

Keswick Valley Memorial School

Greetings KVMS Families,

I just wanted to touch base with families and update you on some upcoming dates and pass along some important information. Please read through the following communication as there is a lot of information coming to you.

- **Picture Day:** Friday, October 16, 2020 (**Tomorrow**). Dress for a picture and bring a smile. All COVID procedures will be adhered to, social distancing will occur, sanitization will take place and masks will be worn, except for the actual picture.
- **Evacuation Drill:** We will be holding a practice Evacuation Drill next Thursday, October 22, 2020. The whole school will be walking to the Lion's Club and back in their class bubbles. This will be done in conjunction with Safe Schools Week.
- **Safe Schools Week:** Oct. 19th-Oct. 23rd. We will be holding various safety drills that we have practiced. We finished bus safety last week for all K to 8 students in their bubbles.
- **Virtual School Assembly/Student of the Month:** Thursday, October 29, 2020. This will be a new practice to do this virtually.
- **Kindergarten Registration:** Taking place this week and next, Oct. 13th -23rd. Please register your child on-line. However, if you are encountering any issues or problems trying to register your child, please call us at 363-4717.
- **Upcoming Celebrations:**
 - **Halloween:** Halloween is just around the corner. Parents and students are wondering what this will look like in the school setting this year. We are working hard to plan for "class bubble" Halloween rotations for K to 2 and 3 to 5. Students will stay in their homeroom and teachers will rotate (following all protocols, sanitizing hands and materials before use and teachers will wear masks). Prepackaged store-bought treats only will be allowed this year (no prepackaged homemade goods, fruit trays, etc.) **Homemade treats are not permitted to come from students homes, prepackaged treats are permitted.** It is important that teachers/school staff do not permit students to take from a bowl of treats unless the treats are arranged so that children won't come in contact with other treats when they grab theirs. Doing up individual treat bags

is a good option. Homeroom teachers/staff must wash hands before distributing pre-packaged treats individually to students.

- **Remembrance Day:** We are just beginning to plan for the Remembrance Day Ceremony. It will look very different this year compared to years past. One thing that we know for certain is that it will not be assembly based and visitors will not be permitted. We are leaning toward a live virtual presentation through the MS Teams platform for students to watch and participate in with their class in their homeroom setting.
- **Morning Arrival**-Just a reminder to parents that the bell to start classes is at 8 am sharp. Teachers begin teaching at 8:00 am. Drop off time for students is from 7:40 am until 7:55 am. Please have your child to school during this time. They are considered late after 8:00 am. It is often difficult for students to come in late as they feel rushed and unsettled. Having your child arrive late also disrupts the learning environment for others. Please be mindful to have your child/children to school on time. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.
- **Absenteeism**- Please be mindful that if your child is sick or will not be at school for a particular day, please call the school at 363-4717 to let our office/child's teacher know.
- **Illness**-If your child is sick it is important that your child be home until your child is better. If your child is exhibiting two or more COVID symptoms, please call 811 and follow the advice of the health professionals.
- **Technology Survey**-Teachers sent home a quick technology survey last week with each of their homeroom students. This survey is important information that the Department and the District is requiring. We need to know from K to 8, who has access to a computer/tablet for home use and whether your household has quality internet. If you have not sent that survey back to your child's teacher, please do so before Friday. Teachers will be calling the child's home or asking the homeroom student (if old enough) these survey questions.
- **Lice**-It is that time of year again! Please check your child's head and continue to check regularly.
- **Intramurals**-for Grades 5 to 8 (in their bubbles) will be starting the last week of October. Mr. Black and Mrs. Stewart will be organizing this. It will take place during recess noon play time. Schedule will be posted shortly. Each grade will have a specific day each week.
- **Bussing**-There are still a few kinks that transportation is working through regarding bussing and routes. As you may have noticed, Tina Dickinson's/Darren

Brewer's bus changed its route recently with the approval of District Transportation Supervisors. District transportation supervisors realizes that this was not communicated well and apologizes and will work harder to make communications timely and effective for all involved. The minor change in the way the driver drove the route was created to ensure the safety of all students. We appreciate your support, care and concern in this matter.

➤ **Travel to Moncton/South-East or Restigouche Campbellton Health Regions:**
(Please read the following that was communicated by Mr. McTimoney):

As the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases has risen in certain areas of our province, Public Health and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) have updated their safety measures and guidelines for schools.

Moncton and Campbellton Health Regions have returned to the Orange phase under the province's COVID-19 recovery plan because of confirmed COVID-19 cases. At this time, ASD-W remains at the Yellow Phase and our safety measures **have not** changed, **however** Public Health has provided safety guidance for people in our region who have traveled to the Moncton (Zone 1) or Campbellton (Zone 5) regions, or who live in those areas and work in ASD-W, as follows:

- All individuals who have traveled to the Moncton or Campbellton regions since Friday, October 9th, must wear a mask inside our schools and classrooms, outside the school at noon/recess, and while on the bus for a period of 14 days from the day they returned to our region. That means that students in kindergarten through Grade 8 will now be required to wear a mask throughout the day if they traveled to the Moncton or Campbellton regions, both indoors and outdoors, except when they are working quietly at their desk, or eating/drinking.
- For all school personnel in ASD-W that have traveled to the Moncton or Campbellton region, masks are required at all times when at school, except when they are eating. This includes when they are outside.
- Students of all ages and grades are required to wear masks at all times on the school bus, even if they are sitting alone or with a family member.
- If a student or staff member lives in a house where others traveled to the Moncton or Campbellton regions but they, themselves, did not travel, then they do not need to follow these requirements. These new measures apply only to the individuals who have traveled.
- Travel between Orange and Yellow zones - everyone traveling between Orange and Yellow zones must self monitor and wear a mask for 14 days and must follow directives in accordance with the Mandatory Order as if they were in the Orange Phase. This applies to traveling professionals, supply teachers, all school personnel and students, and all employees of early learning and childcare facilities/homes and all children attending early learning and childcare facilities and homes.

- This also applies to families who have not traveled, but who have hosted someone from the Orange Zone.
- Everyone who has traveled to an orange zone is prohibited from participating in all intramural, interscholastic, extra-curricular, and all other school activities for 14 days.

Public Health has stated there should be no non-essential travel to these areas and anyone who travels to these areas while they are in the Orange Phase will need to follow the elevated mask use, as outlined above, for 14 days upon their return.

Please see the <https://nbhc.ca/maps-health-zones-and-nbhc-communities> for the communities found in Zone 1 (Moncton Region) and Zone 5 (Campbellton Region). We ask all families to continue reminding students about the importance of hand washing/sanitizing; practicing good cough/sneeze etiquette; staying home and calling 811 if they are ill; physical distancing; wearing a clean face mask; and monitoring for symptoms.

Thank you for your understanding as we work together to follow the safety guidelines provided to us by Public Health and EECD.

Regards,

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