



Principal: Keith Comeau

Gretna Green Elementary School  
15 Gretna Green Drive  
Miramichi, NB  
E1V 5V6



Vice-Principal: Krista Bransfield

Phone: 506 778-6099 \* Fax 506 778-6143



# SEPTEMBER

# NEWSLETTER 2015

*"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

There will be no cafeteria services provided for the first week of school. Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> will be the first day of service for the cafeteria.

The cafeteria menu will be posted on our school website. 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.

## 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 or call the school. Every home will continue to receive a calendar for their fridge.

## **STUDENT INFORMATION SHEETS**

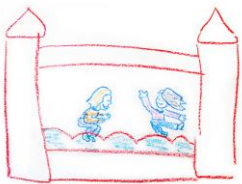


Each student will receive a Student Data Collection Form on their first day of school. Parents are asked to review this sheet, make necessary changes and return as soon as possible as there is very important information on these sheets regarding medical updates as well as contact phone numbers, etc. 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. We want to welcome Education Assistants Vanessa Sturgeon and Dodie MacCallum 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" celebration on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. At this time, parents can seize the opportunity to meet their child's teacher while snacking. The Big Brothers/Big Sisters Fun Zone will also be here for the students to enjoy. We hope you can join us.

## **PSSC ELECTIONS**

Elections for the PSSC members will take place at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> in the music room after the "Welcome Back to School" 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 Thursday, September 10<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

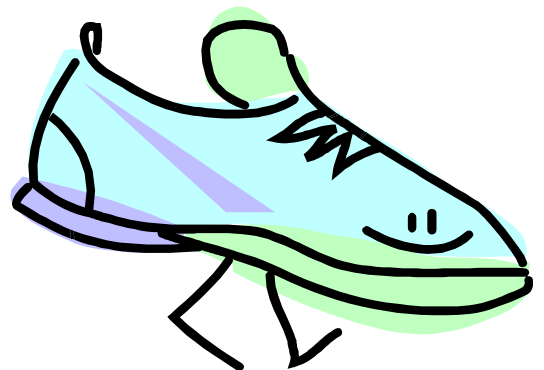


Our school pictures will be taken by Dewey Photography on Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> in the morning. We will keep children in at recess that day to make sure that they are looking perfect for the camera. If you would like to volunteer to help, it would be nice to have two parents to fix collars, hair, etc. Please contact Mr. Comeau or Ms. Bransfield.

## TERRY FOX WALK /WALKING SCHOOL BUS

For our annual Terry Fox Walk this year, we will again have a "Spare Change Drive" from September 21-25<sup>th</sup>. Students are asked to bring in any spare change to school from September 21-25<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 25<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.

## **STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

This year's student council elections will take place on Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. We will begin by electing class representatives for the Grade 3-5 classes. We will then elect a president, vice-president and secretary.

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

- Monday, September 14 - Cafeteria opens / Breakfast Program begins
- Thursday, September 10 - Home & School General Meeting  
6:30 p.m. in the Media Room
- Tuesday, September 15 - Welcome Back to School Night  
6:30 p.m.  
  
PSSC Elections at 6:45 p.m.
- September 21-25 - Terry Fox Spare Change Drive
- Monday, September 21 - School Pictures
- Friday, September 25 - Walking School Bus & Terry Fox Walk  
7:30 a.m. at Northumberland Square parking lot

