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## October Newsletter

October 2	National Truth and Reconciliation Day- holiday
October 9	Thanksgiving Day Holiday- holiday
October 9-13	Fire Prevention Week
October 10	Java Moose Fundraiser begins
October 10-13	Kindergarten Registration
October 13	School Improvement Planning Day- no school for students
October 16	Playground Committee Meeting at 6 pm
October 16, 23	3-5 Soccer after school
October 16-20	Safe Schools Week
October 18	School Picture Day
October 20	Cross Country Run
October 24	Java Moose Fundraiser ends- return forms
October 26	Fall Fun Night
October 27	October Birthday Cupcakes
October 31	Magic Show and School Halloween Parties

### Halloween Activities

Our annual Fall Fun Night will take place on October 26<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 pm. Students are encouraged to wear their costumes if they would like (no weapons please) and the event is open to the public to attend so younger brothers and sisters who are not yet in school are welcome. There will be many stations set up in the gym, cafeteria, and library for students to enjoy. The Playground Committee will also run the canteen that night with hot dogs and nachos and treats available. There is no cost for Fall Fun Night. We will be looking for volunteers to work at stations as well so let us know if you are available. We will host a magic show for all the students to watch during a special assembly on Halloween. Halloween parties will take place on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Teachers will send home information on their party details and will organize party food for their own classrooms for the day. We have students allergic to nuts so nothing with nuts or may contain nuts should be sent in for parties.



### Kindergarten Registration

Registration for students for next year's Kindergarten class takes place between Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. All children who will be five as of Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, need to register. If you have a child that will be attending here next year you need to register your child online if possible at <https://secure1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-W/kindergarten/Pages/default.aspx> and then you will receive a call from the school. We will arrange a time for you to come and complete your registration. Please bring photocopies or scanned copies of your child's birth certificate, Medicare card and immunization documents (if possible); if not, we will copy them for you. Please note: All immunizations must be in order prior to starting school in September 2024. **Proof of Immunization** is required by the Health Act and Education Act for all students entering school for the first time in NB. Please provide an Immunization Card or letter from the Doctor. Information about the routine childhood immunization schedule in NB can be found on the Govt' of NB, Dept. of Health website [http://www.gnb.ca/0053/public\\_health/immunization-e.asp](http://www.gnb.ca/0053/public_health/immunization-e.asp). If you have any questions or concerns about the required immunizations for school entry, please call Public Health in Fredericton at 506-453-8252.

\*\*If registration online is not possible, please reach out to our school to schedule an appointment to register onsite at 506-575-6000.

### SRC Election Results

Congratulations to students who were elected to the SRC in grades 3-5. Elected representatives include Eva Dore (President), Winrey Staples (VP), Thatcher Mercer (VP Sports/ Activities), Shawn Rogers (Treasurer), Isabelle McLaughlin (Secretary), Logan Armstrong, Blake Pollock, Jayden O'Donnell, Isabella Harvey, Summer Ianni, Maya Fullerton and Logan Milburn. Alternates include Charlotte Clemens, Taylor Clark, Liam Davidson, Paige Godsoe and Caleb McKeil. Meetings take place every Tuesday at 10:05 starting October 3<sup>rd</sup>.



### PSSC

On behalf of the NES Parent School Support Committee, we would like to wish you a wonderful school year ahead. The PSSC this year includes:

Kelsey Davidson (Chair)  
 Melissa Bourgoin (Vice Chair)  
 Miranda Price  
 Mike Agrell  
 Vanessa MacDonald  
 Melissa Rockwell  
 Eden Tootoo  
 Nicole Priest (Teacher Rep)

We meet bi-monthly, and meetings are open to the public. Our next meeting is set for Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm in the NES Library.

### School Cash Online

Our school is now offering School Cash Online for parents to use to pay for school fees. It is safe, quick and easy. This increases efficiency and security by allowing you to make payments directly into our school account by credit card or debit. You are now able to register at [district.schoolcashonline.com](http://district.schoolcashonline.com) or visiting our school website and navigate to the School Cash Online page. You will need your child's name and date of birth to register. Should you encounter any difficulties you can use the help desk at 1-866-961-1803. School packs and student fees for 23-24 can be paid online and are due by Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Cross Country Run

NES will host the annual cross country run again for grades 3, 4, and 5 that will involve several local schools. Students will have an opportunity to run during PE classes as apart of our fitness unit. Students interested in competing against other schools will be invited to take a permission form to compete on the Big Axe Trail on October 20<sup>th</sup> from 9-12. The top 5 places in each grade will receive ribbons. Our hope is that parents will also encourage and support their child in their training at home as well. Grade 3 students will run 1 km, grade 4 will run 1.5 km and grade 5 will run 2 km.



### Playground

We would like to thank our playground committee for spearheading the installation of new teeter totters on the playground, repairs to vandalized items and the building of a new sandbox. Thank you to Mr. Morehouse for building the sandbox and helping with repairs. A special thanks to Danny Cronkhite for the donation of sand for the sandbox. We are currently working towards purchasing a new structure that would be comparable to the blue structure but for the primary side of the playground. We are desperately needing parent volunteers to help out on this committee. We meet once a month on Mondays at 6pm. Our next meeting is October 16<sup>th</sup>. Please consider joining us!

### Cafeteria

Our cafeteria service is in full swing with nutritional meals for just \$3. Just go to the Nutrislice app or website and search for our school. Orders and cancelling of orders must be made before 8 am the day of the order. Please remember when selecting your child's meal to pick the beverage they would like, this is all in the same pop-up screen just below the selection. We also wish to thank our volunteers who have been a great support each day including Mellissa Rockwell, Gert Wilson, Vanessa MacDonald, Kim Greencorn and Mandy Bonnett. Volunteering can be once a month or once a week, whichever fits your schedule. If you are interested in volunteering, please let the school know.

### School Bus Safety

Students will have an opportunity to practice school bus safety rules this month during Safe Schools Week. Here are some of the rules to review with your child:

1. Obey the driver promptly.
2. Avoid any unnecessary conversation with the driver while the bus is in motion.
3. Respect the driver and fellow passengers.
4. Arrive on time and stand away from the roadway while waiting for the school bus.
5. Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before moving to get on.
6. When crossing the road, wait for the driver's signal and always cross at least 3 meters in front of the bus. Never cross behind the bus.
7. Always keep a safe distance around the school bus.
8. Go directly to your seat; allow others to sit with you. Remain seated.
9. Sit facing forward, with your belongings on your lap or under the seat. Keep the aisle clear.
10. Obtain approval of the driver to open windows or emergency door. Nothing must hang out or be thrown out of the windows of the bus.
11. Talk quietly. Silence is required when approaching a railway crossing.
12. Eating and drinking are not allowed on the bus. Smoking is forbidden.
13. Neither pets nor large objects are allowed on the bus.
14. Anyone who intentionally damages the bus will be held responsible.
15. Dress according to weather conditions. For safety reasons, avoid draw strings or loose objects on clothing and backpacks.

Please support our bus drivers.



### Safe Schools Week/Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention week takes place between Oct 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. We will run a full fire drill with the fire dept. responding during Safe Schools Week which is Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>st</sup>. We will be going through an emergency medical drill, a lock down drill and have lessons on bus safety that week. Information will go home with students regarding fire safety. We appreciate the Fire Department and bus drivers helping us with these lessons.

### Important Reminders

- Please have walkers to the school between 8 am and 8:20 a.m. so they are not late for class. Please use the cross walk for safety purposes.
- Please pay school fee of \$25 and the School Supply Pack Fee of \$55 if you haven't yet.
- Please ensure your child has a water bottle every day. Our fountains only have water bottle fillers and no spouts to get drinks.
- Please return permission slips given to walkers regarding their after-school arrangement. We need to know if they are allowed to walk home on their own and that someone is there to supervise them.
- Please return all permission slips and forms that were sent home to be filled out. This information is very important for us to have.
- It is wise for students to have a change of clothes in case they get wet or dirty at lunch or recess.
- When calling in an absence please give the reason as we have to track why a student is absent. Please be specific as possible so we can assign the correct code.

### Culture, Diversity, and Inclusion

Our school would like to enhance our knowledge and engage students in exploring diversity. We have a growing diverse culture in our building and want to celebrate that. We are all unique! To move forward we are asking all parents to consider letting us know holidays or celebrations you recognize at home that we could learn about or celebrate along with you at school. Our PL team is looking into events evolving around Orange Shirt Day, Black History Month and Pink Shirt Day. We would love to hear from you and be supportive of your child's culture at NES! Please contact Mrs. Priest by email at: [nicole.priest@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:nicole.priest@nbed.nb.ca) with any ideas you may have. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

**Java Moose Fundraiser**

Our first fundraiser of the year runs from October 10<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup>. Orders will be filled in November. The top salesperson will receive twenty-five dollars' worth of books from the bookfair in November and the top selling class will receive twenty five dollars' worth of books for their classroom. All funds will go towards new tech and books for our classrooms! We thank you for your support.

**Terry Fox**

We would like to thank you for your donations in support of our run last month. We raised \$432.90. We also would like to thank the Laughing Apple for their donation of apples, and our parent volunteers who joined us for the walk. The students received an extra recess break for their hard work.

**School Picture Day**

Harvey Studios will be at NES on October 18th to take school photos. These photos are available to parents to purchase however, there is no obligation. The school uses these photos for identification purposes on cumulative records and rolodex cards. They may also be used on Emergency Medical documents, Leader of the Day, class composite and in the school yearbook or newsletter. Please be advised that the photographer is obligated to sign an agreement stating that pictures taken at the school will not be used for any other purpose than those stated above. A permission slip has also been sent home for staff or volunteer designates to take photos for our school yearbook, newsletters, and school promotion items for newspapers or slideshows. We will ask for your signature of approval before proceeding. Retakes will be available if pictures do not turn out the way you would like.

**Thanksgiving Holiday**

There will be no school on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> to recognize Thanksgiving. From the staff at NES, we hope you have a wonderful family time on this occasion.

**October Birthdays**

Happy birthday to our students with birthdays this month. We will celebrate on Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> to honor our birthday students and they will each receive a nut free mini cupcake courtesy of our partner, J-Lynn's Independent Grocer. Birthdays this month include: Riley Narvey, Finn Staples, Archer Staples, Haleigh Coulter, Hunter Denny, Olivia Lane, Brayden Greencorn, Mason Vankoughnett, Matthew Kaley, Landyn Schneider, Bryson Crandlemire, Jayden O'Donnell, William Staples, Blake Pollock, Jennifer MacDonald, Aiden MacFarlane, Karlie Banville, Maxwell Brown, Mason Richard, Kingsley O'Malley, Jaxson Wright, Colt Forbes, Charles Clemens, Ellie Brewer, Mme. Rogers and Mrs. Morehouse.

**Truth and Reconciliation Day /Orange Shirt Day**

On September 29<sup>th</sup>, NES recognized Truth and Reconciliation Day at school, where students and staff wore an orange shirt and took time to have age-appropriate, meaningful conversation about the effects of Residential Schools. There will be no school on October 2<sup>nd</sup> to recognize Truth and Reconciliation Day.

**After School Bus Notes**

Please be reminded that students are allowed two different school drop off spots which should have been indicated on the form sent home at the beginning of the year. A permanent change can be made, if necessary, by contacting the school. Temporary stops are challenging due to limited space on the bus and due to emergency situations, that could arise, therefore notes to go on a different bus to a friend's house to play or for a birthday party is not allowed. Please refrain from calling the school to request a bus change unless it is an emergency, or it is to make a permanent change.