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October Newsletter

October 1-31	Kindergarten Registration
October 1,8	Running Club 3-3:50pm
October 1	1R, 2T Apple Picking Field Trip
October 1	Playground Committee Meeting at 6 pm
October 2	Terry Fox Assembly (1:00) and Walk at 9am
October 2	Student Council Election for Officers
October 5	Last 3-5 Soccer 3-4pm
October 12	Thanksgiving Day Holiday- No School
October 14-26	Christmas Poinsettias Fundraiser
October 16	Cross Country Run at the Big Axe from 10am -1pm
October 19	School Picture Day
October 19-23	Safe Schools Week
October 22	Cross Country Run in Florenceville
October 29	Fall Fun Night 6-7:30 pm
October 30	School Halloween Parties
October 30	October Birthday Cupcakes

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 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 30th. 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, 2027, 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 2027. **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, Delilah Sawatzky, VP, Liam Plumadore, VP Sports, Emmett Davidson, Secretary, Grace Campos, Treasurer, Isla Fearnley and student reps Finn Staples, Archer Staples, Leah Milburn, Evelyn Dublack, Lennox Plumadore, Jasper Price, Ivy Wilson and Casey DeMerchant. Meetings take place every Wednesday at 10:05. Many new clubs for grades 3-5 are running this month including: art club, choir, 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
Amy Moore
Ryan Cottreau
Nicole Brown
Holly Chiarelli
Emily Libby
Nicole Priest (Teacher Rep)

We meet bi-monthly, and meetings are open to the public. Our next meeting is set for Thursday, November 19th 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 have been waived by the district this year to support those affected by the AV Nackawic Mill closure. We are in the process of reimbursing everyone who has paid. Thank you for your patience as we work through this.

Playground

We would like to thank everyone for donations made in memory of Bruce Stairs and Pat Lanteigne. 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 have raised about \$55 000 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 November 12th.

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.

PBIS at NES

For the next couple of months, we will be focused on the "Safe" part of our behavior matrix. In each area of the school, we teach students to be safe through our common lessons and at our assemblies. In the classroom we are asking students to keep their hands and feet to themselves, move safely, sit properly and use materials correctly. In the hallways we are asking students to walk on the right facing forward, keep hands and feet to self and use a quiet voice. Check out our matrix located inside the front door.

	Classrooms (Lab, Gym, Library, Music)	Hallway	Playground (Outdoor Classroom)	Cafeteria	Bathroom	Assemblies
						
N urture	Be Kind. Be respectful. Be helpful. Be calm.	Be Kind. Be respectful. Greet others politely. Be calm.	Be Kind. Share. Help others and ask for help as needed. Take turns.	Be Kind. Use a quiet voice. Say please and thank you.	Be Kind and respect privacy. Only one per stall. Use what you need. Keep the bathroom clean.	Be Kind. Be respectful. Raise your hand.
E ffort	Self-Regulate. Work then play. Participate politely. Be responsible. Stay on task.	Self-Regulate. Stay on task.	Self-Regulate. Clean up toys and garbage. Enter quickly at the bell.	Self-Regulate. Only eat/touch your own food. Clean up your space- floor, table, chair.	Self-Regulate. Be quick, others are waiting. Place your tag on the hook and return it when done.	Self-Regulate. Listen attentively. Sit on your bottom. Participate politely. Eyes on the speaker.
S afe	Keep hands and feet to self. Move safely. Sit properly. Use materials properly.	Walk on the right facing forward. Keep hands and feet to self. Use a quiet voice.	Be alert and play safe. Keep hands and feet to self. Be a good sport. Play where adults can see you.	Sit properly in chair and stay pushed into the table. Raise your hand for help. Walk only.	Only two at a time. Flush the toilet after use. Wash hands with soap. Report any problems.	Stay in your own space. Use quiet voices. Move safely.

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 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 5th-9th. We will run a full fire drill with the fire dept. responding during Safe Schools Week which is Oct. 19th – 23rd. We will be going through an emergency medical drill, a lockdown 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 crosswalk for safety purposes.
- Please ensure your child has a water bottle every day. Some 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.

Terry Fox

We were excited to have a virtual guest from the Terry Fox Foundation speak to students at our assembly on October 2nd at 1pm. Kirsten Fox is Terry's eldest niece and has worked at the Terry Fox Foundation for over 13 years. Before the assembly, at 9:00 am, classes walked around the townsit with K-2 taking a shorter route. Thank you to all the volunteers who walked with us. The students enjoyed yogurt tubes on their return. We were very pleased to receive \$312.00 in donations to put towards the Terry Fox Foundation. Thank you for all your support.

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. Picture envelopes will be mailed to the school to be sent home at a later date.

NES Donations

We would like to thank all who have donated to our school. We received donations of school supplies, book bags, sneakers, coats, hats and mittens as well as donations to our playground fund. Thank you to: On the Bend Firefighter Association Inc., M&H Mudrunners, UNIFOR Local 219, Nackawic Golf and Country Club Ladies Night Group, Targett's Nackawic, The Lions Club and all those who donate at the Brooks Redemption Center. 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 the 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.

October Birthdays

Happy birthday to our students with birthdays this month. We will celebrate on Oct. 30th to honor our birthday students, and they will receive a free mini cupcake courtesy of our partner, Nackawic Save Easy. Birthdays this month include Geoffrey Nottingham, Grace Campos, Jessy Coughlan, Finn Staples, Archer Staples, Landyn Schneider, Karlie Banville, Max Brown, Colt Forbes, Charlie Clemens, Ellie Brewer, Isabelle Dore, Kohen Wallace, Rilynn Gionet, Atticus Guitar, Elena Campbell, Mme. Rogers and Mrs. Morehouse.

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 16th 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 Florenceville Meet this year on October 22nd and a permission slip has gone home for this.

10:15	Please meet at the Nackawic Nature Trail, between the softball diamonds and the river.
10:30	Grade 3 girls – 1 km
10:45	Grade 3 boys – 1 km
11:00	Grade 4 girls – 1.5 km
11:25	Grade 4 boys – 1.5 km
11:50	Grade 5 girls – 2 km
12:15	Grade 5 boys – 2 km
12:40	Presentation of first, second, third, fourth and fifth place ribbons for each age category and the team banner.

Thanksgiving Holiday

There will be no school on Monday, October 12th to recognize Thanksgiving. From the staff at NES, we hope you have a wonderful family time on this occasion.