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October Newsletter

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	UNB Science Club 2:50-3:50 pm
October 2	Last Running Club 3-3:50pm
October 3	Terry Fox Assembly and Walk at 1pm
October 6	Last 3-5 Soccer 3-4pm
October 8	School Picture Day
October 8	1R, 2T Apple Picking Field Trip
October 10	Cross Country Run at the Big Axe from 10am -1pm
October 13	Thanksgiving Day Holiday- No School
October 14	Java Moose Fundraiser ends- return forms
October 1-31	Kindergarten Registration
October 20-24	Safe Schools Week
October 23	Playground Committee Meeting at 6 pm
October 24	October Birthday Cupcakes
October 30	Fall Fun Night 6-7:30 pm
October 31	School Halloween Parties

Halloween Activities

Our annual Fall Fun Night will take place on October 30th 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 hamburgers, hot dogs, nachos and treats available for a small fee. There is no cost for admission to Fall Fun Night, but we will take donations at the door. We will be looking for volunteers to work at stations and a form will go home seeking availability. 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.



Kindergarten Registration

Registration for students for next year's Kindergarten class takes place for the month of October. All children who will be five as of Dec. 31st, 2026, 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-VV/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 2026. **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. 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: President, Brooklyn Morehouse, VP, Isabella Harvey, VP Sports, Kohen Seveck, Secretary, Gracie Chase, Treasurer, Riley Young Thornton, and student reps, McKenna Saunders-Harrison, Taylor Clark, Matthew Kaley, Logan Milburn, Liam Plumadore, Bentley Schwartz, Rowan Kennedy, Delilah Sawatzky, Harlee Sprague, Finn Staples, Archer Staples, Leah Milburn, Jamie Colella, and alternates include: Sylvia Libby, Emmett Davidson, Hailie Konkel-Welch, Scarlett Narvey and Archer Bennett. Meetings take place every Monday at 10:05. Many new clubs for grades 3-5 are running this month including: art club, choir, science club, peer helpers and student council.

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
Peter Sawatzky
Scott MacMillan
Nicole Priest (Teacher Rep)

We meet bi-monthly, and meetings are open to the public. Our next meeting is set for Thursday, November 20th at 6:00 pm in the NES Library.

School Cash Online

Our school uses School Cash Online for parents to use to pay for all 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 1-866-961-1803. School fees of \$25 for 25-26 can be paid online and are due by October 1st.

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 10th 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. The running club has also been invited to the McAdam Meet this year on October 7th and a permission slip has gone home for this.



Playground

We would like to thank our playground committee for raising the funds for our Gaga ball pit and to Mr. Morehouse for the installation of it. 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. With the recent grant received from the Children's Foundation we have raised about \$35 000 towards the goal of \$100 000. 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 23rd. Please consider joining us!

Thanksgiving Holiday

There will be no school on Monday, October 13th to recognize Thanksgiving. From the staff at NES, we hope you have a wonderful family time on this occasion.



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 6th-10th. We will run a full fire drill with the fire dept. responding during Safe Schools Week which is Oct. 20th - 24th. 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 8:00 am and 8:20 am so they are not late for class. Please use the cross walk for safety purposes.
- Please pay school fee of \$25 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.
- Please return the info form on culture and diversity.

Healthy Minds

We would like to thank recent donors to our school. These donors have contributed to our "healthy minds" through donations to feed our students or provide money for new outdoor toys. Thank you to: NVFD, Ryan's Pharmacy, Arlene Small, Judy and Wayne Fox, Flewelling's Funeral Home in memory of Ricky Wright, Jackie Sharpe, M&H Mudrunners, UNIFOR Local 219 and Nackawic Secret Garden. We appreciate our friends in this town!

Java Moose Fundraiser

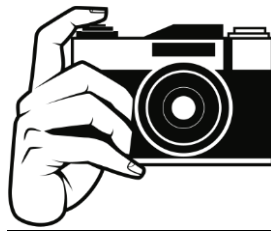
Our first fundraiser of the year runs from September 22nd – October 14th. Orders will be filled in November. All funds will go towards new smartboards for our classrooms! We thank you for your support.

Terry Fox

We are excited to have a guest from the Terry Fox Foundation speak to students at our assembly on October 3rd 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 8th 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. Picture envelopes will be mailed to the school to be sent home at a later date.

**October Birthdays**

Happy birthday to our students with birthdays this month. We will celebrate on Oct. 24th to honor our birthday students, and they will each receive a free mini cupcake courtesy of our partner, J-Lynn's Independent Grocer. Birthdays this month include Jessy Coughlan, Riley Narvey, Finn Staples, Archer Staples, Matthew Kaley, Landyn Schneider, Jennifer MacDonald, Aiden MacFarlane, Lucy Stefan, Karlie Banville, Max Brown, Colt Forbes, Charlie Clemens, Ellie Brewer, Isabelle Dore, Kohen Wallace, Mme. Rogers and Mrs. Morehouse.

Truth and Reconciliation Day /Orange Shirt Day

On September 29th, 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 are 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. Notes are preferred.

Music minute

Thank you everyone for a wonderful start to the school year! In music a lot of classes have been working on different types of voices. I'm sure some students would be able to give a lovely example! We have also used some musical instruments. Some classes played some games to keep a steady beat! Going forward into fall we will use this time of year as inspiration for some of the songs we sing! As well, choir started last week! It was wonderful to have so many new faces and so many returning faces! We started learning our song for the Remembrance Day Assembly. We are going to work hard to present it to you all. I can't wait to work with you all and make some wonderful music together! Thank you, from Ms. Adams.