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September Newsletter

Sept. 7	Labor Day- no school
Sept. 8	First day for gr. 1-5 students and ½ of Kindergarten
Sept. 8	Chartwells opens in the cafeteria
Sept. 9	First day for other ½ of Kindergarten
Sept. 14,21,28	Gr. 3-5 Soccer (3-4)
Sept. 17,24	Gr. 3-5 Running Club (2:50-3:45pm)
Sept. 18	School Improvement Planning- <u>no school for students</u>
Sept. 22	Terry Fox Campaign begins
Sept. 24	PSSC Meeting/Election at 6:00 pm at NES Library
Sept. 25	SRC Class Election Day
Sept. 25	September Birthday Cupcakes
Sept. 28	Breakfast Program begins
Sept. 29	Orange Shirt Day
Sept. 29	Kindergarten Field Trip
Sept. 30	Truth and Reconciliation Day- <u>no school</u>
Oct. 1	1R, 2T Field Trip
Oct. 1	Playground Meeting
Oct. 2	Terry Fox Run at 1pm
Oct. 2	SRC Officers Election

Welcome Back

We are very happy to be back at school, and we want to welcome our returning students as well as our new kindergarten students and those who have recently moved to our area and hope you are adjusting to your new environment. Here is a list of our staff this year:

Kindergarten- Miss Coulter and Ms. Stone
Gr. 1: Mrs. Cernivz and Mme Rogers
Grade 2: Mrs. Morehouse, Ms. Morgan, and Mme Thomas
Gr 3: Ms. Michaud, Ms. Morgan and Mme Brooker
Gr 4: Mrs. MacFarlane and Mlle Adams
Gr. 5: Mlle Jackman and Mme Adams
Gym- Mr. Dunn, Mr. Morehouse
Music: Ms. Adams and Mr. Morehouse
EAs: Mrs. Richardson, Ms. Forbes, Ms. Greer, Mrs. Ascah
Mrs. Blaney, Ms. Grant, Mrs. Glazier, Mrs. Dolan-Vokey,
Mrs. Boone, Mr. Green
Bus Attendant: Mrs. McIntosh
Admin. Assistant: Mrs. Marr
Custodians: Mrs. Connor, Mrs. Whittaker, Ms. Sharp
Guidance: Mr. Powell
Resource: Mrs. Priest
Academic Support Teacher: Mrs. Knox
Behavior Mentor: Ms. McAllister
Admin: Mr. Graham (Principal), Mrs. Fox (VP)

Please take time to read the school handbook that was emailed home as well as other permission notes that need returned to the school. Thank you for your commitment to your child's education.

Safe Arrival

NES uses a safe arrival program, where guardians are asked to contact the office to let us know if your child is absent before 9:00 am. Students whose parents have not called will receive a call from our system. A written/emailed excuse is required for absences stating the reason for the absence. After five absences, your child's teacher will reach out to you. After 10 absences the principal will be in touch with a letter. If attendance is still a concern, we will request a meeting with the guardians. We ask for students to arrive on time to start school at 8:20 am and stay all day to maximize their learning. Please try to book family trips during student breaks and appointments after school. The more time missed the further behind your child will get in their studies.

School Website Facebook Group

Please take time to check out the school website at: www.nes.nb.ca. There is lots of important information that is updated regularly for your information. Many school forms and documents are located there. Join us on Facebook under "NES Keeping You in the Loop" for all the latest info on events and activities happening at our school.



Terry Fox Run

Each year students at NES and their families do such a wonderful job of honoring the lives and the memories of those who battle or have battled cancer by raising funds and supporting the Terry Fox Run. The students at Nackawic Elementary will take part in a school wide walk on Friday, October 2nd following a short assembly with the rain date on Monday, October 5th. Students will be walking off the school grounds and, on the sidewalk, encircling the town and returning to the school. The permission slip issued for walking trips will cover this experience. We will begin receiving donations for this event on September 25th. We are asking that each student contribute a toonie or more to the cause. "If you've given a dollar, you are part of the Marathon of Hope." ~ Terry Fox

Cafeteria

Chartwells will be running our cafeteria for lunch again this year. Healthy lunch meals cost \$4, and a la carte options are a bit more and are now available to order. Service began on September 8th. Parents are asked to order on the website, Chartwellsk12.ca. Meals must be pre-paid and pre-ordered by 8am the day before except for Monday, orders must be in by Friday at 8 am. It is encouraged to order a week ahead. You can choose to pre-pay weekly, monthly, or day by day. You can cancel meals in advance from your order history up to the day before at 8am. Any meals not cancelled for students absent will be given to a student in need. We have no way to save meals. Please note that Chartwells does not accept cash. All concerns can be directed to Chartwells. If you need financial support for ordering lunches, please email Mrs. Priest at nicole.priest@nbed.nb.ca to get a subsidy code.

Volunteers

We appreciate support from our volunteers. Volunteers must have a criminal record check and Policy 701 form on file with us. There is also a package of information at the office that needs to be read and signed off on. Our Helping Hands form went home on the first day of school for you to look over and decide on how you might help. Teachers also may reach out to be a chaperone on a bus trip. We thank you in advance for your support.

PSSC

The Parent School Support Committee is an elected group of parents, a teacher and the principal who meet every other month to discuss school policies and school improvement. Our first meeting is on Thursday, September 24th at 6pm. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please reach out to the school to let us know. We are looking for new members who can commit to coming to 5-6 meetings a year.

No Child Without.

If your child has a severe allergy or medical condition, Policy 704 states that they should be wearing a medical alert bracelet. The *No Child Without* program offers a free Medic Alert membership to students who attend school and are between the ages of 4 and up to their 14th birthday. The Medic Alert membership.

- Gives emergency first responders immediate access to your child's medical information on their Medic Alert bracelet.
- Enables first responders to quickly obtain up to date medical information by means of the child's Electronic Health Record through the 24-Hour Emergency Hotline.
- Communicates with the parent or emergency contact upon activation of the Hotline.
- Allows free updates of the child's medical record as needed.

Medic Alert identification alerts school staff, friends, coaches, and others about your child's medical condition should an emergency occur. To get your medic alert bracelet visit www.nochildwithout.ca.

September Birthdays

Happy birthday this month to Milan Connor, Jayde Cronkhite, Vaida McLaughlin, Eli Nicholson, Hailie Konkell-Welch, Audree Glover, Julia Cleveland, Evelyn Chiarelli, George Clark, Theo Price, Rose MacMillan, Nyle Connor, Charlie Schriver, Beau Goodine, Sawyer Scott and Mrs. Asch. We will hold a monthly birthday celebration on September 25th where each person will receive a birthday cupcake compliments of the Independent Grocer.

Nackawic Elementary School Donations

We would like to thank all who have donated to our school for start up. We have received donations of school supplies, book bags and sneakers. A huge "thank you" as well to the Lantaigne family and all those who donated money to our playground in honor of Pat Lantaigne. Please know that most monetary donations will now go towards our playground fund for a larger, newer piece of equipment. We also use some of the donated money to buy new outdoor toys (sand toys, skipping ropes, balls, chalk etc.) and to buy snacks to top up lunches as well as spoons and napkins for breakfast program. Thanks to our NB and federal government, breakfast food is free and school cafeteria lunches are subsidized as well. Mr. Graham and his committee have been working very hard fundraising for our new larger piece of equipment over the years, and we are getting closer and closer to attaining our goal. If you have any questions about donations to NES, please give us a call at 575-6000.

Truth and Reconciliation Day /Orange Shirt Day

On September 29th NES will be recognizing Truth and Reconciliation Day at school, a day we encourage all students and staff to wear an orange shirt as we take time to have age-appropriate, meaningful conversation about the effects of Residential Schools. All Canadians can work together to create bridges with each other for reconciliation and reaffirm that all affected truly matter. Every Child Matters, then and now. We encourage you to join us as we commemorate residential school survivors and remember the children who did not survive. Students may wear any orange shirt on this day in support. There will be no school on September 30th.

Lice

A reminder that lice can be passed on person to person. We ask that you check your child at home and let the school know if anything is found. Please educate your child by telling them that lice are very contagious and spread through head-to-head contact and sharing of personal items such as combs and hats. We can all work together to minimize cases at our school. Our policy is to contact home if nits or lice are found so that a parent can pick up their child and treat them. Children treated who have nits or lice can return the next day and we will check them again upon arrival.

School Cash Online

Our school is ready to roll to use School Cash Online for the new year. You can pay for school fees, field trips, some fundraisers, and school packs (June) this way throughout the year. 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 can register at district.schoolcashonline.com or by visiting our school website and navigating 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.

Guidance

Mr. Powell is our school counsellor, and Mrs. McAllister is our Behavior Mentor who supports our guidance work. Mr. Powell will be at NES on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays this year, and his contact is robert.powell@nbed.nb.ca. Mrs. McAllister is at NES daily and her contact is Lindsay.mcallister@nbed.nb.ca. They can support students with any concern and parents can refer their child for support if needed.

Walkers

Walkers will be taken to the sidewalk in front of the school between 2:40 pm and 2:50 pm. A parent or guardian must be present to receive K-2. A permission form has gone home to all walkers to be filled out so we have up to date information on who will be picking your child up at dismissal or in grades 3-5 if they will be walking home on their own.

School Code of Conduct

This year we begin year two in our PBIS journey focusing on positive behavior intervention strategies. We have new signage with our school expectations posted around the building. We will be using the acronym N-Nurture, E- Effort and S- Safety for the basis of our expectations. Students will be instructed in expectations throughout the year. If you have any questions or would like more information, please let us know. We also teach our students to solve problems restoratively by repairing the harm they have caused through conversations.



Developing Mindful Leaders

Nurture
Effort
Safe

Student Recognition

We will select a Leader of the Day and post their picture on our display in the main lobby every day of the school year starting September 14th. Students will be selected by staff members in recognition of mindful leadership in academics, extra-curricular or outstanding behavior. A letter will be sent home with selected students. We also have started "Pawsitive Praise Slips" to recognize students following our school expectations. They receive a small prize and get their name in for a draw for a Nessie Bear.

Student Council

Students in grade 3-5 will have an opportunity to take on a leadership position by running in a class election. We will have a council made up of two students from each class. Nomination forms are due on September 24th and class elections will be on the 25th with a school election of officers on October 2nd. Information will be sent home to those interested.

Busses

Students are allowed two drop off locations unless parents live apart. This should be indicated on the student information form that went home. Students will not be permitted to be dropped off at a friend's home for sleep overs etc. Bus notes are required if a child is going to their alternate stop, and we need to know schedules for children going to two different permanent stops. If your child does not return home on time as planned, please call the school. Please allow 15 minutes after expected arrival time in the afternoons before calling the school looking for students who have not yet arrived – this allows for time delays such as: spare drivers new to a route, breakdowns that may occur on the road to get communicated, delays because of the driver dealing with behavior issues, students dawdling on the way home from the stop, etc. If a student is more than 15 minutes late getting home, then please call. And as always, we ask parents to be visible at afternoon bus stops. Drivers will not let students out if they do not see an adult at home and they will be returned to the school for the parents to pick up. Also, students have been made aware of bus expectations as well as consequences for student misbehavior on school buses. Drivers will contact the parents regarding misbehavior, and a bus suspension can be issued for serious offences. Please review bus rules with your child so their ride will run smoothly. For after school changes, please send a note with your child. Please do not call the school with a bus change unless it is an emergency. Example bus note:

*Name: Charlie Sheen Grade: 5J
Please send Charlie to his alternate bus stop today,
Monday, September 20th
Civic Address: 1234 Rte. 106 Hartfield, NB (Grammy's
house -Sheila Munroe)
Thank you,
Victor Sheen*

Allergies

This year, we currently do not have any students with peanut allergies requiring an Epi-pen. Therefore, students may have peanut butter or nut products in their snacks and lunches. They should still not share or trade their snacks due to allergies that may not require an Epi-pen but still cause the student an unpleasant reaction. We do have students with tree nut allergies as well as shellfish allergies, so it is imperative that students do not share food.

School Picture Day

Harvey Studios will be at NES on October 19th 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 obliged 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. Proofs will not be sent home on the same day this year due to a new system Harvey Studios has in place. They will be sent home after they are received at school.

Playground

The playground committee is made up of parents and staff who are interested in improving our playground. We are very proud of all the advances we have made. We are working towards purchasing a new large structure for the playground possibly as early as this spring. If you are interested in joining our committee we meet once a month on a Thursday from 6-8 pm. Our first meeting is on October 1st. We will hold our first fundraiser on Sunday, September 20th at Nackawic's Secret Garden where we will have a BBQ available between noon and 3pm. We hope you can support us!

Cross Country Run

NES will have a cross-country team for grades 3, 4, and 5 again this year. Students will have an opportunity to run during Intramurals or after school as part of the running club. Students who finish in the top 5 for their grade will be able to compete against other schools at the Big Axe Cross Country Invitational on October 16th. 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. Starting September 17th, NES will be offering a Running Club after school every Thursday for 4 weeks until Oct. 8th. Mrs. Knox and Mme. Brooker will be taking student runners down to the ball field area to run on the Nature Trail each week. This is training for students who are planning to enter the Cross-Country Run. Students will leave the school every Thursday by 2:50pm, walking down to the Nature Trail and then running on the trail. Students need to be picked up promptly at 3:45pm. The pick-up spot will be at the ball field parking lot near the trail, NOT the school. If your child is interested in participating, they can return the permission slip that will go home by Monday, September 14th.