

# North & South Esk Elementary

## September 2010



Dear Parents:

Welcome to another school year. A special welcome to families that are new to NSEE this year.

A special welcome to Mr. Dean Mutch, our new Vice-Principal. We would also like to welcome our new staff members Miss Holly Brophy, Teacher; Mrs. Kelly Russell, Teacher; Mrs. Sara Hyland, Teacher Assistant;

Mr. Patty Murphy, Custodian; Ms. Ruth Harris, Custodian and returning to our staff is Mrs. Donna Flanagan, Teacher and Mrs. Paula Matchett as our school secretary.

We would also like to welcome two student teachers from UNB who will be with us this year, Serena Sock and Andrea Sobey.

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



### NSEE STAFF 2010-2011

TEACHERS		SUPPORT STAFF	
Mike Buggie	Principal	Lynn Allison	Library Assistant
Dean Mutch	Vice Principal	Patty Murphy	Custodian
Susan Henderson	Kindergarten	Debbie Jardine	Teacher Assistant
Holly Brophy	Kindergarten - Grade 1	Paula Matchett	Administrative Assistant
Heather Mutch	Grade 1	Margaret McAllister	Teacher Assistant
Kelly Russell	Grade 2	Sara Hyland	Teacher Assistant
Shiann Holmes	Grade 2-3	Heather O'Shea	Teacher Assistant
Christine Silliker	Grade 3	Alma Sherrard	Custodian
Donna Flanagan	Grade 4	Kathy Stewart	Teacher Assistant
Marcy Downey	Grade 4 - Grade 5 (Intensive French)	Brenda Whitney	Teacher Assistant
Alison Sullivan	Grade 5	Ruth Harris	Custodian
Shayla Mutch	Grade 6		
Brenda Dunnett	Grade 6 Homeroom (Resource)	<b>CAFETERIA STAFF</b>	
Melissa Esty	Resource	Tobi Matchett	
Lynn Carney	Physical Education / French		

## HOME & SCHOOL

Our First Home & School meeting will be held on Monday, September 13th @ 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 contact Joetta Dunn, President at 622-6066.

## STUDENT PHOTOS

Student Photos will be taken on  
Friday, September 24th.



## STUDENT AGENDAS

Agendas are available to students in grades 3-6 for \$6.00. 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 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 Tuesday, September 14th at 6:30 pm at the school. We hope everyone will come and support us and enjoy some hot dogs, hamburgers and pop courtesy of the Home & School and NSEE.

We will also take a few minutes to elect two new members of the Parent School Support Committee (PSSC) for a three year term. 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

Our PSSC Committee stands as follows:

Chris Matchett - Term Expires - June 2011  
Claudia Bryenton - Term Expires - June 2010  
Mr. Mike Buggie - Principal

Tammy Scott - Term Expires - June 2011  
Tosha Hamilton - Term Expires - June 2010  
Mr. Dean Mutch - Vice Principal



## TERRY FOX RUN



This year marks the 30th 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 Thursday, September 30th. 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 donation on behalf of all our students. Parents are encouraged to participate in the walk.

## 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 23rd and the campaign will run until Friday, October 15th. 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 "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.



### Co-Curricular Bus / Field Trips

Recently your student was given a co-curricular bus/field trip consent form. This form is used so that individual trip consent forms is not necessary. These forms are due back to the school as soon as possible.

## 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.



## ATTENDANCE REGULATION

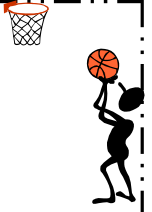
Our District Attendance Regulation states the following:

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.

## SMALL BALL

Small Ball will run again this year for children in Grades 1 - 4 on Saturday mornings from 9-10 am. This is a 10-12 week program, the cost is \$40/child. To register please call the school at 836-7010 with your child's name, address, phone # and email address.



## Guidance Services

This year our Guidance Counsellor is Mrs. Christine Colwell. She will be at our school on Monday and Thursday. If you have any guidance issues feel free to contact Mrs. Colwell at the school on Monday and Thursday or at St. Andrews Elementary (778-5258) during the other days.

## GUITAR LES-

Last year Mrs. O'Shea



## SONS

had great success with beginners guitar lessons. This year lessons will run from October 18th to December 20th, for one hour Monday's after school. The cost is \$15/lesson.

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

We plan to make better use of our school website this year. You child's teacher will have their own "page" on the website where parents can access up to date class information.

Starting next week our daily announcements will be available on the website after 10:00 am. Parents can tune in and watch the announcements each day.

Please note that parents are asked to sign the permission to publish photograph form that was sent home with your student (s). In order for pictures to be used on the school website. Please note that names will not be used when publishing pictures on the website.

## VOLLEYBALL



Registration for fall sessions will be Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> 10am - 2pm at the Douglastown Community Center.

The cost is \$30 for one child, \$50 for two children and \$60 for three children. The fee includes a t-shirt. The \$2 user fee will have to be paid each week at MVHS.

This year the clinics will begin September 18 and continue until early December. The Grade 5 & 6 will play at 9am-10:30am. If you have any questions please contact Hedley Doak at 622-4472

**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.

### 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 or you can email the information to [paula.matchett@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:paula.matchett@nbed.nb.ca)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_