



Garden Creek
Elementary
Fredericton, NB
September, 2021

Creeker Newsletter

Welcome Back!

Parents/Guardians/Students,
Welcome to the 2021-2022 Garden Creek Elementary school year! Our teaching team is looking forward to a wonderful school year with your child. We are very honored to work with your child and we would love to share their accomplishments with you. Be sure to reach out on twitter @Gardencreekers with #CreekersLearning. Please be sure to check our website:

<https://secure1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-W/GardenCreek/Pages/default.aspx>

Here you will find a list of our teaching staff, important documents, as well as updated information on safety and upcoming events. ***Have a look at our brand new Parent Handbook on the front page!*



Mission and Vision

Garden Creek School strives to provide a safe, caring learning environment where everyone feels accepted and can develop their full potential. Garden Creek students will develop the skills to become enthusiastic lifelong learners and caring, active citizens of their communities.

Communication

We plan to continue sending monthly electronic newsletters home as well as posting these on our website. Weekly reminders and updates will also be emailed out to families via SchoolMessenger.

Please be sure to provide an updated email address to Mrs. Ghanem if you are not receiving these. You may also notice voicemails being sent home periodically over the phone as well.

Morning Drop-off/Afternoon Pick-up

As we progress into the Fall, our students should be settling into their morning routines. We kindly ask that when dropping off your child between 7:40-8:10am, you remind them to walk on the yellow crosswalk lines to our playground.

Traffic flow: We ask that you maintain a steady but slow pace of vehicle movement after drop-off while watching the crosswalk. This is essential to a safe startup. Duty teachers are on site to assist/guide you.

At dismissal, please stand on the yellow line near the sidewalk leading into our playground before walking your child to the parking lot or off the school grounds.

Meet the Teacher Night

All Kindergarten to Grade 5 parents/guardians are encouraged to join their child's teacher virtually on September 15th at 6:30pm. Parents will soon be receiving a link to this evening. A sneak peek at the classroom, info about your child's teacher, and examples of learning opportunities will be shared!

PSSC

We encourage parents/guardians/family members to get involved with our school. The Parent School Support Committee is a group of parents and teacher reps who look at policy, help create school improvement goals, and focus on student achievement.

We have some availability for new members. If interested, please contact alex.yaychuk@nbed.nb.ca for more information.

Lice Prevention

To reduce the chance of you or your child contracting a case of head lice, start by not sharing items that touch the head. Doing so can lead to the spread of head lice. Avoid sharing:

- Combs/brushes
- Hair clips/accessories
- Hats/bike helmets
- Scarves/coats
- Towels

We encourage you to discuss preventative measures with your children.

Allergy Alert & No Scents

We are a peanut/nut free school due to several allergies in our school. Nutella is also not permitted in our school.

All staff and students are asked to refrain from wearing scented products. These can trigger allergic responses.

Reminders to Parents

- Immediate Health Concerns for your child should be communicated to the school
- Daily Lunch bag for child with snacks
- Check School supplies list from teacher: Indoor shoes, 2 masks, water bottles, etc.
- Startup Packages sent home – Return these to child’s teacher by Sept. 10th
- Updated immunization records – if not already submitted
- Student fees - \$52.50 - \$57.75
<https://anglophonewest.schoolcashionline.com/> or in person with cash/cheque
- Hot lunch options will be communicated in the coming weeks.

This Month's Highlights

Our first virtual school assembly welcomed our learners back and encouraged them to show their excitement virtually on Microsoft Teams!

During this assembly, students were reminded of proper Mask etiquette, safe hygiene practices, and being kind to one another regardless of one’s decision to voluntarily wear a mask.

The return of school clubs, playing with classmates from other classes during recess, and some upcoming FUN surprises at GC were all topics of conversation!

Our Kindergarten parents/guardians were also welcomed in person by our Kindergarten and admin staff before our new Creekers enjoyed their first staggered days of school!

Upcoming Events

Fire Drills

September 10th & 29th

Lockdown Drill

Tuesday, September 21st

K-5 Meet the Teacher

Wednesday, September 15th , 6:30 P.M.

Terry Fox Walk

Friday, September 17th

ESTEY Art

Visiting Gr. 3-5 classes on September 13th

Harveys Pictures

Tuesday, October 5th

Home and School Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 21st, 6:30pm – see advertisement

Orange Shirt Day

September 30th <http://www.orangeshirtday.org/>

Creeker "Way to go!" to...

- Our amazing custodial staff for preparing our school for start-up! The hallways, gymnasium, and classrooms look great!
- Mrs. Ghanem and Mrs. Cleghorn for preparing our staff for a wonderful startup.
- Our Wellness team for providing snacks and fun activities for our staff including an afternoon **scavenger hunt!**

