



Important Dates

Tuesday, Oct. 2: Lockdown practice
Tuesday, Oct. 2: Last day to pre-order Thanksgiving dinner (\$6.50). **Students must pre-order if they wish to have the Thanksgiving dinner. No other lunch orders will be available on October 4th.
Wednesday, Oct. 3: Walk to School Day
Wednesday, Oct. 3: School Photos ☺
Wednesday, Oct. 3: Cross Country Practice at Centennial Park (Moncton)
Wednesday, Oct. 3: Home & School Association Meeting @ 6:30 in the Salem Multi-purpose room
Thursday, Oct. 4: Thanksgiving Dinner (must be pre-ordered. No other lunch orders will be available).
Friday, Oct. 5 – School evacuation practice
October 7—13: Fire Prevention Week
Monday, Oct. 8: Thanksgiving holiday—no school
October 9—12: Kindergarten Registration (for students beginning Kindergarten in September 2019)
Wednesday, Oct. 10: Cross Country Practice @ Mount Allison
Thursday, Oct. 11: POPS Concert for Grades 3 & 4
Tuesday, Oct. 16: Cross Country Elementary District Championship, Centennial Park, Moncton
October 29—30: EYE-DA testing for Pre-Kindergarten students
Wednesday, Oct. 31: Halloween –Wear orange and black
Wednesday, Nov. 7: Kick-off to Kindergarten (parent presentation @ 6:30 in the Salem multi-purpose room)

A Note about Halloween

On Wednesday, October 31st, we will have Orange and Black Day at Salem. Your child is invited to wear those colours if they wish.

Please do not allow your child to bring or wear makeup, masks or costumes. Please do not send in treats for the class. We cannot distribute candy or other sugary treats at school due to allergies and our healthy food policy.

Thank you for understanding.

School News

Each fall and throughout the school year, Salem reviews their School Improvement plan. This plan is based on our Mission, Vision and Values for our school and our provincial 10 Year Education Plan. As well, grade level teams develop goals and teachers develop personal growth goals that all link back to how we are going to improve as a school. The following is Salem's Mission, Vision and Values as well as the school goal that all teachers at Salem are working towards.

Mission	Vision	Values
Salem Elementary is a child centered community dedicated to developing individual potentials	Our school community will foster an atmosphere that promotes individuals to move forward with the knowledge, values, and skills needed to become contributing members of society.	<p>We care by being kind to others and to the environment.</p> <p>We are honest in our words and actions.</p> <p>We include others.</p> <p>We are learners.</p> <p>We celebrate differences.</p>

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOAL:

TO IMPROVE CLASSROOM PRACTICES, BASED ON OUR EFFECTIVE SCHOOLS FRAMEWORK DOCUMENT: Grade level teams and individuals have developed personal growth goals to improve classroom practices.

Gentle Reminders

Agenda fees for students in grades 1 - 4 are \$8.00 and can be paid online using <https://angloeast.schoolcashonline.com/Home/SignIn> or you may send the money in your child's agenda.

If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please let us know by calling the school at 364-4072 and following the voice prompts. You may also report the absence using the following website and/or app for your smart phone: <http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-E/Pages/ParentInfoSafeArrival.aspx> . If you know your child will be absent for a prolonged period of time, you can enter the start and end dates of the absence using this system. If you do not report your child's absence, the safe arrival program will call you and you can follow the voice prompts to report the absence. Thank you for your continued attention to this matter.

Did you know?

A student who reads for 20 minutes every day during a school year will read for 3700 minutes. Reading helps with conversational skills and builds vocabulary. Reading to your child is still important even after they have learned to read. It increases their listening skills and helps develop fluency.

Classroom News

Kindergarten: In Kindergarten, we have been exploring ways to be safe in the classroom, on the playground and on the school bus. We have watched a safety video, played "school bus" in the classroom and have read many safety books. Being safe on the bus includes using a quiet voice, keeping our hands and feet to ourselves, staying seated and listening to the bus driver!

Grade 1 – 4 Eng.: Students and teachers have been getting to know each other through a variety of grade level appropriate literacy activities, oral language activities, and art activities. In math, we have been counting using an assortment of collections and playing simple math games to review our math skills.

Grade 1 Fl: The grade 1 French Immersion teachers are very proud of the progress their students made in September. They are adjusting well to learning in another language and are becoming more comfortable. Our students learned about themselves, basic colors, and school/classroom objects.

Grade 2 Fl: Students have been working on healthy habits (food, exercise, health). High frequency words and sounds are being reviewed. In math, we are working on number sense from 1-20. It has been great to see students speaking more in French during class time!

Grade 3 Fl: Grade 3 French Immersion students are developing oral language skills by practicing sentence structures in real life context (what makes them unique).

Grade 4 Fl: In math, students in grade 4 have been reviewing place value and partners to 100. We have been practicing our oral skills through conversation. A review of sounds has also been part of our literacy block. For our health unit, students have been working on conflict resolution.

Dog therapy returns to Salem Elementary!

We are delighted to have Tessa, certified child-therapy dog, at Salem! Tessa works with our school counsellor, Mora MacDonald. The benefits of pet therapy are many: decreasing anxiety, developing trust, fostering attachment, increasing openness, developing emotional safety, improving motivation, and developing physical, cognitive, emotional and social competencies.

Tessa is usually in our building on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. She can be found on the playground, in the hallways, in classrooms, and in the counselling office, working with individuals and groups. Positive results are evident in our students and the school environment because of Tessa's work. For example, during the routine fire drill, the school counsellor reported when she was holding the door open for students to exit the building, two students saw Tessa and said, "I'm happy to see you, Tessa. I'm not scared because you are here."

Kindergarten Registration for 2019-2020 School Year

Notice to parents and guardians, *Anglophone School District East Kindergarten registrations will be held October 9th-12th.* Kindergarten attendance is mandatory for children who reach the age of five before September 2019. Children who turn 5 between September 1st and December 31st have the option of registering their child for Kindergarten in 2019 or 2020. Parents are invited to visit Salem School to register for Kindergarten from Oct. 9-12 between 9am and 3pm. You will need a copy of your child's NB Medicare card, birth certificate, immunization records and proof of address (utility bill). Registration forms may be picked up at Salem School or printed off of the Anglophone School District East website. The school will drop off registration packages to the following daycares: Bridge Street Children's Academy, Playschool Inc., The Spotted Toad Daycare, Wiggles & Giggles Early Learning Centre, & York Street Children's Centre. The registration forms should be dropped off at the school during registration week. Parents are also welcome to fill out the registration form online, however, parents are required to drop off the additional documents during the registration week. When dropping off the additional documents, parents will be asked to schedule an appointment to complete EYE-DA testing on either October 29th or 30th. Further information in the form of handouts will be provided to you at this time. Also, there will be a Kindergarten Kick-off meeting for parents on Wednesday, November 7st, at 6:30pm in the Salem multi-purpose room.

Kiss and Drop Safety

The Kiss and Drop in the morning can become a very busy spot. Please DO NOT pass other vehicles in the Kiss and Drop. Please make sure you only stop long enough for your child to exit safely from the vehicle. If you wish to walk your child to the playground, you may park on Queens Road and walk down the sidewalk at the front of the school. Thank you for keeping all Salem students safe.