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# October Newsletter 2013

## Kindergarten Registration Week



Registration for children entering Kindergarten in September 2014 will be held from October 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> at your community school. Parents are reminded that Kindergarten attendance in 2014-2015 is compulsory for children born in 2009, except if a child is born between September 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> of that year. These children have the option of starting Kindergarten the following year. If you have a child entering Kindergarten next year, please call the school at 778-6099 or visit the main office between 8:30 am-3:00 pm to have him or her registered. Proof of immunization, birth certificate and Medicare cards are required at the time of registration. It is important that your child be registered at this time in order to receive information needed for pre-school screening and successful transition into school for September 2014.

## School Fundraising

Our annual school fundraiser will begin on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> and run until Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Again this year we will be using QSP Magazine Subscriptions and the Norcard Gift Shoppe Catalogue. More information will be sent home soon.

## Professional Learning Days - Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> & Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

This is a reminder that there will be no school for students as teachers will be participating in province-wide mandated Professional Learning Days.

## Interim Reports



Interim Reports will be going home on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. This is an update on how your child has performed during the first month and half of school. A full progress report will be sent home in November. If you have concerns about your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

## Mad Science Program



The Mad Science Program will start on Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Students must be picked up at the school (office area) at 3:25 p.m. Seats are limited. The last session will be held on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Head Lice

It is that time of year again, when we are asking parents to be diligent in checking their child's head for signs of head lice. If you discover lice, children must be treated with NIX Shampoo or any other lice shampoo. Students are not allowed to return to school until there are no signs of live lice. Please contact the school to inform us if you discover lice. For further information on how to deal with lice, you may also contact the school or your pharmacist.

## Important Reminders



We want to remind parents to **please stop for the red flashing lights on the school busses** when entering the school parking lot before and after school. Also, please do not drop your children off at the school before 7:50 a.m. for Grades 3-5 and 8:45 a.m. for Grades K-2. No supervision is available until after these times. Your cooperation with these matters is greatly appreciated.

## PSSC Meeting



The first PSSC meeting this year will take place on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Library.

## Home & School



The Home & School meeting for this month will be held on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Room. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.



## Halloween Week Activities

Our student Council has planned fun activities for Halloween week:



- ✂ Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> - Pumpkin Decorating Day & Buddy Reading Spooky Stories
- ✂ Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> - Scary Hair Day
- ✂ Wednesday, October 30<sup>st</sup> - Black & Orange Day & Gym Class Halloween Activities
- ✂ Thursday, October 31 - Costume Parade & Wrap The Teacher Mummy Contest



From October 28-31<sup>st</sup>, the student council will hold their annual Candy Guess. Each guess is \$0.25 and the correct guesser wins all the candy!!! Winner will be announced on Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Remember to check out our website for updates, notices, class pages, calendars, newsletters and daily announcements!

[gretnagreen.nbed.nb.ca](http://gretnagreen.nbed.nb.ca)

## Grade 5 Class Trip Fundraising



Each year our Grade 5 class raises funds throughout the school year to take an end of the year trip to the Moncton Zoo and Magic Mountain. As an ongoing fundraiser, the class has an account set up at Hebert's Bottle Recycling in Chatham and they will accept bottles at Hebert's from parents/friends/family members and credit the refund to the Grade 5 class account. If you are interested in helping out the Grade 5 class, please visit Hebert's with your recyclables and tell them to credit the refund to Gretna Green's account. Thank you for your support.

## Fire Prevention Week

October 6-12<sup>th</sup> is Fire Prevention Week. The Miramichi Fire Department will be giving a presentation to our students on October 7<sup>th</sup> about fire prevention.

## Microwaves

Please remember that the cafeteria time is only 20 minutes and the microwave lines are long. If at all possible, please send a lunch that doesn't need to be heated. Thank you!

## Important Dates to Remember

October 6-12	Fire Prevention Week
October 7 -	School Fundraiser Begins
October 10 -	Gr. 4-5 Soccer Jamboree @ GG 3:30 pm
October 10 -	NO SCHOOL
October 11 -	NO SCHOOL
October 14 -	NO SCHOOL - Happy Thanksgiving
October 15-18 -	Kindergarten Registration Week
October 15 -	Home & School Meeting 6:30 pm
October 18 -	School Fundraiser Ends
October 18 -	Interim Reports
October 23 -	Picture Retakes
October 24 -	PSSC Meeting 6:00 pm
October 28-31 -	Halloween Week Activities



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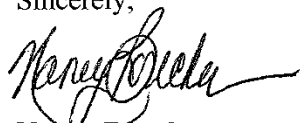
Dear Parents/Guardians,

School safety is a top priority for us all. In light of that, our District Education Council has established a policy (*E-8: Threat Assessment*) which is intended to enhance school security and to create a safe, caring and positive learning environment. Anglophone North School District has zero tolerance for high-risk behaviors, and therefore all threats of violence will be taken seriously and investigated and acted upon in a professional manner. High-risk behaviors include, but are not limited to, possession of weapons, bomb threats and threats to kill or injure others. This letter is intended to serve our community with fair notice that we, as a school community, will respond to all serious threats.

For more information on this policy and protocol, please feel free to contact your school principal. You might also contact Darren Oakes, Positive Learning Environment Coordinator, at 506-684-7480.

It would be helpful if you would discuss this policy with your child(ren). We appreciate your support in ensuring our schools are safe environments. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation.

Sincerely,



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