

## **Sept 4<sup>th</sup> Weekly Message for Families**

Good evening, this is Mrs. Myatt with this week's weekly message.

Thank you to all of our families who joined us at our Open House. It was so wonderful to see all of you and to welcome you back for another great school year.

**Tuesday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>** - Different from the last two school years, all students in Grades 1-5 will start back to school on Tuesday and will attend school for the entire week. On Tuesday we will also welcome Kindergarten students with last names A-L while Kindergarten students with last names M-Z will remain at home.

**On Wednesday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>**, we will welcome Kindergarten students with last names M-Z, and our Kindergarten students with last names A-L will remain at home.

**On Thursday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>**, we will have all of our students in our school for the first time for the 2022-2023 school year.

**Arrival time** – Walking students arrive between 7:55 and 8:10. These students will enter the school through our main doors. Teachers are on duty starting at 7:55 so please do not drop your child off earlier than that as they will be unsupervised, and this is a safety concern.

If you are driving your child to school you will enter the school driveway next to the staff parking lot. This is a one-way driving zone and please ensure that you are driving slowly and looking out for students. This is a quick drop off – drive up as far as you can to the end of the school near the playground and let your child out of the car. We have staff outside to help direct you and to help you get your child out of your car quickly. Please have your child get out of the car on the right-hand side closest to the school. Once you come to the stop sign at the end of the driveway, please ensure that you only turn right. In order for this to be a seamless transition we need all families to be supportive and patient while waiting to drop your child off.

For the first week of school all Kindergarten students will arrive and head directly to the cafeteria where their teachers will be waiting for them. Teachers and students will head to their classrooms at 8:10.

**Instructional Time:** Our instruction time begins at 8:15. It is imperative that our students arrive at school on time so that they are here and ready for their daily learning.

Students who arrive after 8:30 are considered Tardy, students who are not in attendance by 8:45 are considered Absent.

**Dismissal times:** K-2 students are dismissed at 1:45 and Grades 3-5 students are dismissed at 2:45. It is important that students are picked up from school on time. Last year there were some issues with our behaviour after school. We want to ensure that all families with students who walk home have conversations around leaving school and walking directly home. Once our students leave our property, parents are responsible for student behaviour. All students should know their end of day routine – that includes their bus number and who will be picking them up.

### **Dismissal doors**

K and Grade 5 – Main Doors

Grade 1, Grade  $\frac{3}{4}$  Mackin, Grade 4 – Basketball Court

Grade 2 and Grade 3 – Custodial Doors

**School Supply Fee** – Every child is expected to pay a school supply fee of \$50. Your child's teacher has already purchased school supplies for each of their students for this school year. Please ensure that you pay your child's \$50 school supply fee in a timely manner. You can pay this fee online or you can stop in when students return to school this week. We encourage you not to send cash with your child to school as we are not responsible for any missing cash. For all families who pay their student fees ahead of Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> – your names will be put into a draw for a \$50 gift card. If you are paying online, please go to our school website and find the School CashOnline tab on the bottom right hand side of the page.

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**Same Day pick-ups** – these changes need to be communicated to the office by calling the school. Often times teachers are only checking their emails at the end of their teaching day. Also – we need to know if there is a change in routine or a change in who is picking up your child. This information must be communicated to the office as well.

**Social Media** – we now have a school Facebook page and we will be using it for various updates for the school. We have a sheet that will be coming home – if you were not in attendance at the Open House – that provides you with important websites for our school including Chartwell's and School CashOnline.

**Cafeteria service** – Chartwell's is our cafeteria provider. All ordering must be done online and must be done in advance. Students are not able to order day of with cash. Cafeteria service will open on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Covid and student illness** – there are no longer any Covid mandates for schools however there are still rules around student illness. If your child is sick – coughing, runny nose, congested – it is best that they remain at home. If your child has a fever they cannot attend school. They can only return to school when they have not had a fever for 24 hours. Diarrhea is also 24 hours post last bowel movement.

**Peanut/Nut Free** – Peanut and nut products are not permitted at school. Wow Butter is permitted as long as it is clearly marked with a Wow butter sticker.

**Scent reduced** – We have a scent reduced policy at our school. Please ensure that students do not come to school with any type of fragrance sprays or hand sanitizers that are scented. We have hand sanitizer, approved by the Department in all of our classrooms.

I look forward to welcoming our Seaside Park families back to school this week and I look forward to working with you, our families, to support student learning and growth at Seaside Park.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at the school at 658-2729 or through email at [Jocelyn.myatt@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:Jocelyn.myatt@nbed.nb.ca)

Thank you and have a great week.