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*"Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere."  
~Chinese Proverb*

## 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!

## Important Cafeteria Information

We would like to inform you of some upcoming changes in the operation of our school cafeteria. Effective September 8<sup>th</sup>, all meal orders will be prepared and delivered by cafeteria staff at MVHS. Our school will no longer have a designated on site cafeteria worker.

The cafeteria menu will be posted on our school website on a monthly basis. If you decide to send in an order for your child on a specific day please send in the **correct amount of money along with their meal selection**. Snacks will no longer be made available by our cafeteria at recess time.

There will be no cafeteria services provided for the first week of school. September 8<sup>th</sup> will be the first day of service for the cafeteria.

## GRETNA GREEN IS "Green"

In an effort to continue on with our "Green" initiative, this year we will be **posting our monthly newsletters on our school website and emailing it to homes who have provided us with an email address**. The newsletter can be accessed on our website at [gretnagreen.nbed.nb.ca](http://gretnagreen.nbed.nb.ca). We will be creating an email distribution list once again this year using School Connects for important school news, updates, etc. If you are interested in being part of this list, please provide us with your email address on your child's Student Data Collection Form. Every home will continue to receive a calendar for their fridge.

## **STUDENT INFORMATION SHEETS**



Each student will receive a Student Data Collection Form on their first day of school. Parents are asked to review this sheet, make necessary changes and return as soon as possible as there is very important information on these sheets regarding medical updates as well as contact phone numbers, etc. Please note that there has been changes to these forms, please read them carefully and fill in all information.

## **STAFFING**

This year we have a few staffing changes to tell you about. First of all, we would like to welcome back Mr. Brandon Ryan to our school. Mr. Ryan will be teaching Phys. Ed and Grade 5 Math. We also welcome Education Assistant Mrs. Kim Dedam to our staff. Please join us in welcoming them to our school.

## **MEET THE TEACHER - BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATION**



Again this year, we will host a "Welcome Back To School Delight Night" celebration on Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be offering a selection of fruits and veggies from 6:00-6:45 p.m. At this time, parents can seize the opportunity to meet their child's teacher while snacking. At 6:45 p.m., families will be invited to the music room for PSSC elections. We hope you can join us.

## **PSSC ELECTIONS**

Elections for the PSSC members will take place at 6:45 p.m. on Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> in the music after the "Welcome Back to School Delight Night" celebration. 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

## AFTER SCHOOL ROUTINE

Any time that your child's after school routine must be changed, we would ask you to send a note in the morning with your child. **To protect the safety of all children, we will not make changes to after school routines without the written consent of the parent or guardian.** We would ask that you only call the school in case of an absolute emergency to change your child's routine. It is not acceptable to call the school at 2:20 p.m. to make a change as we are all outside loading the buses and may not receive your phone call.

## SCHOOL PICTURES

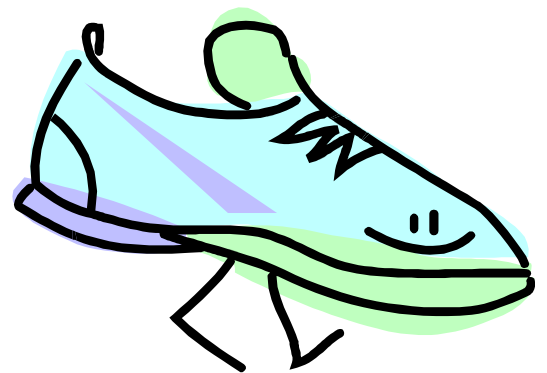


Our school pictures will be taken by Dewey Photography on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> in the morning. We will keep children in at recess that day to make sure that they are looking perfect for the camera. If you would like to volunteer to help, it would be nice to have two parents to fix collars, 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 15-26<sup>th</sup>. Students are asked to bring in any spare change to school from September 15-26<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 COUNCIL ELECTIONS

This year's student council elections will take place on Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will begin by electing class representatives for the Grade 3-5 classes. We will then elect a president, vice-president and secretary.

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Cross Country will begin on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

## \*\*\*\*\* IMPORTANT DATES\*\*\*\*\*

- Monday, September 8 - Cafeteria opens
- Tuesday, September 9 - Home & School General Meeting  
6:30 p.m. in the Media Room
- Thursday, September 11 - Welcome Back to School Delight Night  
6:00 p.m.  
  
PSSC Elections at 6:45 p.m.
- September 15-26 - Terry Fox Spare Change Drive  
  
Home & School Breakfast Program Food Drive
- Wednesday, September 17 - School Pictures
- Friday, September 26 - Walking School Bus & Terry Fox Walk  
7:30 a.m. at Northumberland Square parking lot

