September, 2013

**PARENT HOMEWORK**

We do send a lot of paperwork home at the start of a year and we have tried to keep from repeating information. There is a need to have certain forms filled out every year (the student information sheet is the best example) because students’ information does change from time to time and we must ensure for safety and accuracy that we have the most up-to-date information available.

We would also ask parents to take some time to write their child’s homeroom teacher a letter describing their child as a learner. This is a great help for teachers at the start of a new school year. Please include:

Students Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Birthday:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1.What are your child’s strengths?

2.What are child’s weaknesses?

3. Does your child have a homework routine?

4.What Motivates your child?

**STUDENT FEES**

Each year, to support extra curricular activities and co-curricular trips we raise money through student fees and the annual raffle fundraiser. We expect to use the $20 student fee this year to pay for the following:

* Referees for School Sports
* Registrations for: Music Festival, Math League Competition, UNB Math Competition
* Terry Kelly Assembly
* Materials for Remembrance Day, Winter Concert
* Prizes for Pat on the Back and Nutrition Awards
* Middle School End of Year Awards
* Home and School Events (Santa Claus Parade, Winter and Spring Fun Days)
* Star Scholarships for students to remove financial barriers from co-curricular trips that require extra funding
* Etc.

**HOME/SCHOOL COMMUNICATION**

If you have any questions about how things that are going on here at EMNS, your first communication should be with your child’s homeroom teacher. They can be reached via email or by leaving a message with our office at 658-5353.

Fairly regularly you will receive voice mails and emails from the school with information on upcoming events and activities or celebrations. Please let us know if you do not wish to receive these. There will be regular updates to the school website aswell. <https://secure1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/district8/schools/emns/Pages/default.aspx>

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**STUDENT PICK UP/DROP OFF**

**PICK UP PARKING**… Students must be picked up by the middle school playground after school. Picking up students in front of the school increases the risk of injury as students may be running between buses to meet parents.

**DROPPING OFF…** Please pull over to the curb in front of “E” building so that students can exit safely to the sidewalk. Buses will also be able to pass you to get to their designated drop off area. Students getting out of cars in the parking lot increases the chances of injury.

**STUDENT DRESS CODE**

Please review the Dress Code with your child at EMNS.

A student may not wear clothes that:

* Creates a safety hazard.
* Distracts from learning
* Disrupts any school activity.

The following are not permitted in school:

* Dresses and shorts which are shorter than mid-thigh
* Tops which do not cover from shoulder to waist: tops and bottoms must meet.
* Items referring to illegal drugs
* Clothing with profanity or suggestive words or images
* Any attire which is extremely low cut or which exposes undergarments
* Clothes extremely tight
* Hats (Please remove upon entry)

I am pleased to share with our families that this policy will extend to all school activities and functions including co-curricular and extra-curricular trips, dances, fun days and any other school run or related activity.

**SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

Our cafeteria is owned and managed by Chartwell’s while Shelly does a fantastic job running it on a daily basis. We will be encouraging families to use the online Lunch Order site this year beginning Monday, September 16th. Please visit [www.schoollunchorder.ca/](http://www.schoollunchorder.ca/) to place your meal orders in advance.

Meal cards are $50.00 a card which entitles you to buy 10 meals and get the 11th free.

Milk cards are  $10.00 (white – 20 milk)

    $11.00 (chocolate – 20 milk)

White milk is now 1% and $0.50

Chocolate Milk is now $0.55

Punch cards are $20.00

Questions? Call Shelly at 652-8276

**SAFETY!**

Several of our students have allergies to different types of nuts. Please refrain from sending nuts or products made from nuts so that our students can enjoy a healthy and safe atmosphere.

No scents make good sense. Many of the perfumes, deodorants and body sprays have chemicals that affect the breathing of students and staff. It is a school policy that we must insist on the use of unscented or very lightly scented products.

Thank you for keeping the entire school community in mind when coming to school. ☺

**UPCOMING DATES**:

September 17th: BBQ, Meet The Teacher Night, PSSC Elections 5:30-7pm

Terry Fox Walk this year on Thursday, September 26th

Week of Oct 21st Grade 7 Provincial Literacy Assessment

**INTARMURALS:**

Intramurals will take place on Monday, Thursday and Friday at noon hour.

Mondays - Grade 3 and 6, Thursday will be grades 4 and 7, and Friday will be grade 5 and 8 students.

Middle School Intramurals will be from 12:20-12:45

Elementary Intramurals will be 12:45- 1:05