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*"School should be the safest place for a child to make a mistake."
Author Unknown*

WELCOME BACK

There is nothing like the beginning of a new school year!! We want to welcome all our students both new and returning back to Gretna Green. We know this will be a fantastic school year!

GRETNA GREEN IS "Going Green"

In an effort to go "Green", this year we will only send paper copies of the newsletters to families who request it. The newsletter can be accessed on our website at gretnagreen.nbed.nb.ca or we can email it to you. We will also be creating an email distribution list for important school news. If you are interested in being part of this list, please provide us with your email below. Every home will continue to receive a calendar for their fridge. Please fill out the form below and indicate your preference. Thank you for caring about our environment!



Please sign below and let us know if you are interested in taking part in our **Green Initiative**.

Youngest or only child's name: _____

Teacher's name: _____

_____ I do not wish to receive a copy of the school newsletter each month. I will retrieve it from the website or receive it through email.

_____ Continue to send the monthly newsletter home with my child.

Email: _____

STAFFING

This year we have a few staffing changes to tell you about. First of all, we would like to welcome Mrs. Linda Dickson to our staff. Mrs. Dickson will be teaching Grade 4 French Immersion. Ms. Sharon Young is our new cafeteria worker. We would also like to welcome back Mrs. Carolyn Simmons as Principal. Mr. Keith Comeau will remain as Vice-Principal of Gretna Green until January at which time Ms. Krista Bransfield will return from maternity leave. Miss Rebecca Hitchman is with us again this year to fill in for Ms. Bransfield's Grade 5 class. Mrs. Elaine Foran (Murray) is also with us again this year until December at which time Mrs. Christine O'Toole will return from her maternity leave.



We would like to congratulate Mr. Brandon Ryan who was married in August and also to Mrs. Elaine Foran (Murray) who will be married in September.

BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATION - SEPT. 15TH - DESSERT DELIGHT NIGHT



Again this year, we will host a "Welcome Back To School Dessert Delight Night" celebration on Thursday, September 15. We will be offering a selection of ice cream and tasty desserts from 6:00-6:30 p.m. at a cost of \$5.00 per family. At 6:30 p.m., families will be invited to meet their child's teacher in their classrooms and everyone is invited to meet in the cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. for PSSC elections. We hope you can join us!

PSSC ELECTIONS

Elections for the PSSC members will take place at 7:10 p.m. on Thursday, September 15th in the cafeteria after the "Welcome Back to School Dessert Delight Night" celebration. New members are welcome and needed. If you are interested in nominating someone or if you would like your name to stand, please contact Mrs. Simmons or Mr. Comeau at the school.

HOME & SCHOOL ELECTIONS

The Home & School general meeting and elections will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 6:30 p.m. We strongly encourage all parents to take an active involvement in their child's Home & School. More information will be sent home soon 😊



IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDER



To keep our children safe, 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. if they are in Grade 3-5 or 8:45 a.m. for Grade K-2. No supervision is available until after these times. Your cooperation with these matters is greatly appreciated.

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

This year's student council elections will take place on Monday, September 12th. We will begin by electing class representatives for the Grade 3-5 classes. We will then elect a president, vice-president and secretary.

SCHOOL PICTURES

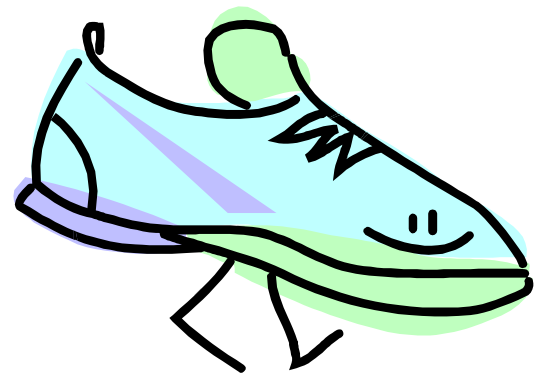


Our school pictures will be taken by Dewey Photography on Friday, September 16th in the morning. We will keep children in at recess that day to make sure that they are looking perfect for the camera. If you would like to volunteer to help, it would be nice to have two parents to fix collars, hair, etc. Please contact Mrs. Simmons or Mr. Comeau.

TERRY FOX WALK

For our annual Terry Fox Walk this year, we will again have a "Spare Change Drive" from September 19-28th. Students are asked to bring in any spare change to school from September 19-28 to be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation.

Students who donate a Loonie will have their name entered for the "Principal of the Day" draw.



The walk will be held on Wednesday, September 28th at 1:30 p.m. All parents, friends and family members are invited to join us. If you would like to make a donation other than spare change, please send it in to the attention of Mrs. Simmons. Thank you in advance for your support.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS

October is National Walk To School Month. To participate in this, on Friday, September 30th, all students and parents are invited to meet at Northumberland Square at 7:30 a.m. to walk to the school. This is a great way to promote active, healthy living. We encourage families to walk to school as often as possible; you don't have to wait for the "Walking School Bus".

STUDENT INFORMATION SHEETS



For new students, student information sheets will have to be filled out and returned, for returning students, you will receive information sheets to update. Please review and return as soon as possible as these are very important regarding medical updates as well as contact phone numbers, etc.

GRETNA GREEN HAS WELL MANNERED KIDS

This year our students will continue to practice good manners and learn what it means to live and play by "The Golden Rule" - *Treat others how you want to be treated* - We have set high expectations for our students in this area and as a staff we will work hard to ensure our students continue to exhibit good manners and play by "The Golden Rule".

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Soccer practices will begin on Monday, Sept. 12th from 2:30-3:30 for Grades 4 & 5.



Cross Country will also begin on Wednesday, Sept. 14th from 2:30-3:30 for Grades 3, 4, & 5.

More information will be sent home with the dates for games and meets.

CHEVROLET HOCKEY PROGRAM

All players born in 2006 who register to play hockey with Hockey Canada in the 2011-2012 year are eligible to receive a free Bauer 2100 hockey helmet from Chevrolet.

Check out the flowing link to apply: <https://secure.chevrolethockeyhelmet.ca/register>

Permission to Publish Form

Each year we publish countless pictures and post many videos on our website and the School District 16 website. In order to post your child's picture, we need permission. Please fill out the attached Permission To Publish form and return it you your child's teacher. Please feel free to call Mrs. Simmons with any questions you have regarding this form.

Cafeteria

Attached to this newsletter you will find our 2011-2012 cafeteria menu. Chadwick Food Service is offering students an exciting new way to purchase lunches from our cafeteria. Please check out *LunchGroupie* on their website - www.chadwickfoods.com .

*****IMPORTANT DATES*****



- Monday, September 12 - Student Council Elections
Soccer starts 2:30-3:30 p.m. Grade 4 & 5
- Wednesday, September 14 - Cross Country starts 2:30-3:30 p.m. Grades 3, 4 & 5
- Thursday, September 15 - Welcome Back to School Dessert Delight Night
6:00 p.m.
PSSC Elections at 7:10 p.m.
- Friday, September 16 - School Pictures
- Monday, September 19 - NO SCHOOL Minister's Exemption Day
- Wednesday, September 21 - Home & School General Meeting & Elections 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 20-Sept. 28 - Spare change drive for Terry Fox Foundation
- Wednesday, September 28 - National Terry Fox School Walk 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, September 30 - Walking School Bus

**REMEMBER TO CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE
FOR UPDATES, NOTICES, CLASS PAGES,
CALENDARS, NEWSLETTERS AND
DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

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