan

**Resource** - Rebecca Keirstead

**Guidance** — Kandy Voutour

**Physical Education** — Cynthia Keizer

**Music –** Neng Makhot

**Library** — Melody Duncan

**Educational Assistants** — Serena Basque, Danielle MacBeth, Tony Merlo, Jess Mersereau, Angela Drummond, Daniel Tynes, Kristi St-Hilaire, Patti Taylor, Kim Pomeroy, Sandra Seeley, Erin Sullivan

**Custodians**—Theresa Holm & Lou Ann Smith

**Physical Education**

**Our Phys. Ed. teacher, Mrs. Keizer, loves to go outside and will take students outside as long as it is not raining. Students need to be dressed for any kind of weather. Please make sure you have outdoor sneakers for Physical Education!**

**COVID-19 OPERATIONAL PLAN UPDATES**

* In the Return to School document in Appendix A: Use of a Community Mask, it states in the second bullet the following:

***A community mask should be at least two layers of tightly woven fabric, that covers the nose, mouth, and sides of the face. We have received a communication from EECD that a buff or neck scarf does not meet the requirements of a community mask.***

* **Please ensure that your child brings two clean community masks that meet the requirements with them daily. Students should also have a storage bag (cloth bag or container) to put the mask in when they are on the playground or in Phys. Ed and may not be wearing their mask.**

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, we will give students a Star Slip. We are having our FIRST VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY and students who have received a STAR SLIP will have the slip entered for a prize. We will work on procedures and routines during the first few weeks of school and expect respectful, responsible and safe behaviour at all times.

**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 while keeping in mind it is **20 km/hour.** 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 in the parking lot or in your vehicles. Our walkers and students getting picked up are leaving the building at approx. 2:55 p.m. and are coming out the front doors with others in their class to meet parents who are picking up students.

If you are picking your child up throughout the school day, please remember to ring the bell and let Mrs. Myrie know who you are picking up. She will call your child down to meet you outside the front doors. We have a basket at the front door for belongings being dropped off. All these procedures are in place to help limit the amount of visitors during the day.

**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 Summerhill School handbook that was given out last week. It is also posted on our school website. This handbook will give you the information you need concerning the school – policies, expectations, Student Code of Conduct, schedules and more. Parent and child are requested to sign at the end of the handbook section, indicating that they have read the pages.

A friendly reminder that the $50.00 School supply fees are due as soon as possible.

**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.

**Nutrition Programs**

Our school will offer a hot lunch program for students, however, we will not be starting this until sometime in October. We plan to order from outside agencies this year. 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.

We have been successful in procuring a grant from PC Children’s Charity this year to help with the costs of the Breakfast Program. We expect the program to be operational by October. Food will be delivered to the classroom and be replenished 2-3 times a week by volunteers.

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. Parents are encouraged to contact the school to determine how you can share in your child’s educational experience here at Summerhill as a Parent 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.

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| **DATES TO REMEMBER: Mark Your Calendar** |
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| Due Sept. 18  | Forms & Letters Coming Home:* Data Collection Sheet
* Military Families Info sheet (optional)
* Student Photo Consent Form

**Please return all forms by Sept 18th**$50 School Supply fee are also due (available online) |
| Sept. 17 | First Virtual School Assembly  |
| Sept. 19 | Becca Schofield Day – Kindness Day  |
| Sept. 30 | Orange Shirt Day  |
| October 4-9  | Wellness Week |
| October 4 – 10  | Fire Safety Week  |
| October 12 | Thanksgiving Day |
| October 17 – 23  | Safe Schools Week  |
| November 11 | Remembrance Day  |
| November 20  | PL Day for Teachers |
| December 1  | Report Cards Issued  |

**Parent School Support Committee (PSSC)**

The PSSC is a valuable support committee of parents that meets about once per month. The group of parents is involved in the improvement of our school and provides guidance in setting education goals and the learning environment of students.

 This year, we will have our first meeting virtually through Microsoft Teams.

All PSSC meetings are open to the public and we encourage parents to participate. Monthly minutes are posted to the website upon approval by the committee.

Currently, we have a few spots open for this year. Please email Mrs. Atherton by Friday, Sept. 18 if you are interested in joining the PSSC and we will determine whether we will need an election.

 **Safe Schools Week**

We will have Safe Schools Week in October. During the first few weeks of school, we will practice having a fire drill at least two times.

During Safe Schools Week, 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.

 

**We will be selling Java Moose coffee as a Fall fundraiser. Please look for the forms to come home next week!**

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| **Please continue to send a paper copy of the school newsletter home with** **Child’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in****Teacher:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ class.** |

**Please fill this out ONLY if you want a paper copy:**

**PLEASE ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS AND RETURN**

**THIS SHEET TO SCHOOL:**

**NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS THAT WILL HELP WITH DATA COLLECTION FOR EECD:**

1. **Does your child have access to a device (computer, laptop or tablet) at home to continue learning through the day.**

**If you have 2 children and only 1 tool available, please choose YES for one child and NO for your second child)?**

 **YES or NO**

1. **Does your child have Internet access at home?**

 **YES or NO**