

North & South Esk Elementary

September 2009



Dear Parents:

Welcome to another school year. A special welcome to families that are new to NSEE this year. Also welcome to Mr. Aaron Johnston, our new Vice-Principal. Welcome back Mrs. Shiann Holmes who has returned from maternity leave. Also, returning to our staff is Mrs. Paula Matchett as our school secretary.

We would also like to welcome five students teachers who will be with us this year. Jennifer Gopee from ABU and from UNB, Stephen MacKnight, Ashley Bernard, Kristi Vienneau and Sylain Bellemare.

Each new school year brings a renewed optimism. We hope that everyone starts the school year off on a positive note and ready to work after what we hope has been a relaxing summer.

We will be continuing with our monthly newsletters again this year. Your role as supportive and encouraging parents is critical to the success of the school. We invite your participation at NSEE. Please feel free to drop in or all any time you have a concern. Our doors are always open.

I am looking forward to another fantastic year.

Mr. Mike Buggie, Principal



NSEE STAFF 2009-2010

TEACHERS		SUPPORT STAFF	
Mike Buggie	Principal	Lynn Allison	Library Assistant
Aaron Johnston	Vice Principal	Guy Beauchamp	Custodian
Susan Henderson	Kindergarten	Debbie Jardine	Teacher Assistant
Heather Mutch	Grade 1	Paula Matchett	Administrative Assistant
Colleen Kane	Grade 1-2	Margaret McAllister	Teacher Assistant
Darcie Mutch	Grade 2	Leanne Mullin	Teacher Assistant
Christine Silliker	Grade 3	Heather O'Shea	Teacher Assistant
Shiann Holmes	Grade 3-4	Alma Sherrard	Custodian
Kyle Murphy	Grade 4	Kathy Stewart	Teacher Assistant
Marcy Downey	Grade 5 - Intensive French	Brenda Whitney	Teacher Assistant
Alison Sullivan	Grade 5	CAFETERIA STAFF	
Shayla Mutch	Grade 6		
Brenda Dunnett	Grade 6 Homeroom (Resource)		
Melissa Esty	Resource	Tobi Matchett	Donna Goodfellow
Lynn Carney	Physical Education / French		



NEW WEBSITE

Our new and improved school website is up and running at <http://NSEE.NBED.NB.CA>

We will be making regular updates to our website this year so we invite parents to bookmark the site and visit it regularly. We are looking into the availability of accessing our daily announcements on the website in the near future.

HOME & SCHOOL

Our First Home & School meeting will be held on Monday, September 14th @ 7:00 pm in the School Cafeteria. Hope to see new and old members there. We have a lot on our agenda for the evening. The Home & School Association will be having a membership drive towards the end of September. Any questions about Home & School please call Claudia Bryenton, President

STUDENT PHOTOS

Student Photos will be taken on
Monday, September 14th.



STUDENT AGENDAS

Agendas are available to students in grades 3-6 for \$7.00. The agendas are ideal for keeping homework and other important information. It is an excellent way for parents and teachers to communicate on a daily basis. We encourage all students to use their agenda books.

Early Arrivals

Parents are asked not to drop off their child for school prior to 7:50 am as there may not be adequate supervision in the school. Thank you for your cooperation in the matter.

COMMUNITY POT LUCK, OPEN HOUSE and PSSC ELECTIONS

This year we will be having a Welcome Back to School Pot Luck Supper for all parents, students and staff on Thursday, September 17th at 5:30 pm.

In addition to the Community Pot Luck, we will also be electing our Parent-School Support Committee (PSSC). The role of the PSSC is as follows:

- advise principal re: school improvement plan
- Review school performance report
- Participate in hiring of principal and vice principal
- Provide input to performance evaluation of principal and vice-principal
- Communication with District Education Council on PSSC issues
- Advise principal re: school policies

We have two vacant positions on our committee. Please consider letting your name stand for election. This PSSC Committee stands as follows:

Michelle Astle - Term Expires - June 2010

Bertha Taylor - Term Expires - June 2010

Chris Matchett - Term Expires - June 2011

Tammy Scott - Term Expires - June 2011

All refreshments will be provided, please feel free to bring what you wish for the Pot Luck Supper, If you have any questions please contact the school secretary @ 836-7010





VOICE MAIL AND TALK MAIL SYSTEM

Occasionally, it is necessary for the secretary to be away from the reception area for a period of time. Should you call the school during that time, the voice mail option on our phone system will be activated. Please leave a message and be assured the matter will be looked after. Messages will always be checked prior to afternoon bus dismissals and children will be notified according to your instructions.

Please note that parents are asked not to call the school with alternate arrangements for bussing. For the most part, students will be dropped off at their regular drop off area (home, babysitter, etc.) In the event of an urgent situation parents can call with bus messages for their child.

We will be using Talk Mail for communication with homes again this year. It has been very successful in the past and parents appreciated receiving calls concerning such things as school cancellations. If you have not received a Talk Mail message from the school and you would like to be included, please give the school a call (836-7010). Receiving messages is a free service, it only costs you if you reply to the message.



Please note that Talk Mail is only available to Bell/Aliant Customers

FUNDRAISING

We will be doing our annual magazine subscription fundraising campaign again this year. Our kick-off date is Thursday, September 24th and the campaign will run until Tuesday, October 13th. There will be class prizes of the top seller in each class along with the regular campaign prizes.

The fundraiser has been very successful in the past and we appreciate any support you can give us. Funds raised go to augment a variety of "extra" such as sports programs and field trips. The more funds raised, the more activities we are able to provide. Many parents take the order forms to work. Please note that children are not permitted to go door-to-door. Thank you for your continued support.



SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

The transportation of kids to and from school is one of our greatest responsibilities. The behavior of students on the bus is a responsibility of parents and school staff. The most common problems experienced by drivers include loud and boisterous behavior, changing seats, tattling and fighting. This kind of behavior is usually evident during the afternoon runs and often is more evident among the younger students.

As parents, you should speak to your children often about proper behavior on the school bus. It might be a good idea to contact your child's bus driver and ask specifically about his/her behavior on the school bus.

Hazardous or dangerous materials cannot be transported on school buses. These would include large pieces of sports equipment (hockey sticks, skis, etc.) hazardous chemicals or large projects. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our buses safe. If you are driving your child to and from school, please remember that you must stop for the red flashing lights, even in the school yard.

Head Lice Aren't Nice....but they are a fact of life. Please check your child's head frequently. Teachers have been asked to do a head check early next week. If you need more detailed information as to what to look for, please call the school. WE have brochures and a video which can be made available to parents. If you discover nits or live lice in your child's hair, please let us know at the school (836-7010). This information will be kept confidential; however, it will help us conduct more thorough inspections in particular classrooms or areas of the school.

Guidance Services

If you are concerned about your child's progress at school, please feel free to call Mr. A. Stewart @ 778-5258. Mr. Stewart is at NSEE on Thursdays and Fridays.



Important Dates

September 14 – Picture Day
 September 17 - Community Pot Luck Supper - PSSC Elections
 September 24 – Fundraising Kick-off
 October 8 & 9 – Curriculum Implementation Day – **NO SCHOOL**
 October 12 – Thanksgiving – **NO SCHOOL**
 October 13 - Magazine Orders Due
 November 2 - Report Cards
 November 5 – Parent Teacher Interviews – Evening
 November 6 – Parent Teacher Interviews – **NO SCHOOL**
 November 10 – Remembrance Day Assembly – 10:00 am
 November 11 – Remembrance Day – **NO SCHOOL**
 November 20 – Curriculum Implementation Day – **NO SCHOOL**

December 16 - Christmas Concert
 December 18 – Last Day before Christmas Break
 January 4,5 - Curriculum Implementation Day – **NO SCHOOL**
 January 6 - First Day back for Students
 March Break - March 1-5
 April 2 – Good Friday – **NO SCHOOL**
 April 5 – Easter Monday – **NO SCHOOL**
 April 8 – Parent Teacher Interviews - Evening
 April 9 – Parent Teacher Interviews – **NO SCHOOL**
 May 6 & 7 – NBTA & Subject Council – **NO SCHOOL**
 May 24 – Victoria Day – **NO SCHOOL**
 June 17 – Grade 6 Banquet
 June 25 – Last Day for Students



ATTENDANCE REGULATION

Our District Attendance Regulation states the following:

1. The student must provide in writing a dated excuse from their parents / guardian for each absence.
2. When a student has missed 5 days, the teacher must contact the home. It will be determined if a case conference is necessary.
3. When a student has missed 12 days, a case conference will be held to prepare a contract for improvement.

Regular attendance is mandatory for all students. Also, in the past, students sometimes arrive late for school or leave early. Parents are asked to ensure students arrive for school on time and attend regularly. Please arrange appointments on the dates when there is no school (see important dates) in order to minimize the amount of time missed from school. Also, parents should not schedule family vacations on school times as this is not an acceptable absence from school.

TERRY FOX RUN

This year marks the 28th Terry Fox Fun to raise money for cancer research. Most schools in the province are taking part in the run.

At NSEE we will be participating with a walk on Friday, September 25th. The primary (K-2) will do a walk from 1:00-2:00 and grades 3-6 will take part from 2:00-3:00. Rather than have students get sponsors, the school will be making a donations on behalf of all our students. Parents are encouraged to participate in the walk.



GET OUR NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

In an effort to cut down on paper costs, we are offering parents an option to receive our monthly newsletters (and school memos) via email. If you wish to receive newsletters by email, complete the form below and return it to the school.

Name: _____

Child Name(s): _____

Email Address: _____