

September 2018

Gagetown School

6 Loomcroft Lane

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Upcoming Events

September 13

Queens County Fair Parade and Opening Ceremonies

September 14

K – 2 attend Fair

September 15

Becca Schofield Day; perform random acts of kindness

September 20

Open House Corn Boil and PSSC elections

September 26

Picture Day

September 27

Cluster Day and Terry Fox Run

PSSC Members Needed

We are in need of members for our school Parent School Support Committee. Initial meet and greet will take place at open house. Nomination forms will be available there as well as on the school website, self-nomination is permitted.

Welcome Back to the start of another great school year! I am excited to be here as your permanent Principal. I hope to continue with the momentum we started last year and expand our community partnerships and initiatives even further. Our school offers lots of co and extra-curricular activities, I am sure there will be something of interest for everyone! Thank you so much for the support! This year is shaping up well and with our great staff, I'm sure it will be full of opportunity for all! I couldn't feel more at home.

Jeff Taylor
Principal

Gagetown Staff

I am so lucky to have a wonderful staff to work with this year!

Alexandra Francis- Kindergarten/Grade 1
Jennifer Hogan- Grade 1/2
Jill Meek- Middle level and Physical Education (K – 8)
Rebecca Gallant- Grade 3
Lindsey Fairweather- Grade 4/5, Middle Level French
Mike Holland- Grade 6/7/8
Tanya Hanson-Lacey- Resource/Guidance, 4/5 Numeracy
Jeff Taylor- Principal, Middle Level Math
Kara Mersereau- Administrative Assistant
Linda Sullivan- Educational Assistant
Janice Perry- Educational Assistant
Ashley Goddard- Custodian
Heather-Ann Law- Custodian
Jessica Sas- Custodian
Mary Harmon- Bus Driver
Robert Abbott- Bus Driver
Buddy Donovan- Bus Driver
Heather Roxborough- Distance Education Teacher
Jill Merritt-Coy- Numeracy Lead

Safe Arrival: Please call the school (488-3561) if your child will be late or unable to attend school on a particular day. Students are expected to be in the school by no later than 8:00. We understand situations may arise that are beyond your control but they should not occur on a regular basis. Automated phone calls will go out commencing at 8:30 if no prior notification.

Communication: We encourage you to contact the school/teacher with any concerns immediately. Please use e-mail only for distribution of facts, call or meet in person on sensitive matters.

More Important News

Breakfast Program

The breakfast program will be offered again this year. As a school, we are able to provide a light breakfast to students on a daily basis. This is a very important program that runs through donations and community volunteers. If you are able to help out in any way please let the school know.

Policy 711

As I am sure you are all well aware there is a new nutrition policy in place for the upcoming school year. Schools will be permitted to apply the policy in varying degrees for special events and fundraisers. A link to the entire policy is available through the school website.

Drop-off and Pick-up of Students

We attempt to minimize interruptions (announcements, visitors etc.) during the instructional day (8:00 - 2:40). Please stop at the office if you need to pick your child up during this time. This helps to ensure continuous learning throughout the day. We ask that anyone dropping off a student after 8:00 come into the office and sign the student in for the day. If you are picking up your child prior to dismissal you need to sign into the office before taking your child out of the school. Also, if you are entering the building to pick up your child at dismissal time you need to first sign in at the office so that we can account for everyone in the building.

Home and School

Our home and school works very hard to provide extras for our students. We are looking for new members for the current school year. Our first meeting will be in early October. This is open to all interested parties.

Welcome Back Corn Boil

Our annual welcome back Corn Boil/meet the teacher night will be held Thursday, September 20 starting at 5:30. All are invited! There will be a "Meet and Greet" with staff during the corn boil; free, but donations are welcome. Following this, we will convene for an official welcome back and PSSC elections.

Information is shared daily with the students through our morning announcements and we expect all students to listen daily to these important announcements. Please check homework bags and agendas for school announcements as well as personalized messages in students homework. Please join and become familiar with your child's teachers preferred method of communication.

Volunteers help run a number of programs at our school. Last year there were over 100 volunteers working in the school to make it a better place. If you, or anyone you know, wishes to volunteer please let the office know.

THANK YOU to **GAGETOWN ROTARY** for your donation to cover all student fees for the school year!!!!



Reminders

No Microwaves for lunches

Proper footwear for gym

Scent Reduced School

Student Drop Off begins at 7:30

Queens County Fair

Our entire school will be participating in fair activities on Thursday September 13. Students will be bussed back to the school from the fair at 1pm. No student will be permitted to stay at the fair without prior signed permission.

Weather Closure

Please listen to/watch the radio/twitter/district website (ASDW). Any cancellations will be announced by 6 am. Please note we are zone 9.

New for 18/19

Cluster Groups will be held the last Thursday of every Month

Soccer (5-8) and Cross Country (3-8) teams are operating this fall.

Peanut Butter will be allowed this year for individual student consumption. Please be mindful of others when sending in items from home

Online payment option for fees is now available through the school website. This is the preferred method payment.