



Gibson-Neill Memorial Elementary School Orientation Newsletter Kindergarten Edition 2022

The First Day of School

September 6th - half of the Kindergarten students will attend from 9 am to 11 am.

September 7th - half of the Kindergarten students will attend from 9 am to 11 am.

Students will need a light snack on this day.

Your child's Kindergarten teacher will call during the last week of August to let you know which day to attend.

There will be NO bus transportation for Kindergarten children on September 6th or 7th. **The first full day for ALL KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS will be Thursday, September 8th.** This will be the first day of bus transportation for the Kindergarten children.

Address, email and telephone numbers must be current by the first day of school. This information is mandatory for transportation home.

You can reach out to ASD-W Transportation at 453-5455 or check the District website <http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/asd-w/Pages/default.aspx> to determine the bus route number and bus stops for morning and afternoon busses. This is not usually ready until late August. You could even ask a neighbour for help with this information.

HELPFUL HINTS

Book Bag:

All children will need a book bag large enough to fit a change of clothes, a regular size notebook, as well as their lunch bag.

Indoor Footwear/Outdoor Footwear:

All children will need a pair of indoor sneakers and outdoor footwear that they can put on independently.

If they are not yet tying laces, then slip-on or Velcro closing sneakers will be helpful.

Crocs and sandals are not appropriate footwear for the gym.

Change of Clothing:

All children will need a change of clothes to keep at school in their bags or in their class.

Snacks:

Each child will need to bring a snack for mid-morning recess time and a lunch. We encourage healthy snack and are unable to heat items for consumption.

Please remember to label all of your child's belongings.

Hours of Operation For The School

7:40 - Teachers on Early Duty

8:10 Our School Day Begins

10:05 - 10:25 Recess

11:40 - 12:10 Lunch 3-5 (K-2 Outside)

12:20 - 12:50 Lunch K- 2 (3-5 Outside)

1:50 Dismissal (K-2)

3:05 Dismissal (3-5)

* 11:40 Wednesday Dismissal (K-5) *

Be On Time

When children are on time they learn the school routines and this helps them feel safe and secure.

No Scent Is Good Sense

Our district has a scent free policy.

Allergy Alert

If there are life threatening allergies, there will be food restrictions identified in September.

Safe Arrival Program

Each morning after attendance is taken, a list of absent students is entered into a database. If parents have not notified the school regarding the absence, an automated system will call home to determine why the child is absent. This allows us to make sure that your child is safe.

In order to minimize the amount of calls that need to be made, if your child will be absent, we request that **parents notify the school by using the School Messenger App on your phone or computer, by calling the Safe Arrival number 1-833-294-4838, or by calling the school directly at 453-5429.**

Kiss and Go Off Zone

Two pylons show the area designated for safe student drop off. This is a quick jump out zone. This is **not** for parking. You are welcome to park in one of the two lots available if it takes you more than a minute to drop your child off.

When picking up students, please wait outside. For the safety of all children, we do not allow parents throughout the building at dismissal.

Other Information

- ❖ **Supply Fee:** To save you money, Kindergarten teachers will purchase the supplies that are needed for students in bulk. The supply fee is **\$50/per student**. This fee can be paid through Cashless Schools, details are on the school website. Payment can also be made directly to your child's teacher in cash or by cheques made payable to **Gibson-Neill Memorial Elementary School**. Prompt payment is appreciated.
- ❖ **Updated Immunization Required:** The Public Health Nurse will confirm student immunizations are up to date. Please submit a current copy of your child's immunization to the office. **It must include their Preschool Booster.**
- ❖ **How Can You Be Involved In Your Child's Schooling:**
 1. You can read with them.
 2. Join the Home and School Committee and / or PSSC.
 3. Communicate with the teacher regularly.
 4. Breakfast program
- ❖ **Visitors To Our School:** During school hours all parents and visitors to our school must enter and exit the building through the **main doors by the office and sign in and out**. During school hours all other doors remain locked and visitors/parents must ring the bell to be let in.
- ❖ **Legal Custody:** To parents who have legal custody arrangements - to ensure your child's safety, all necessary documentation needs to be on file at the school. Please contact the office or your child's teacher with the appropriate documentation so a photocopy can be made. If you currently have a copy filed at the school, please bring this to the teacher's attention.
- ❖ **EYE-DA Testing:** Kindergarten students for September 2022 who have not completed EYE-DA Assessments, please contact Family and Early Childhood West at 454-8698 to arrange to have this done.
- ❖ **Health Concerns:** If your child has a health concern, please make sure this is communicated to your child's teacher. This information is needed in case of an emergency. If your child requires medication to be administered, forms from the Department of Education are required to be completed. These forms are available at the office. **We cannot administer any medication without this form.**
- ❖ **Independence Needs:** It is expected that kindergarten students can use the washroom, wipe & wash hands independently.
- ❖ **Bussing:** District policy states that a Parent/Guardian must be waiting at the bus stop otherwise the child is returned to school.
- ❖ **Attendance is mandatory!**

School Website

<http://gnmes.nbed.nb.ca>

Principal: Tracy Stewart
Vice Principals: Heather Theriault & Colin Dolan

Meet and Greet - Family Corn Boil
Thursday, Sept 1 4:00-5:30