QUISPAMSIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

STUDENT and FAMILY HANDBOOK



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QUISPAMSIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Q.E.S. Mission: We connect and inspire. We learn and succeed. We lead!

Q.E.S. Vision: We build leaders by igniting a passion for learning in a community of caring and respect.

Our Mission and Vision are words by which we live. Students enter our school community with a zest for learning. They are curious about what they see, hear, touch and smell. We foster that curiosity by connecting with each other and our community. We respect the diversity, curiosity, inquiry, and analysis students have about themselves, their peers, and the world around them. The world is here to explore, and we guide students in understanding its interconnectedness. QES encourages student led, inquiry based investigations to make connections with what the student already knows and to increase their knowledge about what interests them. We learn from each other, and we respect the authenticity of inquiry from which individual passions grow.

In an inquiry-based learning environment, the teacher's job is not to provide the knowledge, but to help students along the process of discovering knowledge. With inquiry, neither the students nor the teacher know exactly the direction their learning will take or where it will lead and end. The steps are not predetermined, and the amount of learning that can potentially take place is unlimited. Teachers facilitate the process and guide students in the right direction all the way along. In the end, the result is students becoming leaders of their own learning, and deep thinkers about their world. This is how we promote creativity, build leaders, ignite passion, learn and succeed in the fast paced ever changing 21st century landscape we live in.

By creating a community of caring and respect, we strive to ignite a passion for learning in every child. At QES we support the teaching of personal positive traits and citizenship skills. These support students in becoming more responsible and independent as well as helping one to become interdependent (successfully working with others). Furthermore, they emphasize balance in life and supporting a healthy lifestyle.

UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOURS	POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES/INTERVENTIONS
 Intentionally causing injury to others Obscene/threatening language or gestures Open defiance of teachers and other school personnel Vandalism Throwing objects inappropriately (snowballs, rocks, etc.) Disruptive behavior in the classroom Unsafe use of playground equipment Theft 	 Apology (oral or written) Re-teach/practice appropriate expectations or routines Reflection activity Recess/noon attention Community service (grounds clean-up, chores) Parent contact Individual behavioural plan Pay for damages/repairs Warning of or suspension from school in serious cases. Police may be contacted in cases of violent acts, dangerous objects or stealing

<u>School Wide Behavioural Expectations</u>

At QES, we follow the best teaching practices for academics as well as behaviour.

This process of teaching includes:

◆Set expectation ◆Teach/Model ◆ Practice ◆Acknowledge success ◆ Repeat (often)

As part of creating a Positive Learning Environment, QES has behaviour standards that are expected of all students. As a general rule of conduct, all students are expected to behave in a respectful, responsible and safe manner toward fellow classmates, teachers, and visitors. In essence, students are to treat others in a manner that they would have others treat them. Students are also expected to participate in learning opportunities and consistently and punctually complete schoolwork, including home assignments, to the best of their ability.

On a regular basis, school staff teaches, recognizes, and encourages respectful behaviours. Our code of conduct is: **BE RESPECTFUL, BE RESPONSIBLE, BE SAFE** and will be using these statements to assist with teaching our school routines and expectations in the fall and throughout the school year.

Two resources are used school-wide in every classroom, outside on the playground, in the gym and on the bus, to learn positive and proactive behaviours are **Zones of Regulation** and **WITS**.

Zones of Regulation

This resource was developed to help students gain the skills necessary to be able to self-regulate their actions, which in turn leads to increased control and problem-solving abilities. Students identify their feelings towards sensory input from the environment, process the information, and then respond in ways in which they are expected by others. Students learn to label their 'states' by one of the four zone colors, and in turn, learn appropriate responses to their feelings while in this zone. Our goal is to remain in the 'green' zone.

Blue Zone	Green Zone	Yellow Zone	Red Zone
Sad, sick, tired,	Happy, calm, feeling	Frustrated, worried,	Mad/angry, terrified,
bored, moving	okay, focused, ready	silly/wiggly, excited, loss	yelling/hitting, elated,
slowly	to learn	of control	out of control

WITS

WITS is an acronym which stands for the following: W – walk away, I – ignore, T – talk it out, S – seek help. This program teaches students strategies for when conflict arises in the playground, on the bus, at the bus stop, in the hallway, anywhere! Students are encouraged to 'use their wits' to work it out before they seek help from an adult. WITS emphasis the importance of "seek help" from a safe adult if you feel unable to solve the conflict or if it begins to escalate. As all things taught, students are given scenarios that enable them to practice using their WITS, so they are prepared in real life situations. We set the expectation, teach/model, practice, and then celebrate success!

Responding to Behaviour

QES has developed a pyramid of intervention to support staff in dealing with behaviour issues. These behaviour issues are identified into three different tiers and our pyramid of intervention outlines the appropriate school response and interventions for each tier.

Tier 1: Mild Behaviours- These behaviours pose a barrier to inclusion and interfere with social interaction; however, they do not pose any threat to the environment, health, or safety of the learner of others.

Tier 2: Moderate Behaviours- These behaviours pose some risk to the environment, health, or safety but have not resulted in significant property destruction, injury or a threat to safety.

Tier 3 Severe Behaviours- These behaviours result in injury or threaten the safety of self or others.

It is important that the school and families work together to best meet the individual needs of each

School Fees and Supplies

Student fees are \$20 per student. Student supply lists are accessible on the website as well as the Staples stores for your convenience.

student. The teacher and school will communicate with families on a regular basis when students are struggling with their behaviour. After approximately three incidents at the tier 2 level or one incident at the tier 3 level, families will receive a letter notifying them of these incidents and the interventions implemented to support the student. The school will work with families to create a plan for improved behaviour. **See samples of letters on last page.

COMMUNICATIONS

Contact QES at 847-6207. When calling the school, you will hear these options:

Press "1" - Leave a message if your child will not be at school, or for a change of plans after school.

Press "2" - to speak to our Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Folkins.

*Students will only phone home if they are ill or there is a situation that requires parental assistance.

For notifying the school of any tardy or absence in advance, please register for the **School Messenger Mobile App** a quick and convenient way to notify us of any absence.

QES Newsletters/Voicemail/E-Mail/Instagram/Facebook

The QES main source of school wide communication will be through our email communication system. Individual classrooms will send regular emails regarding classroom news. The school will send a weekly email regarding whole school information. The school also uses Instagram, @qeseagles, to share school wide events, and some teachers may also use Instagram to share glimpses of what is happening day to day.

Our website is a great source of information. We encourage you to check the school's website. School newsletters will be published periodically throughout the school year and sent home via our email communication system. The Home and School Association has a Facebook page entitled 'QES Families', which has important events posted for your information. Our School District, ASD-S, has a Facebook page as well, called 'Anglophone South School District'. We make an effort to be environmentally conscious and reduce the use of paper copies. If you require a paper copy of newsletters or notices, please let your child's teacher know and we will be happy to send it home with your child.

Teacher/Family Communication

Families may expect an introductory call from their child's teacher in September to open the lines of communication between home and school. Your child's teacher will communicate through a regular email. Other information that needs to be communicated between family and school can be at the discretion of the family and teacher.

It is important to remain in contact with the teacher regarding your child's progress and any areas of concern. Appointments may be arranged to discuss concerns. The family's first point of contact with the school is always the classroom teacher. If a matter requires the involvement of school administrator, the classroom teacher will initiate that involvement.

The District Connection

Quispamsis Elementary is part of the Hampton Education Centre (HEC) and the Anglophone School District South (ASD-S) (www.asd-s.nbed.nb.ca). All school closures are announced on the district website, Twitter @ASDSouth, and local radio stations, and their Facebook page 'Anglophone School District South'. Contact by phone: ASD-S 658-5300, HEC 832-6193.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance and Punctuality

- Attendance and punctuality are vital to your child's success at school. All students should be at school by **8:05am**.
- Students are expected to be at school every day unless they are ill.
- If your child is/will be absent please call the school as soon as possible, pressing 1 to leave a message.
- Upon return, parents are required to send a written note stating the reason for the absence.

*Regular attendance at school is very important; however, we ask that you please keep your child at home if he or she is ill.

Below is our daily schedule and attendance policy:

DAILY SCHEDULE	DAILY SCHEDULE		
7:45-8:05	Students arrive at school		
8:15	Announcements (after which students are marked as tardy)		
8:15-10:15	Instructional Time		
10:15-10:30	Morning Recess		
10:30- 12:00	Instructional Time		
12:00-12:15	Students eat lunch		
12:15- 12:45	Lunch Recess		
12:45- 1:30	Instructional Time (K-2 Students)		
12:45- 2:20	Instructional Time (Gr. 3- 5 Students)		

TARDINESS	ABSENCES
5 days – Call/Email from teacher	5 days – Call/Email from teacher
	10 days - Call/Email/Letter of concern from
Teacher/Administrator	Teacher/Administrator
15 days - Call/Email/Letter of concern from	15 days - Call/Email/Letter of concern from
Administrator & schedule a meeting	Administrator & schedule a meeting

We want to work with families in taking a proactive approach with attendance/tardiness. Please communicate with the school any pertinent information that impacts your child's attendance. Communication with the classroom teacher regarding tardiness and absences is very important. Please ensure that you call/email the school whenever possible to let us know that your child will be tardy/absent.

Late Arrivals/Dropping Off Items

- **Preferred method**: For your child's safety, all doors to the school are locked. If your child arrives late, he/she may enter through the main door and the admin assistant can sign in the student, and then have your child proceed to his/her classroom. If picking up your child early, you may call the office and the admin assistant will deliver your child to the door for you. If dropping off items, you can call the office and the admin assistant will meet you at the door and deliver the items to the child.
- If you **must** enter the building, anyone entering is to call the office to inform the admin. assistant that you are coming, to either pick up or drop off a child, or drop off items. There is a COVID screening

document on the door, and anyone who enters is required to read the document and not enter if you are experiencing any symptoms. Upon entry, you must sign in outside the office, providing contact information for tracing purposes, and wear a mask.

Thank you for your cooperation.

EMERGENCY PREPARATION

Emergency Plans

The school has in place procedures in event of a fire, external or internal threat, or emergency closure. These procedures are practiced with students. In the unlikely event that a school evacuation becomes necessary, students will walk to Kings Valley Church and parents will be contacted. We will periodically practice our safety plans which include Fire Drill Evacuation, Lockdown, and School Evacuation to an alternate location. Families will be notified in advance of a lockdown or evacuation to an alternate location in advance. A fire drill will take place each year during the first two weeks of school.

<u>Allergies and/or Medical Alerts</u>

- If a student becomes ill or is injured while at school, we will attempt to make contact with the parent or guardian, or with the person listed for emergencies. It is very important that this information is kept current.
- Basic First Aid is administered to any child who is injured while at school. Information regarding the provision
 of health support services to students is described in provincial Policy 704, Health Support Services in Public
 Schools. A copy of the policy may be obtained from the office. According to this policy, any student with
 severe allergies, asthma, diabetes, or other life-threatening condition must carry, every day, an EpiPen or
 other prescribed essential medication on his/her person.
- The correct forms, which outline the procedure for the medical condition, must be filled out by parents, signed by a credited medical professional, and returned to the school where it is kept on file. Parents are able to schedule a meeting each year to review the plan and update any required changes.
- The Canadian Medic Alert Foundation will provide customized IDs for those children with medical conditions. If you are interested, please contact the office (847-6207).

VOLUNTEERS

Visitors and Volunteers

The school welcomes parent, family and community volunteers and visitors. Volunteers/visitors play a vital role in helping the school run smoothly and in enhancing the learning environment for students. They can share a skill or expertise, work in the library, tutor children, and assist in classrooms or on field trips and help in numerous other ways. Volunteers are screened, trained in provincial policy on student protection and, depending on their volunteer jobs, require a criminal record check. All visitors/volunteers are asked to sign the logbook, located outside the inside office door, and are asked to wear a mask while in the school. When leaving, please sign out. Any volunteers who provide a service to children in the absence of a staff member are required to provide evidence of completion of training (review policy and complete questionnaire) as per EECD Policy 701 and provide a copy of a recent criminal record check.

Home and School Association

Our school has an active Home and School Association that typically meets once per month here at the school, for this year the method of meeting is yet to be determined. The Home and School raises funds to provide items for the school that are not part of our school budget. Our three large fundraisers are the QES Fun Run in the fall, the QES Online Auction in March, and the Spring Fling (*new) in May. There are a few other smaller fundraisers throughout the year such as 50/50 draws, Bottle drives, and raffle draws. Past projects have funded the SMART Boards in every classroom, hush-ups for the students' chair legs, update to the Sensory Room, gym equipment, iPads, library renovations, etc. If you are interested helping our school be "the place to be!", become a member by contacting QES and your name will be forwarded to the Home and School executive or you may email qeshomeandschool@hotmail.com. Memberships can be purchased anytime during the year for \$5.00 - anyone can attend a meeting and be involved in

the discussion but only members can vote on motions. Parents are encouraged to attend meetings and become involved!

Parent School Support Committee

The Parent School Support Committee (PSSC) meets 5-7 times per year to discuss school improvement plans and to provide input to the administration on planning, policy and governance issues as well as communication between home and school. New members are always encouraged and welcome.

Community School

Quispamsis Elementary is a provincially designated Community School. A Community School promotes community engagement by building partnerships, encouraging the community to become active in the school, encouraging children to develop a sense of belonging and commitment to community and enhancing student learning and the environment. For more information, contact the QES Community Coordinator, Katherine Britten at kathryn.britten@nbed.nb.ca.

TRANSPORTATION

Bus Students

Bus service is available for students living greater than 1.6 km from the school. When a student requires a change from the usual bus assignment, an alternate transportation form must be completed prior to the date of the change and a copy sent to the classroom teacher. Alternate bus forms must be filled out directly on Bus Planner website https://www.busplanner.com/. The school no longer handles these forms. Students are expected to follow bus safety rules at all times and listen to drivers' instructions. Consequences for inappropriate behavior on buses are determined by district policies and may include suspension of bus privileges.

<u>Drop -Off Zone Guidelines - 7:40 - 8:05</u>

Please practice patience when dropping off your children in the morning. Safety and kindness are two of the most important things we can teach our children.

- 1. Enter the drop -off zone at the end near the school office. The bus lane is off limits.
- 2. Cars may stop to the right to drop off. The left lane is for cars exiting after dropping off.
- 3. Students can exit their cars at any part of the sidewalk area in the drop- off zone (no need to wait until you're at the front of the line).
- 4. Drop off your child as quickly as possible.
- 5. Exit the zone to the right to ease the flow of traffic on Hampton Rd. and avoid morning gridlock.

During winter months visibility is limited at our school bus entrance and exit, and sidewalks in our dropoff zone are snow covered. It is extremely important that cars **do not enter the bus zone, as staff are escorting walking students into the building safely. Please visit the QES website for more information about Drop-Off Zone Etiquette.

- If you have the proper permit, you may use the handicapped parking space located beside the office entrance.
- The first three parking spaces in the lot on the side closest to KVHS, as well as 10 parking spaced by
 the main office doors are short term parking spaces for parents who are driving students to school or
 dropping off items for their child(ren) (projects, musical instruments etc.)
 Please remember to call
 before to drop off items. 847-6207.

Walking Students

Students who live within walking distance are encouraged to walk, bike, scooter or skateboard to school. Bike racks are available outside the school and skateboards and helmets can be stored outside the office. A crossing guard is available at the school to help students cross Hampton Road.

<u>NUTRITION</u> **ALL ASD-S SCHOOLS ARE PEANUT & NUT FREE**

Hot Lunch and Milk:

The Hot Lunch committee is working on a new Hot Lunch Program for the 2021-2022 school year. Details will be sent out in September 2021.

*QES is a compassionate school community interested in supporting families who may need assistance. We offer:

<u>Breakfast:</u> All students are encouraged to eat breakfast at home every day before coming to school. QES offers 'grab and go' breakfast options for students unable, for whatever reason, to eat at home.

Snacks: A variety of nutritious snacks are available in the office or in classrooms.

Noodle Club: Students of QES who are a part of this club will be provided lunch from the Wesleyan Church two days per week. On Mondays, the students will walk to the church with a few staff members for a hot lunch and on Wednesdays.

**WATER is the only drink a student needs at school. Fruit, vegetables, grains, and protein are the best brain foods you can offer your child to be their finest throughout the day. Sugary foods result in tired, restless little bodies. **

Home Reports and Family/Teacher Interviews

The Province of New Brunswick has a home report which provides feedback to families about student learning, three times per year (December, April and June). This report card uses standards-based grading, on a 4-point scale (1, 2, 3, 3+, 4, 4+). Also included are learning habits, which are important to a students' success in school as well as in life (independence, initiative, interactions, organization, and responsibility). The reporting scale for these habits are letters: C-consistently, U-usually, S-sometimes, and R-rarely. Formal family/teacher interviews are scheduled for Dec. 2nd from 4:00-7:00pm and Dec. 3rd 9:00-11:00 am, and April 13th 4:00 – 7:00 pm and April 14th 9:00-11:00 am. Parents may request a meeting with teachers to discuss concerns that may arise at a mutually convenient time.

Homework

The purposes of homework are to share with parents, review, and to practice and reinforce what is learned at school, prepare for the next day and explore subjects more fully than time permits in the classroom. Homework is meant to be a positive experience that encourages children to learn and share what they know. It also encourages independent work, self-discipline and responsibility. If a child appears to spend too much time completing assignments or does not understand a particular skill or concept, be sure to contact the teacher.

School Photographs

Martin Flewelling will be the school photographer for this year. The photographer will have a digital computer image available to ensure your child is looking his/her best. All students will have their pictures taken within the first month of school and will have their proofs printed for them to take home on the day of the photographs. If your child is absent on this day, re-takes are scheduled at a later date. This is an optional service offered for families; you do not need to purchase the photos.

Clothing Guidelines

Students require properly fitted, indoor sneakers with non-marking soles. Daily clothing worn should allow for easy movement in physical education/play time. Sneakers are the best choice for footwear. We are outside twice a day so dress for the weather (boots, snow/splash pants, warm jackets, hats and mitts). All clothing should be labeled with the child's name. Lost items may be retrieved in the "lost and found" bin on the stage.

Staff List 2021-2022

Grade	Name	Grade	Name	Position	Name
Gr. K	Blucher, Melissa	Gr. 1 Fl	Stiles, Cheryl	Principal	Blucher, Mark
Gr. K	Savoy, Allison	Gr. 1 Fl	Mason, Sarah	Vice Principal/ EST	Young, Kristi
Gr. K	Smith, Melissa	Gr. 2 Fl	LeBlanc, Jennifer	Administrative Assistant II	Folkins, Lynn
Gr. K/1	Sullivan, Cristin	Gr. 2 Fl	Cox, Melanie	EST – Resource	Williams, Hillary
Gr. 2	Nolan, Kelly	Gr. 3 Fl	Heissner, Ashley	EST-Resource	Morrison, Sarah
Gr. 1/2	Earle, Andrea	Gr. 3 Fl	Keleman, Alyssa	EST-Guidance	Fischer, Jodie
Gr. 3	Urquhart, Julie	Gr. 4 Fl	Wolno, Nicole	Community Schools Coordinator	Shelley Searles
Gr. 3 /4	Latimer, Megan	Gr. 5 Fl	Hache, Heather	Music	Hill, Barb
Gr. 4	Burnett, Ashley	Gr. 4	Ricketts, Samantha	Phys Ed	Boucher, Gaspard Laird, Dianne
Gr. 5 IF/Eng Comp	McNamee, Abigail/ Lloyd, Didi	Gr. 4/5 IF/Eng Comp	Russell, Rebecca	Custodian	Clarke, Frank O"Blenis, Carol O'Quinn, Jake
				School Intervention Worker	Powell, Jill

Educational Assistants: Lesa Broad, Alisha Godwin, Angela Goguen, Lisa King, Lisa Lawrence, Donna Marquis, Kim Moore, Megan Sheppard, Amy Umstadt,, Jessica Ferguson, Lori Campbell, Jane Patterson, Carolyn McCavour



Quispamsis Elementary School 290 Hampton Road Quispamsis, N.B. Mr. M. Blucher, Principal Mrs. K. Young, Vice-Principal Phone: 506-847-6207

EZE 4N1 Fax: 500-847-6250						
	Re: Tier 2 Letter – Hi	ghly Inann	ropriate Behavior at School			
Dear F		Smy mapp	ropriate behavior at school			
	Dear Family of, This letter is to follow up on our previous conversation. We have a high level of concern about your child's					
			te to a safe and positive learning environment, (f) be			
			way to and from school, (g) respect the rights of			
			Act, 14.1). Academic success in school and appropriate			
	or go hand in hand.	ducation	ted, 24.2). Academic success in school and appropriate			
Demavi	or go nana in nana.					
The in:	appropriate behavior(s) addressed to date	e was/wer				
	Defiance – resisting or opposing adults		Cheating			
	Disrespectful gestures or comments		Lying (considering developmental age)			
	Failure to complete classwork		Vandalism/destruction/minor theft			
	Inappropriate language		Intending to physically harm others (hitting,			
	Frequent interruptions during		kicking, throwing objects)			
	lessons/worktime		Leaving work area without permission			
	Throwing items		Incidents of bullying and/or intimidation			
			(verbal, physical, social, cyber)			
The in	tervention(s) implemented to address the	e inapprop	riate behavior to date was/were:			
	Parent contact	/ 0	Clear class/school expectations			
	Zones/WITS training	(/	Chunk work into smaller tasks			
	Letter/verbal apology	// M	Community/collaborative class circle			
	EST-Guidance whole class lesson(s)		Utilize sensory box items			
	Small group/individual modelling and	LIL	Social stories			
	reteaching of expected behaviors		Check in after each assignment			
	Collaboration with colleagues within		Collaboration with district leads			
	school		Scheduled breaks			
	Proactive strategies checklist (attached)		PBIS ballots/punch cards/positive office			
	Positive praise		referral			
	Time away within class/outside of class		Choice tasks between work (first/then)			
	Loss of privileges		Move seat/work area			
	Code of Conduct reflection					
It is im	portant that the home and the schoolworl	k together	to ensure your child's behavior improves. Please			
discuss these concerns with your child. Please contact your child's teacher to discuss these concerns and create a						
plan fo	r improved behavior at school.					
Sincerely,						
Classroom Teacher		Administra	tor			
Parent	t Signature: [Date:				
	cipal, Profile Sheet					



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Cc Principal, Profile Sheet

Mr. M. Blucher, Principal Mrs. K. Young, Vice-Principal Phone: 506-847-6207

E2E 4N	11	Fax: 506-847-6250		
	Re: Tier 3 Letter – Serious and/o	r Dangerous Behavior at School		
Dear F	amily of,			
This le behavi respon others	tter is to follow up on our previous conversation. Wor at school. "It is the duty of a pupil to "contribusible for his/her conduct at school and while on the	ite to a safe and positive learning environment, (f) be		
The in:	appropriate behavior(s) addressed to date was/we	ere:		
	Regularly intending to physically harm to others Ongoing issues of serious bullying	 Ongoing inappropriate, abusive, or discriminatory language Ongoing verbal/nonverbal intimidation Having or using drugs Inappropriate sexual comments Having or using weapons 		
The in	tervention(s) implemented to address the inappro			
	Consistent parent contact Outside agencies accessed (DSD/Dr.) IBSP created and followed Restorative practices meeting Restitution Student sent to office Case conference/problem solving meeting Assigned alternate work location Loss of privilege (playground/bus/special activities	Parent meeting (may include District Staff) Referral to District Child and Youth Team In school suspension Out of school suspension Access District Leads/ESS Parent must escort school events (field trip/fun days) Modify school day Review VTRA Protocol Communicate with Community Police officer		
discuss plan fo	or improved behavior at school.	r to ensure your child's behavior improves. Please ur child's teacher to discuss these concerns and create a		
Sincere	ely,			
Classro	pom Teacher Administr	ator		
Paren	t Signature: Date:	<u> </u>		