



“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 like last one where we navigate many changes, but the year will be one that will be filled with amazing learning experiences. We look forward to working with you to ensure that great things happen during the 2021-2022 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.

You can meet your child’s teacher Tuesday night through the Virtual Teams event. Your child’s teacher will be sending out a link to invite 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 (@StarsSummerhill)

Summerhill Bell Schedule

Monday to Friday: 8:25 Morning Bell rings

Staggered Morning Recess
 Cluster A and B – 10:00 – 10:20
 Cluster C and D – 10:25 – 10:45

Staggered Lunch Recess
 Cluster A and B – 12:05 – 12:25
 Cluster C and D – 12:30 – 12:50

3:10 - Walking students/Pick up start to leave
3:15 – Bus departure

Friday:

Same Arrival times and recess schedule

****** 12:00 Students are dismissed**

Important Information – Changes to Morning Supervision

Our first few busses arrive at approximately 7:30 a.m. and we have a duty teacher in the hallway making sure that students sanitize their hands as they walk in. The first few students off the bus are staying in the hallway and then they will go to their classrooms. **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.** Students are going to their classrooms again this year.

Summerhill Street Staff

Principal – Shannon Atherton

Acting Vice-Principal – Sheila Morgan

Administrative Assistant - Crys Myrie

Grade 3 Teachers — Meagan Walsh-Graham, Neng Makhot, Jacqueline Rowan Howe (French Immersion)

Grade ¾ Teachers – Michelle Fife (Grade ¾), Winnie Clerk (Grade ¾ French Immersion)

Grade 4 Teachers -- Colleen Davidson, Sheila Morgan, Natalie Lavoie (French Immersion)

Grade 5 Teachers—Melissa Morris (Intensive French), Carla Small (Intensive French), Michaela Miller/Erin Jones (back in Nov.) (Intensive French), Tanya Drillen (French Immersion)

Resource - Rebecca Keirstead

Guidance/Resource — Kandy Voutour

Physical Education — Cynthia Keizer

Music – Andrea Dias

Library — Barbara Podanovitch

Educational Assistants — Serena Basque, Danielle MacBeth, Tony Merlo, Daniel Tynes, Kim Pomeroy, Sandra Seeley, Kayla Boudreau

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!

HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN UPDATES

- A new memo went home on Friday from Mr. McTimoney detailing changes to the new guidelines. Since we already have a staggered recess and lunch, we are able to have less people in common areas during these transition times. We also have only 3 classes outside on one half of the playground and 3 classes on the other half at each given recess/lunch time. Students do not need their masks on outside, but they have been reminded to keep them on until they are on the playground and put them on while lining up.
- Please ensure that your child brings two clean community masks that meet the requirements with them daily. The changes require them to wear their mask in Phys. Ed if it is taught indoors.
- We have received a communication from EECD that a **buff or neck scarf** does not meet the requirements of a community 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 had our FIRST VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY during the first week of school and reviewing the expectations at Summerhill. Students look forward to STAR PATROL every Friday where we do a STAR SLIP draw in classrooms and give away PRIZES! We will work on procedures and routines during the first few weeks of school and expect respectful, responsible and safe behaviour at all times. So far, our students are doing an AMAZING job!

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. 3:10 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 Street 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.

This handbook used to be a part of our agenda, but we are no longer using agendas. Therefore, there is no agenda fee to be paid.

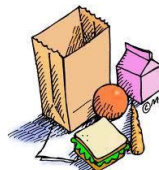
School Cash Online

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.schoolcashionline.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 schoolcashionline.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 for now. 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. The Breakfast program is **starting on Wednesday, Sept. 22**. 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.

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. 24 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.

**School Improvement Plan
GOAL #1 - LITERACY**

****Identifying specific, small – group reading goals for student advancement**

Our goal for literacy is to help all students become the best readers they can be. Whether students need to improve in fluency, accuracy or comprehension, there will be a targeted approach to the strategy students need to work on in reading. In order to improve, students need to practice!

Let’s start now to make READING 20 minutes a day a habit! We will have some reading challenges this year and we are making an effort to supply our classrooms with a “New Releases” library throughout the year and put amazing books in students’ hands often!

<u>DATES TO REMEMBER: Mark Your Calendar</u>	
Due Sept. 22	Forms & Letters Coming Home: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Collection Sheet • Military Families Info sheet (optional) • Student Photo Consent Form • Parent Portal sheet
Sept. 22	HARVEY SCHOOL PHOTOS
Sept. 24	Terry Fox Walk
Sept. 30	Orange Shirt Day & National Truth and Reconciliation Day
October 1-7	Wellness Week
October 11	Thanksgiving Day
October 17 – 23	Safe Schools Week
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 19	PL Day for Teachers
November 29	Report Cards Issued

**School Improvement Plan
GOAL #2 - Positive Working and Learning Environment**

****Students will consistently demonstrate behaviours that are safe, responsible and respectful.**

We are using a program called 3G Strong to assist us with our goal. Here is the theme this month:

MONTH OF MINDFULNESS

This month our focus is on mindfulness, being completely present and aware of their mind, emotions, and behavior as it relates to their surroundings.

Students learn that big emotions can create a fight or flight response where their amygdala takes over the brain. When this happens, it makes it difficult for students to make good decisions, learn, and retain information.

Mindfulness increases student focus and attention on tasks. It's important to give students the tools they need to be mindful in today's fast paced world.

Please fill this out ONLY if you want a paper copy of the monthly newsletter:

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

Child's Name: _____ **in**

Teacher: _____ **class.**