

This year we will enthusiastically continuing our character development guidance programs called **Bucket Filling** and **I CARE Cat**.

Bucket filling is an easy-to-understand concept. Everyone carries an invisible bucket that holds our good thoughts and feelings. When our buckets are full, we feel happy and when our buckets are empty, we feel sad. Children quickly understand that they can fill buckets when they do and say things that are kind, considerate, caring, and respectful. They also learn that when they are mean, inconsiderate, uncaring, or disrespectful, they dip into buckets and remove those good feelings. Even the youngest child understands that actions and words can either fill a bucket or dip into it.

During this school year we are encouraging, reminding, and recognizing everyone's efforts to be bucket fillers at home, at school, and in our community. We are excited about continuing with this program and look forward to your support.

If you would like to learn more about bucket filling please contact our Guidance Counselor, Keri-Ann Sturgeon or your child's teacher and/or visit the Bucket Fillers website, [www.bucketfillers101.com](http://www.bucketfillers101.com). Bucket Fillers offer a free weekly e-newsletter for parents and teachers.

If you are concerned about your child's progress at school, please feel free to call Mrs. Keri-Ann Sturgeon at 836-7010. Mrs. Sturgeon is at NSEE on a two week rotation. Week one will be Wednesday & Friday and week two will be Friday. September 6—9 is week two.

## Fill A Bucket!



### TERRY FOX RUN

This year marks the 31st Terry Fox Fun to raise money for cancer research. At NSEE we will be participating with a walk on Friday, September 30th. The classes will walk at 12:35 pm. Parents are encouraged to participate in the walk.

### Soccer & Cross Country Running

Elementary Soccer will be our first sport of the Season. More information to follow.

The Elementary Cross Country schedule will be posted on our website shortly. Students in grades 3, 4 and 5 can participate. Grades 4 and 5 will start practices at noon hour very soon.

### Calling All GIRLS

The Sunny Corner Girls Guides would like to start again in October providing we have Leaders.

If you are interested in volunteering as a Leader in Sparks, Brownies or Girl Guides please contact Barb Vanderbeck at 836-2344.

### Salmon Association Contest Winners

The winners from the Salmon Association Contest, that was held in the Spring, are on display at the Atlantic Salmon Museum in Doaktown.



### Kindergarten Registration for September 2017

It is important that all children turning 5 by December 31, 2017 and starting kindergarten in September 2017 are registered soon. Parents and children will be invited to participate in special events throughout the school year to help with the transition to kindergarten.

**The following information is required for registration:** Birth Certificate and/or Medicare Card and Proof of Immunization.

Be sure to register your child and you will receive information and invitations to be part of activities to support your child's learning. We look forward to welcoming your child to Kindergarten. Registration will take place in October. There will be more information in the October Newsletter.

# North & South Esk Elementary

## September 2016



Dear Parents:

Welcome to another school year. A special welcome to families who are new to NSEE this year. Also welcome Ms. Brenda Whitney and Mrs. Roberta Manderville as they join our team of EA's and Mrs. Keri-Ann Sturgeon to Guidance.

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 door is always open.

I am looking forward to another fantastic year.

Mr. Jamie Henderson, Principal

**School Website - <http://nsee.nbed.nb.ca>**

## NSEE IS NUT SAFE!



Parents are reminded that NSEE is a **NUT SAFE 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.

## bell schedule

NSEE will have a new bell schedule this year. The only change will be dismissal at the end of the day. Grade K-2 Students will be dismissed at 1:40 pm and Grade 3-6 Students will be dismissed at 2:40 pm.

If you require more information on this please call the school at 836-7010.

### Breakfast program Volunteers

Our Breakfast Program Coordinators are looking for a few reliable volunteers. It is a fun and rewarding activity and a great way to help out our school.

For more information contact April Lavoie or Susie Augustine.

### NSEE Bell Schedule 2016—2017

8:00 AM	Staff/Students Proceed to Homeroom
8:15 AM	All Students in Homeroom
8:20 AM	Homeroom Bell (O'Canada, Announcements, Walk & Talk Thurs./Fri.)
8:30 AM	All Classes Begin
10:00 AM	Morning Recess Bell
10:15 AM	Morning Recess Ends (return to class)
11:45 AM	K-2 Lunch Bell / 3-6 Outside Recess
12:10 PM	3-6 Lunch Bell / K-2 Outside Recess
12:35 PM	All classes Resume
1:35 PM	K-2 Bell (Get Ready)
1:40 PM	K-2 Bell Dismissal (Buses Leave)
2:35 PM	3-6 Bell (Get Ready)
2:40 PM	3-6 Dismissal (Buses Leave)

# NSEE Staff

Jamie Henderson	Principal	Barb Matchett	Educational Assistant
Susan Henderson	Kindergarten	Brenda Whitney	Educational Assistant
Annette Hendry	Kindergarten / Grade 1	Corrie Munn	Educational Assistant
Heather Mutch	Grade 1	Debbie Jardine	Educational Assistant
Christine Silliker	Grade 2	Gloria Kelly	Educational Assistant
Alison Sullivan	Grade 3/4	Kathy Stewart	Educational Assistant
Shayla Mutch	Grade 4	Roberta Manderville	Educational Assistant
Marcy Downey	Grade 5/Physical Education	Tanya Mutch	Educational Assistant
Gary Ryder	Grade 6	Lynn Allison	Librarian
Melissa Esty	Resource	Paula Matchett	Administrative Assistant
Luticha Taylor	French	Myrna Mullin	Cafeteria Staff
Kerri-Ann Sturgeon	Guidance	Debbie Hamilton	Cafeteria Staff
Jennifer Black	First Nations Guidance	Pat Murphy	Custodian
Mary Jane Ward	First Nations Literacy Clinician	Jeannie Roy-Nowlan	Custodian
		Grace Trowbridge	Custodian

## School Sports



We are planning to participate in all District Sports this year. We will have teams made up 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 will participate in the Middle School league.

## Home & School

The NSEE Home & School is looking forward to working with parents, students and staff @ NSEE. We will be holding the first meeting of the year on Thursday, September 8th at 6:30 pm.

We hope to see new & familiar faces this 2016-2017 school year! Remember everyone is welcome to attend the meetings.

Any questions about Home & School please contact the Home & School President, Debbie Matchett @ 622 7302.

## ACCESS ROAD

Parents are reminded to use the access road in the morning and afternoon for drop off.

QSP School Fundraiser will launch on September 27th

More Information to Follow

Wednesday, October 12th



# Movie Night



This year we will be having a Welcome Back to School Movie Night for all parents, students and staff. More information will be sent home when the date is confirmed. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

The Home and School Committee stands as follows:

President – Debbie Matchett • Vice President - Carla O'Toole • Secretary – Lisa Brophy • Treasurer – Angela Hicks

*If you have any questions please contact the school @ 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.

**New District Policy Regarding Bus Notes:** 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 Talk Mail is now available to all.**

**EARLY ARRIVALS** - Parents are asked not to drop off their children 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.

**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.