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NEWSLETTER 2013

*"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 be posting our monthly newsletters on our school website**. The newsletter can be accessed on our website at gretnagreen.nbed.nb.ca or we can email it to you. We will be creating an email distribution list once again this year 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 return to the school. 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: _____

Email: _____

STAFFING

This year we have a few staffing changes to tell you about. First of all, we would like to welcome the following teachers: Mrs. Lise Bulger-Hickey will be teacher Gr. 5 French Immersion. Mrs. Monica Lockerbie will be teaching Gr. 3 French Immersion. Please join us in welcoming them to our school.

BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATION - SEPT. 12TH - CAKE DELIGHT NIGHT



Again this year, we will host a "Welcome Back To School Cake Delight Night" celebration on Thursday, September 12th. We will be offering a selection of tasty cakes from 6:00-6:45 p.m. At this time, parents can seize the opportunity to meet their child's teacher while snacking on cake. At 6:45 p.m., families will be invited to the gym for PSSC elections. We hope you can join us. *****All cakes will be nut free*****

PSSC ELECTIONS

Elections for the PSSC members will take place at 6:45 p.m. on Thursday, September 12th in the gym after the "Welcome Back to School Cake 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 Mr. Comeau or Ms. Bransfield at the school.

HOME & SCHOOL MEETING

The Home & School general meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Room on the second floor. 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 Thursday, 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

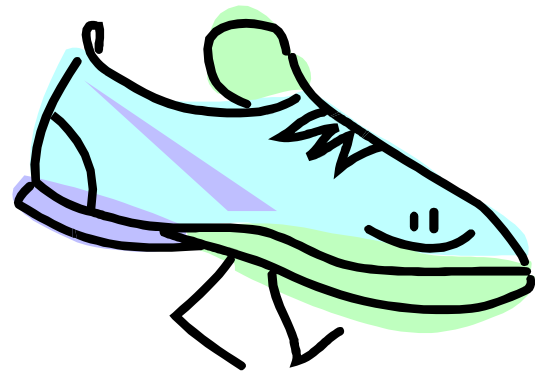


Our school pictures will be taken by Dewey Photography on Wednesday, September 18th in the morning. We will keep children in at recess that day to make sure that they are looking perfect for the camera. If you would like to volunteer to help, it would be nice to have two parents to fix collars, hair, etc. Please contact Mr. Comeau or Ms. Bransfield.

TERRY FOX WALK

For our annual Terry Fox Walk this year, we will again have a "Spare Change Drive" from September 16-27th. Students are asked to bring in any spare change to school from September 16-27th 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 in conjunction with our **Walking School Bus** that is being held on Friday, September 27th at 7:30 am. Please meet at Northumberland Square parking lot. 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 Mr. Comeau. Thank you in advance for your support.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS

October is National Walk To School Month. To participate in this, on Friday, September 27th, 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".

1st Gretna Green Boy Scouts Registration

Registration will be held at Gretna Green Elementary (use gym entrance) on Monday, September 9th at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$180/year. For more information call Karen DeWolfe at 773-9264.

Beavers - ages 5-8, Cubs - ages 8-11, Scouts - ages 11-14, Ventures - ages 14-18

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

Cross Country will begin on Monday, September 9th from 2:30-3:30 for Grades 3, 4, & 5. Practices will be held each Monday and Wednesday

Soccer practices will begin on Tuesday, September 10th from 2:30-3:30 for Grades 4 & 5 and Grades 2 & 3. Practices will be held each Tuesday and Thursday.

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

Cafeteria

You will receive a copy of our 2013-2014 cafeteria menu soon. Compass Food Service is looking after the cafeteria at Gretna Green this year.

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



- Monday, September 9 - Breakfast Program begins
- Tuesday, September 10 - Home & School General Meeting
6:30 p.m. in the Media Room
- Thursday, September 12 - Welcome Back to School Cake Delight Night
6:00 p.m.

PSSC Elections at 6:45 p.m.
- September 16-27 - Terry Fox Spare Change Drive
- Wednesday, September 18 - School Pictures
- Friday, September 27 - Walking School Bus & Terry Fox Walk
7:30 a.m. at Northumberland Square parking lot

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

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