

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. **Please do not be offended when you receive this call, as we must make this call as per district policy.**
- 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 30th. The classes will walk at 11:00 am. 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.



Sunny Corner Minor Hockey Registration

When: October 1, 2011
 Where: Sunny Corner Arena
 Time: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
 Cost: \$210 per player



There will be a late fee of \$25 after Oct. 1st.
 SCMH will reimburse any player who transfers to a district team

Peace Maker Training

After school training will be Thursday September 22nd. Training will beginning right after school and supper will be provided. Please pick your child up at 7 pm at the office.

Sparkling Diamonds

Early Learning Centre and After School Club's

Brand new facility invites your children to join either our after school club or toddler and preschool programs! All programs included meals and snacks. We are located directly behind NSEE where we will bring and pick up your child from school.

Our Centre also offers to bring your child to any activities or event that may take place at the school or Arena.

Hours of operation are Mon-Fri from 7:30am-6:00pm.

We would love to hear from you! Please Call Katie Tozer at 836-2125.

Just a Reminder

- There are 4 Inserts with the newsletter this month.
- School Calendar with Important Dates
- Kountry Kids After School Program
- Cafeteria Information



GET OUR NEWLETTER 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: _____

North & South Esk Elementary

September 2011



Dear Parents:

Welcome to another school year. A special welcome to families who are new to NSEE this year. Also welcome to Mr. Jamie Henderson, our new Vice-Principal. Also, returning to our staff is Mrs. Colleen Kane, Mrs. Nancy Hambrook and Mrs. Barb Matchett. We would also like to welcome Mr. Gary Ryder to our staff.

We would also like to welcome two student teachers who will be with us this year, Jillian Hogan and Brian McEachern.

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 call any time you have a concern. Our doors are always open.

I am looking forward to another fantastic year.

Mr. Mike Buggie, Principal

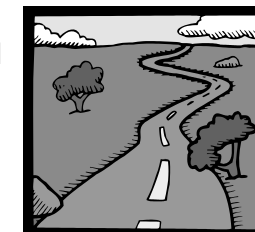
Nut Free School



Parents are reminded that NSEE is a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**. We have several students with allergies to peanuts and other nuts. Students are not permitted to bring peanut butter sandwiches or other nut products to school. This also includes WOWBUTTER. Please ensure that babysitters or others who have responsibilities for lunches are aware of this rule.

ACCESS ROAD

Parents are asked to use the access road in the morning and afternoon as much as possible, so as to not interfere with the buses.



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.

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NSEE STAFF 2011-2012

TEACHERS		SUPPORT STAFF	
Mike Buggie	Principal	Lynn Allison	Librarian
Jamie Henderson	Vice Principal	Debbie Jardine	Teacher Assistant
Susan Henderson	Kindergarten	Ruth Harris	Custodian
Holly Norton	Kindergarten	Sara Hyland	Teacher Assistant
Colleen Kane	Grade 1	Barb Matchett	Teacher Assistant
Heather Mutch	Grade 1-2	Paula Matchett	Administrative Assistant
Nancy Hambrook	Grade 2	Tobi Matchett	Cafeteria Staff
Shiann Holmes	Grade 3	Patty Murphy	Custodian
Christine Silliker	Grade 3-4	Heather O'Shea	Teacher Assistant
Donna Flanagan	Grade 4	Alma Sherrard	Custodian
Marcy Downey	Grade 5 - Intensive French	Kathy Stewart	Teacher Assistant
Alison Sullivan	Grade 5	Brenda Whitney	Teacher Assistant
Shayla Mutch	Grade 6	Student Teachers	
Gary Ryder	Grade 6	Jillian Hogan	Grade 1 - Mrs. Kane
Melissa Esty	Resource	Brian McEachern	Grade 4 - Mrs. Flanagan
Lynn Carney	Physical Education		
Mike Sonier	French		

HOME & SCHOOL

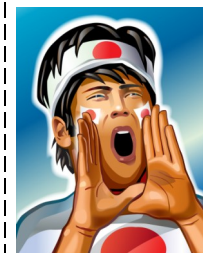
Our First Home & School meeting will be held on Monday, September 12th @ 7:00 pm in the School Cafeteria. Hope to see new and old members there. We have a lot on our agenda for the evening. The Home & School Association will be having a membership drive towards the end of September. Any questions about Home & School please call Debbie Matchett, President at 622-7302.

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 Mrs. Christine Colwell @ 836-7010. Mrs. Colwell is at NSEE on Mondays and Thursdays



School Sports

We are planning to participate in all District Sports this year. We will have teams from students in grade 3-5 that will compete with other Elementary Schools. Our Grade 6's will compete with teams made up from students in grades 6-7-8 from NSEE and NSER and participate in Middle School leagues.

FUNDRAISING

We will be doing our annual magazine subscription fundraising campaign again this year. Our kick-off date is Thursday, September 22 and the campaign will run until Tuesday, October 11th. There will be class prizes for 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 "extras" 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.

COMMUNITY BBQ, OPEN HOUSE and PSSC ELECTIONS

This year we will be having a Welcome Back to School BBQ for all parents, students and staff on Thursday, September 15th at 5:30 pm.

In addition to the Community BBQ, 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 2012

David Henderson - Term Expires - June 2013

Tosha Hamilton - Term Expires - June 2012

Bertha Taylor - Term Expires - June 2013

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

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.

