

October

CELEBRATIONS

- Thank you for your support with our Operational Plan. Our routines and procedures are going very well and our new practices are becoming habits. We thank you for your cooperation and teaching from home. Students are doing an amazing job staying 2 meters away from other classes, making sure to hand sanitize and remembering to wear their masks in the hallways.
- We have had two virtual assemblies so far this year. We would like to thank Mrs. Small's class for being the first to volunteer to lead an assembly. Her Grade 5 class ran the Orange Shirt Day assembly and read parts of a story aloud. Many students shared their thoughts with the rest of the school and did an amazing job speaking in front of others for this important day to remember that "Every Child Matters."
- Our Terry Fox walk was a huge success. Thank you for your donations! Our school raised over \$600! Students had a great walk and many celebrated the 40th anniversary of the walk with a "What's your 40?" activity.

PLEASE BE SURE YOUR CHILD IS DRESSED FOR THE WEATHER!



Autumn leaves are beginning to fall and so are the temperatures. Our students are outside in for recess and again at noon. Also, Physical Education classes are still being held outside when weather permits. Please be sure your child has appropriate clothing for the weather. If your child tends to gravitate toward wet places, please keep a change of clothes in their book-bag.



School Pictures

Harvey Studios will be at Summerhill on **October 21, 2020**. Bring your best smile!

PSSC – Parent School Support Committee

We have our first PSSC meeting on **Tuesday, October 13 at 6:30**. **This will be a virtual meeting.** If you would like to join us, please let Mrs. Atherton know. We will discuss our School Improvement plan and review the role of the PSSC.

Our PSSC members this year include:
Rhonda Morrow, Dwayne Prest, Angela Lamey – Jackson, Jonathan DeYoung, Kate O'Rourke, Arianna Murissi, Melissa Walcott.
Teacher member: Sheila Morgan
DEC member: Thomas Geburt

All are welcome!

Cross Country



Summerhill Street Elementary students are practicing cross country during Physical Education class. Students have been asked to increase their stamina and work

hard to reach their goals. Mrs. Keizer will be recording times within Phys. Ed. Classes. Students will notice their times are getting better the more they train and practice their running skills!

Nutrition Programs

We have been fortunate to obtain another grant this year to help with our Nutrition program. This year, we received a PC Children's Charity grant that we are using to help with our Breakfast program.

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, a cooler of food will be delivered to each class with breakfast "grab and go" items such as cheese, eggs, fruit slices, yogurt tubes, etc.

We would like to thank Ms. Lamey-Jackson, Mrs. Hilson and Mrs. Bos for their assistance with this program.

We also have non-perishable snacks in the classroom for any students who are still hungry (especially later in the afternoon).

Transportation Concerns

If your child is late getting home from the bus, and it is after 4:00 PM when our office closes, you can call Kristy Doherty at the Transportation office directly at 357-4256 to receive information/ assistance. If there is no answer at that telephone number, you can contact the Transportation Department at the Office of the Superintendent at 453-5454. They can also assist you.

Important Reminders to Parents

Summerhill Street Elementary School is a closed campus during the instructional day. This means that all school doors are locked in the morning and remain locked throughout the instructional day.

Our school day is starting a little earlier this year and our instructional day begins at **8:20**. Please try to have your child dropped off by 8:20 (before the door is closed and locked as then they need to sign in).

We thank you for your cooperation with calling ahead of time if you are picking your child up early. We have a basket at the front where belongings are dropped off if you need to bring anything throughout the day. We really appreciate your support with this.

If there is someone picking your child up who does not appear on the registration form, we will have to call you to ensure that person is allowed to pick your child up. It is wonderful if you can let us know in a note or a message the name of the person who is picking your child up (if it is someone who does not typically come for pickup).

At the end of the day, parents wait outside and are visible to students as they exit the front door. You may have noticed that we dismiss our classes on the bottom floor first (Mme Clerk, Mme Rowan – Howe, Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Graham and Mr. Niles). Within a few minutes, the classes upstairs start coming out. Classes are coming out one at a time and this is working well with our walkers and with students getting picked up.

Should parents wish to speak with their child's teacher, they are requested to make an appointment as opposed to walking in to request a conversation during the school day. Safety is our number one concern and if there is not a pre-arranged meeting time with the teacher, it is very difficult for the teacher to speak with a parent while supervising their class. Emails also work very well in connecting with a teacher.

We appreciate your assistance with these routines!

CHANGE TO INTENSIVE FRENCH FOR 2020-21:

If your child is in Grade 5 English (Mrs. Small, Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Morgan), please note there is a change in the Intensive French program. Rather than concentrating the Intensive French teaching in 5 months of the year, students will receive 150 minutes per week of Intensive French instruction throughout the whole year. Teachers will be teaching French as part of their Literacy or Cross Curricular minutes to work on French language skills.

Grade 4 English students (Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Davidson and now Mrs. McWilliams classes) will receive approx. 60 – 75 minutes per week of instruction in French using the FLORA program which is a blended French Second Language learning program (classroom teachers will be doing this). Please ask your child’s teacher if you have any questions.

SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK

During Safe Schools week, we will be practicing many procedures that will help us in case of an emergency. We will practice a fire drill, evacuation and secure the building exercise. Bus safety will also be practiced on Oct. 14 with a bus evacuation exercise. Students will be learning these emergency protocols in a safe and supportive environment.

*******SCHOOL SUPPLY FEES**

A friendly reminder to families who have not paid the school supply fees. Please send the payment in as soon as possible.

<u>DATES TO REMEMBER: Mark Your Calendar</u>	
October 4 – 9	Wellness Week
October 4 – 10	Fire Prevention Week
October 12	Thanksgiving – No School
October 13	PSSC meeting at 6:30
October 14	Bus evacuation Practice in a.m.
October 15	HOT LUNCH ORDERS DUE at 12:00 p.m.
October 13 – 16	Bus Safety week
October 13 – 16	Registration for students entering Kindergarten
October 17 – 23	Safe Schools Week
October 20	Hot Lunch starts – Pita Pit Tuesdays
October 21	School Picture Day
October 22	Hot Lunch starts – Pizza Twice Thursdays
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 20	PL Day for Teachers – No School
December 1	Report Cards Issued (K – 8)
December 4	PL Day/Parent Teacher Interviews – No School for students
December 18	Last day of classes

JAVA MOOSE COFFEE SALES

All orders are due on Oct. 13. Thank you in advance for helping to support our school with our Fall Fundraiser!
