

This year we will enthusiastically continue 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 this new program and look forward to your support. If you would like to learn more about bucket filling please contact our Guidance Counselor, Christine Colwell or your child's teacher and/or visit the Bucket Fillers website, 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. Christine Colwell at 836-7010. Mrs. Colwell is at NSEE on Mondays and Thursdays.



Fill A Bucket!

TERRY FOX RUN



This year marks the 29th Terry Fox Fun to raise money for cancer research. At NSEE we will be participating with a walk on Friday, September 14th. The classes will walk at 11:00 am. Parents are encouraged to participate in the walk.

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.

MAGAZINE CAMPAIGN

We will be doing our annual magazine subscription fundraising campaign again this year. Our kick-off date is Thursday, September 27 and the campaign will run until Wednesday, October 10th. 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.

North & South Esk Elementary

September 2012



Dear Parents:

Welcome to another school year. A special welcome to families who are new to NSEE this year. Also welcome to Mrs. Annette Hendry and Mrs. Tish Taylor.

We would also like to welcome our student teacher who will be with us this year, Jessica Taylor.

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 door is always open.

I am looking forward to another fantastic year.

Mr. Mike Buggie, Principal

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

NSEE IS NUT FREE!



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.

NSEE HAS A NEW SCHOOL STORE!



NSEE is very pleased to introduce the opening of our new school store. **NSEE'S STORE**

Items such as school clothing, water bottles, lap top cases, pens, pencils, memory sticks, etc. are available for purchase and are on display in the lobby window by the cafeteria.

We have a variety of items, so stop by the window and the school website for details and pricing. Purchases can be made at the school office. We look forward to seeing you at NSEE'S STORE!



NSEE Staff 2012-2013

TEACHERS		SUPPORT STAFF	
Mike Buggie	Principal	Lynn Allison	Librarian
Jamie Henderson	Vice Principal	Debbie Jardine	Educational Assistant
Susan Henderson	Kindergarten	Ruth Harris	Custodian
Annette Hendry	Kindergarten	Barb Matchett	Educational Assistant
Colleen Kane	Grade 1	Paula Matchett	Administrative Assistant
Heather Mutch	Grade 1	Tobi Matchett	Cafeteria Staff
Nancy Hambrook	Grade 2	Patty Murphy	Custodian
Shiann Holmes	Grade 2	Heather O'Shea	Educational Assistant
Christine Silliker	Grade 3	Alma Sherrard	Custodian
Donna Flanagan	Grade 4	Kathy Stewart	Educational Assistant
Marcy Downey	Grade 5 - Intensive French	Brenda Whitney	Educational Assistant
Alison Sullivan	Grade 5		
Shayla Mutch	Grade 6	Student Teachers	
Gary Ryder	Grade 6	Jessica Taylor	Grade 3 - Mrs. Silliker
Melissa Esty	Resource		
Tish Taylor	French		



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 13th at 5:30 pm. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

In addition to the Family 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
- Advise principal re: school policies
- Provide input to performance evaluation of principal and vice-principal
- Communication with District Education Council on PSSC issues

We have two vacant positions on our committee. Please consider letting your name stand for election.

The PSSC Committee stands as follows:

David Henderson - Term Expires June 2013

Bertha Taylor - Term Expires June 2013

Chris Matchett - Term Expires June 2014

Lisa Astle - June 2014

If you have any questions please contact the school secretary @ 836-7010

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.

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 Middle School leagues.

REMINDER THAT ALL VISITORS MUST REPORT TO THE OFFICE UPON ARRIVAL TO THE SCHOOL

Bus Notes

Reminder to all Parents that bus notes **MUST** include the **Full Name and Street Address** of the location that your children will be getting off the bus.

In the event of a Supply Teacher or Casual Bus Driver, often times these supplies do not know who "Nannie" is or where she lives.

It is important that all bus notes contain this information each day. It is also suggested that after school plans be decided in the morning to ensure that your children arrive at their location for the day.

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 school buses.



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 of 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 only available to Aliant Customers.**

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.

