

Island View School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year! It is my pleasure to welcome all members of our school community, new and returning families. We have a great staff and were happy to send you our staff list before this past summer and the opportunity for all students and families to meet our staff at our Open House on September 3rd. We are very excited to be back and look forward to wonderful year at IVS!

We are pleased to announce our new members for our PSSC (Parent School Support Committee) who include: Mrs. Elizabeth Carvell, Ms. Alisha Grasse, Mrs. Wendy Morin and Mrs. Cheryl Willson . We would like welcome back our returning members as well: Mrs. Sue Doiron, Mrs. Gail Bremner, Mr. Michael Daigle, Mrs. Monique Carr, Mrs. Christine Morgan-Ahern, Mr. Michael Cusack, Mrs. Mary-Ann Masson as well as a District Education Council Representative Mr. Gerry Mabey.

A remind to our families about our school dismissal times which changed last year and will remain in place. Our dismissal times are 1:30pm for students in grade K through grade 2 and 2:30pm for students in grade 3 through 5. Information about school bussing is available on the ASD-S website: <http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-S/transportation/Pages/default.aspx>.

Please take time to read our school hand book that is located on our school website (<http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/district8/islandview/Pages/default.aspx>). It contains a wealth of information about the school. We will continue to share school wide information electronically this year (newsletters, weekly updates, etc...). Please ensure an email address you use regularly is added to the "student information sheet" so you can receive these regular updates. You can also follow us on twitter (@IVS_Eagles) and check our website under "News" for regular updates. **If you do not have an email or internet access, please contact the school to secure paper copies of pertinent school information.**

The Island View Home and School Association provides tremendous support to our school, from having established our school playground to sponsoring many programs enjoyed by Island View students. All parents are encouraged to become involved in supporting the school and this is one great way to do so. The Home and School meets monthly, typically on the last Monday of each month. All Parents are welcome to attend. We welcome back our Executive: Mrs. Cindy Whelton, Mrs. Laura Anderson, Mrs. Jennifer Richard, Mrs. Bonnie Landers, and Mrs. Stephanie Hanlon. You can get H and S updates on their Facebook page by searching Island View School and requesting to join.

We want to remind families that IVS will have a student fee this year following an online survey and consultations with our PSSC. The results indicated parents were accepting of a student fee with the large majority preferring the \$20 option. This student fee will cover the following: Bussing costs for co-curricular trips, bussing costs for our winter carnival skating trip, supplies for school wide special events (eg. Day 100), additional fee's associated with a trips, as well as school wide presentations. Please send in the fee by the end of September (\$20 per student or a family maximum of \$50).

We will be starting our breakfast program in the coming weeks. The format this year will be "grab and go" items for students who require or missed breakfast at home. Student requiring an items will inform their teacher as they enter school in the morning.

Parents driving their children to school are asked to be extra careful and vigilant along Ridge Row and around our school drop off area, as we have many children who walk to school. By the same token, children walking to school also need to be mindful of traffic, as it is quite heavy in the morning. We are unable to allow drop offs at the front of the building due to safety reasons in their play area and thank-you for your cooperation. **All parking and drop off is to take place on the west side of the school and no cars are permitted in front of the building at any time as that is a play area and designated bus lane.**

It is important that the school is aware of your child's daily routine with respect to after school routines. As a safety measure, **it is imperative that you inform your child's teacher in writing of any departures from this regular routine or contact the school office by phone. Teachers are teaching during the day and often are unable to check email until after dismissal each day.**

As you know, our school lunch program this year will be taking all orders online using the Cashless Schools Software. We have been asked to put the registration process on hold and will be sending out communications in the coming weeks. The lunch program will be starting the first week of October. **Please be reminded that IVS is a nut free school as we have students with life threatening allergies (please refer to allergy letter in packet or information) as well as serious allergies to milk, egg products, wheat, oats and kiwi.**

Please return all the required forms so we can update our records with your contact information, dismissal procedures, media release forms and return to your child's teacher by Monday, September 14th.

Sincerely,
Mark Blucher, Principal