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HRVES HERALD

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Welcome to the 2020-21 School Year

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year. It is so good to be back to school and see all of the children. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Kindergarten Students to the HRVES family. The staff and I are so excited to meet you. Also, I have been amazed at how much our grade 1-5 students have grown over the past six months. We have the greatest and best looking bunch of students in New Brunswick!

While I am sure we are all glad to be back in a routine...our routine has changed a bit here at school. We will be washing our hands more often, playing in class bubbles in different zones on the playground, going outside for physical education more often, wearing face masks when we get off the bus, in the hallway on our way to the wash-room and getting on the bus again in the afternoon. The water fountains have been removed from the school and new bottle filling stations will be put in shortly. Students will need to come to school each day with a clean water bottle filled with water. Masks will also need to be clean each day. Keep in mind that your child will need their mask on when they exit the bus, so putting their mask in their book bag makes it difficult for them to retrieve when the bus stops at the school.

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic we are not able to invite parents into the school to visit or volunteer at this point. All doors are locked. If you need to drop your child off or pick them up during the day you will need to ring the doorbell and a staff member will meet you at the door. Appointments to discuss your child's needs can be made by calling the school at 832-6023. When you enter the building you will need to wear a mask, sanitize your hands at the door and go directly to the office. Please do not come to the school if you are not feeling well.

Students will be sent home if they have two or more symptoms of COVID-19. While they are waiting for you to pick them up they will be given a medical mask to wear and put into an isolation room. Of course, they will be supervised while in the isolation room. This year **we must be able to reach parents during the school day. If you child is ill they will need to be picked up within an hour of us contacting you.** It will be important that you have an alternate plan if you are unable to come and get your child.

Our Operational Plan has been placed on the HRVES website. It will be updated frequently during the first few weeks of school as we adjust to the changes here at school. Please refer to this plan to answer any questions you may have.

Each month we will be sending out a newsletter from the office. You should also receive a newsletter from your child's teacher where they will share curriculum outcomes and other classroom information with you.

We are looking forward to a wonderful school year with your child/ren. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact your child's teacher. Keep in mind that during the day teachers are in classrooms and are not able to take phone calls. You will be asked to leave a message and your child's teacher will be in contact with you as soon as they are able. Happy September!

Mrs. Graham

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Classroom Teachers and Support Staff for 2020-2021

Kindergarten- Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Kalverboer Tayes

Grade K/1- Mrs. Mawhinney

Grade 1—Mrs. Travis

Grade 2- Mrs. Curnew

Grade 2—Mrs. Saunders

Grade 3- Mrs. Martin

Grade 3/4: Mr. Salgado

Grade 4: Mr. Snow

Grade 5: Mrs. Hooper

ESS-Resource: Mrs. Richardson

ESS-Guidance and Music: Mrs. Clark-Erb

Physical Education: Mrs. Laird, Mrs. Clark -Erb, and Mrs. Graham

Educational Assistants: Mrs. Arseneault, Ms. Campbell, Mrs. Dykeman (temporary), Ms. Hayward, Miss. Henderson, Miss. K. Kilpatrick, Ms. S. Kilpatrick, Mrs. Long (temporary) Mrs. Marchbank, Ms. McDonald, Mrs. Smith,

School Intervention Worker: Mrs. Head

Custodial Staff: Mrs. Pugh, Mrs. Dort and Mr. Hardy

Administrative Assistant-Mrs. Hope

Principal-Mrs. Graham

Vice Principal-Mrs. Saunders

Snacks and Lunches

Each class has a snack time either before or right after recess. Please send healthy snacks for your child at recess time. The teachers have asked me to relay the message that most students like 2 snacks at recess and need a snack to go with their sandwich at lunch. Many of our students get on the bus very early in the morning and are quite hungry by snack time.

Our water fountains have been removed from the school this year due to COVID-19. We are having bottle filling stations installed as soon as they arrive. Until then we do have water bottles with pumps on them for students to use. **Each student will need to come to school with a filled water bottle each day. The water bottle and their lunch box MUST be labelled with their name so we don't get things mixed up.** Costco sells a million lunch boxes at this time of the year and they all look alike!

Please keep in mind that we are a nut free environment. Nutella is a nut product and therefore can not be brought to school. Also, we also are not able to heat lunches for students.



PSSC stands for Parent School Support Committee. This committee is comprised of the school principal, a teacher representative, parents of students in our school and community members. The purpose of this committee is to work towards improving the school. This committee offers input in the School Improvement Plan, reviewing the School Report Card, and other discussions on Educational issues. The daily operation of the

school is the responsibility of the Principal. Members of the PSSC serve a three year term and must not be an employee at the school. PSSC meetings are held on a monthly virtually.

Being part of this committee is your chance to contribute to our school and learn about our education system. If you are interested in joining or learning more about the PSSC, please contact Mrs. Graham

at 832-6023. Our first virtual meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 22 at 6:30.



Bus Information

To access bussing information this year you will need to sign into Bus Planner. The link to bus planner can be found on the ASDS web page. You will need your child's student number to log on. This number can be found at the top of your child's report card from last year or you can call us here at the school and we will look it up for you. **Please note that bus routes and bus drivers have changed. Your child may not have the same bus or driver as last year.**

All alternate bussing forms are to be filled out on line. We can not accept these forms at the school. **We will not be accepting notes/ calls from parents for their child to go on another bus or to be dropped off at another stop.** These changes have been made because of the pandemic and students

have been assigned a seat on the bus that they will sit in for the year.

All students are expected to ride and get off the busses in an orderly and respectful manner. The teachers and bus drivers will talk with the students about bus safety rules and good behaviour on the bus. More information on bus safety has been provided in our Student Handbook that can be found on our school web page. Please read the bus expectations and review them with your child. If your child is having issues on the bus, please speak to the bus driver as well as your child's teacher.



Walk Away
Ignore
Talk it Out
Seek Help

Information Forms-Emergency Plans

Please remember to return your child's updated information form that was sent home on Monday, September 14 by Friday, September 18. **It is very important that we have up to date information on your child. If during the school year you have a change of address or phone number, please contact us as soon as possible. Without up to date information we can not contact you if there is an emergency.**

If your child has any medical concerns or

needs to take medication during the school day, it is necessary to complete an Essential Routine Services and Emergency Plan form/or an Extreme Allergy Management and Emergency Plan form. Please contact your child's teacher to obtain these forms.



Upcoming Events:

September:

8-11: First Week of School - staggered entry

18: Student Information Forms returned

18: Terry Fox Walk

22: First PSSC Meeting (virtually)

15: Becca Told Me To Day

30: Orange Shirt Day

October:

4: Disability Awareness Week

12: Thanksgiving

25: Fire Safety Week

30: Halloween (wear orange and black to school)

November:

11: Remembrance Day (no school)

12: Report Card Writing and PL Day- No school for students

December:

1: Report Cards Go Home

3: Parent Teacher (PM)

4: Parent Teacher (AM) PL (PM) no school for students

18: Last Day for Students

January:

4: First Day for Students

February:

1: PL Day—no school for students

12: Valentines Day at School

15: Family Day—no school

March

1-5: March Break

19: Report Card Writing and PL Day- No school for students

31: Report Cards go home

School Supply Fees

Due to COVID-19 we decided to purchase all of the school supplies for you this year. Kindergarten—Grade 2 supply fees are \$40.00 and grades 3-5 \$45.00. You will need to send indoor sneakers, a lunch box, a book bag. The Kindergarten students should have **an extra set of clothing that includes underwear and socks**. Sending in an extra set of clothing will prevent us from having to call you and interrupt you at work if your child get wet.

We did not purchase agendas this year for grades 1-5. Each student will be using a notebook of some sort to write their homework in each day.

School fees are due by September 30. If you are unable to pay these fees by then, please contact the school and we can set up a payment schedule for you.

School fees can be paid on-line on School Cash Online. This can be found on the right hand side of the HRVES web page.



Custody Arrangements

Discussing custody arrangements is difficult. However, it is **VERY IMPORTANT** that the school be made aware of any legal custody arrangements. We are obligated to release children to their natural parents if there is no legal custody arrangements. The school will need a copy of the legal documentation on file in order to enforce custody arrangements. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the school office if you need more information. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe.



Fire Drills/Lockdown and Evacuations

Our first Fire Drill will be on Tuesday, September 15. The students will be aware that the fire bell is going to ring and we will evacuate the building. We will be having 3 fire drills, 2 lockdowns and one evacuation practice during the first four weeks of school. The teachers always prepare the students for these events. If your child comes home talking about fire drills, lockdown or evacuation procedures at school, please reassure them that we are practicing to keep everyone safe. Thanks!

Come Prepared!

Research has indicated that children that play outside are healthier. For this reason, students at Hammond River Valley Elementary School will be playing outside each day. Morning recess for K-2 will be from 9:45-10:05, grades 3-5 from 10:20-10:40 and at lunch (K-2) 12:00-12:30 and (3-5) 12:40-1:10. The only time students will be inside at recess is if the temperature (with wind chill) is below -20 and if it is raining really hard. The decision for an inside recess is that of the school administration. Students should not come to school with an excuse to stay inside for recess. Having a cold or runny nose is not a valid reason to stay inside at recess time and this is the time when staff have their breaks. You must send your child to school dressed appropriately to play outside.

