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# October Newsletter

October I Gr. 3-5 Girls Basketball Tryouts (new girls welcome) 3-4:30 pm

October 2, 9 Running Club 3-4pm

October 4 Terry Fox Assembly and Walk at Ipm October 4 KC and K/IS Apple Picking Field Trip

October 7, 21, 28 3-5 Soccer 3-4pm

October 11 Cross Country Run at the Big Axe from 10am -1pm

October 14 Thanksgiving Day Holiday

October 15 Java Moose Fundraiser ends- return forms

October 15-18 Kindergarten Registration
October 15 Poinsettias Fundraiser begins

October 17 Playground Committee Meeting at 6 pm

October 18 School Picture Day
October 21-25 Safe Schools Week

October 25 October Birthday Cupcakes
October 29 Fall Fun Night 6-7:30 pm
October 31 School Halloween Parties

#### Halloween Activities

Our annual Fall Fun Night will take place on October 29th 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 have our annual Jack-O-Lantern contest as well. Be watching for information going home on that later in the month. Halloween parties will take place on October 31st. 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. 15th and 18th. All children who will be five as of Dec. 31st, 2025, 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://secure I.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 2025. 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/immunizatione.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.

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#### **SRC** Election Results

Congratulations to students who were elected to the SRC in grades 3-5. Elected representatives include: President, Esme Mean, VP, Jahlila Atkinson, VP Sports, Shawn Rogers, Secretary, Bella Chase, Treasurer, Stephen lanni, and student reps, Maya Fullerton, Cooper Kennedy, Isabella Harvey, Sylvia Libby, McKenna Saunders-Harrison, Taylor Clark, Oscar Price, Matthew Kaley, Jayde Cronkhite, Jack Staples, Aubree Sharpe, Bentley Schwartz, Alternates: Zoey DeMerchant, Delilah Sawatzky, and Harlee Sprague. Meetings take place every Tuesday at 10:05 starting October 1st.



#### **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)
Eden Tootoo (Vice Chair)
Miranda Price
Kellie Morehouse
Vanessa MacDonald
Melissa Rockwell
Nicole Priest (Teacher Rep)

We meet bi-monthly, and meetings are open to the public. Our next meeting is set for Thursday, November 14th 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 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 I-866-961-1803. School packs and student fees for 24-25 can be paid online and are due by Tuesday, October Ist.

## **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 who took part in running club after school or during intramurals can qualify to take part. Students who qualify to compete against other schools will be invited to take a permission form to compete on the Big Axe Trail on October 11th from 10-1. 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 raising the funds for our new tetherball and to Mr. Morehouse for the installation of it as well as repairs to vandalized items in the outdoor classroom and blue structure. 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 on this committee. We meet once a month on Thursdays at 6pm. Our next meeting is October 17th. Please consider joining us!

#### **Poinsettias Fundraiser**

We will be taking orders for poinsettias and Christmas cactuses from October 15th to November 1st and they will arrive the first week of December. More information will be going home on that at a later date.

# Thanksgiving Holiday

There will be no school on Monday, October 14th to recognize Thanksgiving. From the staff at NES, we hope you have a wonderful family time on this occasion.



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# **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:

- I. 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.
- 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 stings 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 7th-11th. We will run a full fire drill with the fire dept. responding during Safe Schools Week which is Oct. 21st- 25th. 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 \$60 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.
- Please do not block driveways across the street when picking up students at the end of the day.

# 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 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 September 23<sup>rd</sup> – October 15<sup>th</sup>. Orders will be filled in November. The top salesperson will receive fifty dollars' worth of books from the bookfair in November and the top selling class will receive \$100 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 are excited to have a guest from the Terry Fox Foundation speak to students at our assembly on October 4<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Following the assembly, classes will walk around the townsite with K-2 taking a shorter route. If you would like to walk with us, please be sure to have your criminal record check done, policy 701 and the volunteer forms signed at the office.

# **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.

#### **October Birthdays**

Happy birthday to our students with birthdays this month. We will celebrate on Oct. 25th 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, Lucas Roy, Olivia Lane, Mason Vankoughnett, Matthew Kaley, Landyn Schneider, Jayden O'Donnell, William Staples, Blake Pollock, Jennifer MacDonald, Aiden MacFarlane, Lucy Stefan, Karlie Banville, Maxwell Brown, Mason Richard, Kingsley O'Malley, Colt Forbes, Charles Clemens, Ellie Brewer, Keelan Taylor, Isabelle Dore, Kohen Wallace, Mme. Rogers and Mrs. Morehouse.

# Truth and Reconciliation Day /Orange Shirt Day

On September 27th, 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 was no school on September 30th 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.