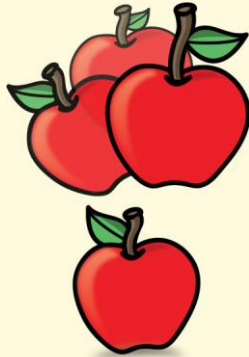


September 2023

Welcome Back – We hope you all had a great summer! To those of you who are new to our school community, we are excited to meet you.

Staff Members – We would like to introduce you to our staff members.

Acting Principal – Heather Touchie Blakely
Vice Principal – Morgan Levesque
Kindergarten – Erin Moss
Grade 1 – Gina Jessome
Grade 2 – Juliana Blackmore
Grade 3 – Shayna Thorne
Grade 4 – Emily D’Aoust
Grade 5 – Olivia Hodgson
EST Literacy Numeracy Teacher – Jocelyn Wilson
Middle Level and High School Teachers:
Grade 6 Homeroom – Lauren Gallagher
Grade 7 Homeroom – Steven Black
Grade 8 Homeroom – Erin Flower
Grade 9 Homeroom – Natasha Douthwright
Grade 10 Homeroom – Taylor Godin
Grade 11 Homeroom – Heather Bailey
Grade 12 Homeroom – Katherine Colpitts
FLORA – Grace Hickey
PIF – Taylor Godin
Music – Nigel Burrill
Phys. Ed – Julie Seipp
Guidance – Katherine Colpitts (Semester 1)
 – Mitch Bragg (Semester 2)
Resource – Rob Wilson
EA – Verna Bedford
EA – Sandra Boyd
EA – Michael Butterfield
EA – Sarah Dykeman
EA – Tyler Jardine
EA – Lorie Jeffery
Administrative Assistant – Sandra Jenkins
Community School Coordinator – Marcy Malloy
Custodian – John Madore
Librarian – Paula Belyea



Dates to Remember

September 14	Queens County Fair
September 18	Farm to School meals begin
September 19	Culinary meals begin
September 21	Open House
September 21	PSSC Nominations during Open House
September 22	NO SCHOOL (PL Day)
September 29	Terry Fox
October 2	NO SCHOOL (National Truth & Reconciliation Day)
October 9	NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Day)
October 10-13	Registration for Students Entering Kindergarten in 2023-2024
October 13	NO SCHOOL (PL Day)
October 20	Picture Day
October 23	Immunization Day for Grade 7 & 9
October 27	Whole School Half Day
November 3	NO SCHOOL (PL Day)
November 13	NO SCHOOL (Remembrance Day)
November 16	Picture Retakes
November 16	Grad Picture Day

After School Pickup – If you are picking your child up instead of them taking the bus, you must make sure that homeroom teacher or office is made aware for K-5 students. You can send a note to teacher or call office. If no note or phone call have been received, students will be put on the bus. Grade 6-12 students will be responsible for knowing if they are getting picked up. Notifying the office is appreciated for middle level students.
Please Note: students being picked up will NOT be released from the school until AFTER buses have left the parking lot for safety reasons.

Monthly Newsletter – September is the only month that a paper copy of the newsletter will be sent home.

Going forward the monthly newsletter will be sent on School Messenger and posted to the school website. If you prefer to receive a paper copy, please call, or email Sandra
 (sandra.jenkins@nbed.nb.ca)

TOY POLICY – Elementary – The school discourages Elementary students from bringing unnecessary toys and expensive items to school. Elementary students are **NOT** permitted to bring electronic devices such as gaming systems, iPods, cell phones, etc. to school. Staff will not take responsibility should items brought to school become lost, stolen, damaged or traded with another student.

Visitor Policy – Please note that visitors (anyone who is not a student or staff member) are not permitted to travel through the school during the school day. Students can become easily distracted by someone going by their classroom. This policy is also in place for safety reasons. We **MUST** know who is in our building at all times. This includes when you are picking up your child. The office will contact your child’s classroom and ask them to come to the office. **ALL VISITORS MUST SIGN IN AT THE OFFICE.**

School Messenger – School Messenger is main method of communication. You will receive messages from our principal weekly with updates for the week. You will also receive messages from the district through School Messenger. If you are not receiving messages from School Messenger, please let Sandra know. You should receive either a text, email or sometimes a phone call.

What are student fees used for –

- K-5 School Supplies
- K-12 Supplemental Supplies
- Additional resources such as apps & online programs
- Science Fairs, Heritage Fairs, Drama festivals
- Winter carnival, clubs
- Take home projects

If student fees are not paid, the money for the school supplies, co-curricular, extra-curricular activities must come from the school’s regular budget. This then takes away from money available for general classroom supplies, office supplies, school furniture, specialized Resource and Guidance supplies like wobble chairs. Art supplies, science supplies, Library books, locks for lockers, special prizes and medals, classroom technology, classroom toys, playground equipment and general upkeep of the school.

Please contact school if you need to make special arrangements to pay your child’s student fees. Not paying student fees directly impacts the children as we are not able to offer everything that we may want to do because we do not have the funds.

Sports – For updated info on all sports, please check calendar on school website. All sport activities will be posted to the calendar.

C-NCS School Schedule – Classes for all students Kindergarten-grade 12 begin at 8:30 am. All students load buses at 3:00 pm Monday – Thursday. Kindergarten to grade 8 students are done school at noon every Friday.

High School students are done at 3:00 pm every Friday **EXCEPT** for the fourth Friday of the month when they will be finished at 12:00 pm.

Students must not be dropped off at school prior to 8:10 am. Supervision of students does not begin until 8:10 am. Students must be picked up promptly after school (3:00pm) if they are not going home on the bus. If for any reason students must leave school during the school day (with the exception of 9-12 students at lunch), a parent or legal guardian must contact the office to “sign” the student out. You do not need to physically sign the student out, but office **MUST** be made aware of ALL STUDENTS K-12 who are leaving early. If they are not signed out, they will be marked Unexcused.

Student Fees – Student Fees are due on the first day of school. All families must pay for student fees for their child. If you need to make arrangements to set up a payment plan, please contact the office.

Online payments for student fees are the preferred method of payment. This way your child does not have to bring money to school and the homeroom teachers do not have to handle and track the cash received. Please go to this website to pay for student fees.

<http://anglophonewest.schoolcashonline.com/>

Or you can go to our school website. Scroll down and click on SchoolCash Online.

Elementary student fees are \$50 (this includes cost for school supplies)

Middle Level and High School student fees are \$40.

Volunteering – If you are interested in being a volunteer, please contact Sandra at 488-3500 or Sandra.jenkins@nbed.nb.ca and she will send home a package that needs to be completed. Please note that volunteers will need to provide a up to date criminal record and have all paperwork completed. We are always looking for volunteers who are willing to help our students especially with extra-curricular activities.



New School Website - Since the launch of the new ASD-W website last August, we have been working on completing our new school website, and I'm happy to share that it went live in June!

Please take some time to browse our site and familiarize yourself with new ways to find information.

The site is divided into two main sections, located across the top of the page: **About Our School** and **Current Students**. *About Our School* includes our school profile, location information, a staff directory, school policies, and more. *Current Students* contains everything you need to know about paying fees, bell schedules, school supply lists, athletics, extracurriculars, academics, guidance and more. Updates will be shared through the **News** channel, and all events will be posted in the **Calendar**. Alerts regarding weather, bussing and buildings can be accessed by clicking the yellow **Alert** button found at the top right of the site. There is also a new feature called **Switch sites**, enabling you to move from our school website to the school district or another ASD-W school site with just a click. The blue **LOGIN** button beside the *Switch sites* button provides easy access to the PowerSchool Portal, School Messenger, and other familiar applications.

We hope you find our new site inviting and user-friendly. We are committed to continuously fine-tuning it to ensure it meets all your communications needs. The old site will remain significantly pared down for the next couple of months, allowing everyone time to transition to the new one.

Visit the new website now: <https://cns.nbed.ca/>

Nut Free School – We are a NUT FREE SCHOOL. We have students who have severe allergies to pistachio, cashew, peanut, and tree nuts. Please ensure that you do not send anything to school that contains nuts. Exposure to even tiny amounts of these allergens can cause an allergic reaction and even put these students into anaphylactic shock which can be potentially life threatening. Our goal is to make our school a safe place for all our students.

Students Signing Out or Being Picked Up

If you are picking up your child from school, you can come into the office, or you can call the office once you arrive and your child will be called down. We will then send them out to you. We need to make sure that students are being picked up by an approved adult.

If your child is leaving school for any reason (planned or unplanned), please make sure that they sign out with Sandra. Students cannot sign themselves out (even grade 12 students) a parent/caregiver must notify the office that the student is leaving. If students leave without signing out, they will be marked as Unexcused.

Students Arriving Late (after 8:00) – Please make sure that if your child is arriving late that they check in with Sandra at the office, so she can update their attendance. **This is for ALL STUDENTS, Kindergarten to grade 12.**

Buses – During the first week or 2 of school, buses may not be running on time. The drivers are trying to figure out times and new stops. Thank you for your understanding during this time. The drivers work very hard to make sure students arrive to and from school on time.

Students are to be waiting at their bus pick up location at **LEAST 5 MINUTES** before their pickup time. We NEVER want students running for the bus and we also do not want the bus drivers to have to wait as they run on a very tight schedule.

Please note that late/not running buses are announced on the radio, posted on our school website, our Facebook page and posted on Anglophone West website. Buses are announced by **NUMBER** not Bus Driver Name. You **MUST** know the bus number of the bus your child travels on. They may sometimes have a spare bus, so that number does not matter, their route is assigned their unique bus number.

FRED – 317

DEAN – 352

JACKIE – 311

RYAN – 361

UNKNOWN DRIVER at this time – 347

School Cancellations - We are ZONE 9 for school closures. Also, please remember that we always need to be able to reach you during the school day, in case of emergency or closure during the school day. Make sure that your contact information is updated.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding bus drivers, buses, or their bus route, please contact Transportation at the Oromocto Education Centre. (506) 357-4113, ask for Transportation.



Sustainable School – Our school has been given the designation of being a “Sustainable School”. We are very excited about this, but it comes with responsibility and commitments to making choices to keep this designation.

We will no longer be providing Dixie Cups or spoons and forks from the office for the students. We ask that all students bring their own utensils and water bottles with them to school.

Just a reminder that we **do NOT** have water fountains, we have water bottle fill stations, so students NEED to bring a water bottle with them if they need to have additional drinks during the school day.

Community Co-Ordinator News -

Welcome back everyone! Breakfast programs will be starting back up the week of Sept. 11th. Our Monday and Tuesday lunch programs will be starting the week of Sept. 18th. All lunch programs will be available for purchase through school cash online.

We are hoping to start the Free Wednesday lunch program in October, but we need your help. If you can contribute to this program, please visit our website, and see the "Feed a Husky" link. Or you can just go to our school cash online page and contribute. We do not have a grant for this program this year and will be depending on fundraising to make this program happen!

Our Thursday hot breakfast for Elementary will be starting in October. If you are interested in volunteering for this, please let me know. It would be approx. 1 hour from 7:30am – 8:30 am, on Thursday's, one Thursday per month. You can contact Sandra or Marcy if you'd like more info.

The C-NCS Home and School 50/50 draw has been ongoing and will continue to raise funds throughout the year. This is a great way to support our students, as well as give yourself a chance at winning the weekly jackpot. You can contact Marcy, or any member of the C-NCS Home and School for more information.

We are very grateful to our partners that display and collect the toonies; Turners One Stop, Nan's, Youngs Cove Runway, Slocum's Produce, Mill Cove Nursing Home. You can also play here at the school.

The Community Food Smart program will be starting again in October. Working with our partners at the Oromocto Food bank, we wholesale purchase fruit and vegetables, and resell to families and community members. The cost of the food bag is \$15, with an annual fee \$10. The more people we have participating, the more purchasing power we have to buy items. Contact Marcy or Sandra for more information.

If you have any questions regarding volunteering at the school in any way, please give myself or Sandra a call and we will make sure we get you signed up. We are always looking for people to help volunteer with sports programs, nutrition programs, field trips, or if you have a special talent you'd like to share, we'd love to have you join us.



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SCENT FREE BUILDING – Please note that we have a staff member who has SEVERE allergies to scents. It does not take much for her to have an allergic reaction. She cannot breathe, loses her voice, has pains in her chest, an instant headache and is forced to leave the building. An allergic reaction does not pass quickly, it can last several hours to several days.

Please make sure that your child does not come to school wearing any of the following strongly scented products, this also includes you if you are visiting the school:

Perfume, cologne, aftershave, body lotion, hand lotion, strong smelling deodorant, hairspray, shampoo, laundry detergent, fabric softener. Please note that although Essential Oils are often made from natural products, those with severe allergies are allergic to these as well.

If your child has an allergy that the school is not aware of, please contact the school so we are aware and can have measures in place in case of an allergic reaction.

Grad Class – The 2024 Graduating Class will be doing a bottle fundraiser in October. Please start saving your bottles.

We will let you know about what other fundraising activities they will have in the upcoming months. Thank you for supporting our school and students.

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