

# Bristol Elementary School Newsletter

Newsletter September, 2020

Mission: "A Place to learn through friendship, fun and respect"

Vision: "To nurture thoughtful, responsible, independent 21st century learners"

## Important Dates

**Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>:** International Literacy Day

**Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>:** New Brunswick Human Rights Day

**Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>:** Becca Schofield Day (we will honour this day on Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>)

**Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>:** School Pictures begin at 9:00 am. Pictures will only be available for students this year due to COVID-19.

**Thursday Sept 24 & Friday, Sept 25<sup>th</sup>:** Terry Fox Run - (Each class will do this individually during these two days) Please log onto the link to donate. We will also accept cheques and cash. A pledge sheet will be sent home with your student. Funds raised will go to cancer research.

<http://www.terryfox.ca/BristolElementary>

**Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>:** Orange Shirt Day

**Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Pajama Day – Please bring a toonie in a baggie 😊 Funds will be used for Educational Resources/Outdoor Learning

**Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>:** School closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

**Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>:** Kindergarten Registration for 2021-2022

**Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>:** **Safe Schools' Week** – Practice of safety procedures (fire drill, alternate location, bus safety, etc.)

**Friday, October 23:** Pajama Day Day – Please bring a toonie in a baggie 😊 Funds will be used for Educational Resources/Outdoor Learning

**Friday, October 30:** Black and Orange Day



**Wednesday, November 11:** Remembrance Day (No School for Students)

**Friday November 20:** PL Day (No School for Students)

**Friday, December 4:** Parent Teacher am / PL pm (No School for Students)

**WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL**

Welcome to another exciting new year at Bristol Elementary School! We are all looking forward to working with you in the education of your children. Starting in September 2020, we will not be able to transport more than 48 students (for middle and high school students) and much fewer than 48 when transporting Kindergarten to Grade 5 students on any of our school buses. Although our requirements under Regulation

Considering this, we are asking families to select only one pick-up and drop-off location for the 2020-21 school year. Should the pick-up or drop-off location need to change, we require 5 school days' notice. We ask that if you require a pick-up or drop-off location other than your residence, please notify us in writing. We will require the student's name, address, grade, school, and alternate address location (pick-up or drop-off) to accept any requests.

## Staying Informed at BrES

**There are many ways to stay up on the news happening at Bristol Elementary!**

- Watch for our monthly newsletter (it will also be posted to our website each month).
- Visit our website at [www.bres.nbed.nb.ca](http://www.bres.nbed.nb.ca)
- Read the emails or listen to the phone messages from **School Messenger**.
- Our Bristol Elementary School FaceBook page.

## Our Staff for 2020-2021

Total Students - 77

Kindergarten – (9 students) Joanne Curtis

Grade 1 - (10 students) Angela Welch

Grade 2 – (13 students) Sarah Cogswell

Grade 3 - (15 students) Linda Ferguson

Grade 4/5 A – (15 students) Vicki Thompson

Grade 4/5 B - (15 students) Jeannine Clark

Guidance: Vicki Thompson

Phys. Ed.: Linda Ferguson & Angela Welch

Principal; Resource & Methods: Susan Maxwell

Librarian: Duska Curtis

Educational Assistant: Victoria Broad

Custodian: Carey Cogle; Ken Ferguson (casual)

Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Robyn Oakes

Food Delivery: Diner Down Under, Noah's Ark Café

## Welcome

We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Robyn Oakes, our new administrative assistant, to Bristol Elementary School. We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Tracy Fitzherbert who will be teaching Math and other subjects. We are also pleased to welcome Ms. Susan Maxwell our new principal. We know they are going to fit right in!



## Student Fee

Just a reminder that our student fee is \$50.00 payable as soon as possible. \$25.00 of this must be paid prior to your child receiving their school supplies and agenda during the first week of school. It covers all school supplies for the coming school year as well as the student agendas.

## FORMS

The district is continuing to use the student information system called PowerSchool. Students will have brought home forms with information which will need to be confirmed. If the information is **correct** please sign and return the form; if you have any **changes** please cross out the old information and record the new. The first form has all of your home information (parents/guardians, address, telephone numbers etc. and email address). The second form deals with busing information and the final form asks for permission to have pictures and names shared with media etc. At the school level we would be seeking your permission to place pictures taken during events on the BrES Facebook page. We want to thank you for your cooperation in returning all forms. **It is critical that we have current up-to-date contact information for all students in the case of an emergency situation.**



## School Cash Online

Bristol Elementary School will continue to offer School Cash Online, a secure, convenient way to pay for your student's fees online. School Cash online will be our school's preferred method of payment. Please check the Bristol Elementary School website, or district School Cash Online link to get started. The Parent Help Desk can be reached by calling 1 (866) 961-1803 or by clicking on the following: <https://schoolcashionline.com/Home/Support>

## Food Delivery

Hot lunches will come via a food delivery service this school year. *Diner Down Under* and *Noah's Ark Café* will be preparing and delivering food to BrES each day. The hot lunch meal option is \$5.00 (includes milk) or \$4.50 (no milk) this year, or \$40.00 for a lunch ticket good for 8 meals. Milk tickets are also available to students for \$5.00 (10 milk) or milk can be purchased each day for 50 cents a carton. Our food delivery service begins Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. As well, a reminder that nut and peanut products are once again welcome at Bristol Elementary.



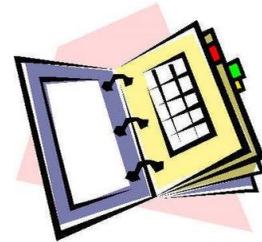
## Friendly Reminders

-Please **check & initial** your students' agenda each day.

-Its that time of year again and we greatly appreciate you diligently checking your child's head for nits and lice. More info is available at <http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-W/HealthyLearners/Pages/default.aspx> or by calling 1-888-829-6444.

## Contact Information

If your contact information changes throughout the year, including home phone, work phone, cell phone, email address and/or mailing address, please let us know **as soon as possible. It is important for your child's well-being that we always have a current number(s) by which to contact you.** Please note this includes the **email address** we have on file for our School Messenger system so that you will continue to receive our school messages.



## Important Reminder

Custody Information. By law, schools are required to provide, on request from non-custodial parents, information about a student's education, except when a court order prohibiting access of a parent to a child exists. **If there is a current, valid court order prohibiting access to this child, the responsibility rests with the custodial parent to provide the school with a copy of this document. Please send in a copy or contact the administrative assistant at 392-5124. It is critical that we receive custody information as soon as possible.**

## PSSC Members

The Parent School Support Committee (PSSC) is a group of parents and community members who work in an encouraging, advisory, and collaborative manner with the School Principal and staff to ensure the best possible learning opportunities for students of their school. Being involved with the PSSC allows you, as a parent, to have an impact and influence in what goes on at your child's school. It also demonstrates to your child an interest in their schooling and in your community. The committee addresses the larger issues related to the education of all students in the school, with the goal of enhancing student learning. Primarily these issues arise from input, discussions and study of the school improvement plan. This includes helping the school by advising on which aspects of learning that need to be improved, the priority of those identified learning areas and strategies and/or actions that focus on those areas.

The following parents are willing to continue as PSSC members at Bristol Elementary School for the 2020-21 School Year: If you are interested in sitting on this committee please let the office know.

- Troy McQuade (chair), Parent
- Amanda Gibbons, Parent
- Kia Bridges, Parent
- Krystyn Davis, Parent
- Angie Rutter, Parent
- Joanne Curtis, Teacher Member
- Susan Maxwell, Principal