

Summerhill Street Elementary School November 2020

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Happy November!

A REMINDER TO ALL FAMILIES: There is no school on NOVEMBER 11TH
(Remembrance Day)

and NOVEMBER 20 (Professional Learning day for staff).

It is hard to believe that we are in November and we have only 7 weeks of school left before the Christmas break. These next 7 weeks will be very busy as we prepare for report cards and other special events.

*****Please mark the important dates on your calendar that are included in this newsletter.**

Report Cards and Parent-Teacher Interviews



Report cards will be sent home on December 1.

We will be sending out more information about parent – teacher interviews very soon. These will likely be by phone or virtual.

Remembrance Day Ceremony

On Nov. 9 at 1:30, Mrs. Morgan's class is hosting a virtual Remembrance Day ceremony. Members from the Royal Canadian Legion Oromocto Branch have been filmed at another school so we will be playing the video link that was sent to us. We will follow the same agenda as we always do and we are so pleased that the Legion members will still play a role in this assembly. Many of our classes will be adding to the agenda as well. Students are invited to wear their Girl Guide, Boy Scouts, Beaver, and Cadet uniforms that day.



PSSC CORNER

The Parent School Support Committee

Our next PSSC Meeting is Tuesday, November 17th at 6:30 PM. This will be a virtual meeting once again.

All are welcome to this public meeting. Please just let Mrs. Atherton know if you would like to join.

We have a fantastic PSSC this year. Please check our website for PSSC minutes and news.

The PSSC is a committee of dedicated parents that works under the mandate of the Education Act, in particular Sections 32 and 33.

The group is an advisory committee for the principal and represents the parents of the school. There are specific responsibilities and a clear mandate for the function of the committee. It is not supervisory nor does it get involved in operational matters of the school.

Here are just a few highlights of what the PSSC accomplished in the past:

- **Advocated for a new sidewalk adjacent to Ellerslie Street by meeting with the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Oromocto. This is a great addition to our school!**
- **Reviewed ways in how to best engage parents**
- **Welcomed a new District Education Council member to the table, representing the Town of Oromocto schools (Sub-district 13, Thomas Geburt)**
- **The School Improvement Plan and the Positive Learning and Working Environment Plan are on the agenda and we review progress each month.**
- **Helped design a parent survey last year asking about Positive learning, communication and safety.**

Student Drop-Off Reminders

Students should not be dropped off prior to **8:05 AM** which is when supervision begins.

We are still noticing many students getting dropped off after 8:20 (after the bell). We ask again for your cooperation to try to get your child to school between 8:05 – 8:20 as our instructional day starts at 8:20.

Students arriving late for class are marked as tardy and this is documented on the report card.

Thank you for your attention to this.

VIRTUAL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thanks to our volunteer, Erin Dyker for organizing the Virtual Scholastic Book Fair! Although it was a different format this year, we are still selling lots of books. Delivery is very quick and the books come right to your door.

DEADLINE FOR PURCHASING BOOKS IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD.

PLEASE BE SURE YOUR CHILD IS DRESSED FOR THE WEATHER!



Autumn leaves are falling and so are the temperatures. With the

recent heavy rains, our grounds are very wet and muddy. Our students are outside for recess and again at noon. Also, Physical Education classes are still being held outside from time to time, when weather permits. Please be sure your child has appropriate outerwear for the weather. If your child tends to gravitate toward wet places, please keep a change of clothes in their bookbag. The school does not keep a supply of clothing.

STAR PATROL



As part of our Positive Learning and Working Environment plan, staff have been handing out STAR SLIPS to students when students show behaviour that represents our 3 stars: Be Responsible, Be Safe and Be Respectful.

Our ESS team (Administration, Guidance and Resource team) will be visiting a few classrooms each Friday as part of a “Star Patrol.” We can’t wait to visit classrooms to do a draw with STAR SLIPS and give away lots of prizes! If your child comes home with a prize you know it may have come from the **Star Patrol Star Slip** prize draw.

OFFICE 365 TEAMS APP

You may have already received your child’s username and password from your child’s teacher to enable them to sign on to Office 365. Teachers have been practicing using the Office 365 TEAMS app and will be working on helping students become more familiar with this as well. If we had to learn from home, teachers would be using the TEAMS app as one way to help deliver curriculum. It would be helpful to ensure your technological device has the TEAMS app on it.

NUTRITION PROGRAM AT SUMMERHILL ST ELEMENTARY

Our Hot lunch program is now in full swing.

The next month’s Hot Lunch orders will be available online from **November 2-12**. **PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO LUNCH ON DEC. 15TH AND 17TH.** If a paper copy is required, please request it from your child’s teacher between those dates. We are unable to accept late orders as we need to order from Pita Pit and Pizza Twice in advance.

We hope that parents are enjoying the convenience of ordering and paying online with our School Cash Online. We currently have 229 of the 250 students attending Summerhill Elementary School registered for School Cash Online. This means that 91.6% of our population is registered! The current adoption rate for OEC schools is 74.39%.

If you are not yet registered, it is simple to do – just enter

anglophonewest.schoolcashonline.com or follow the link from our website at www.summerhill.nbed.nb.ca and navigate your way to the School Cash Online page. You will need your child’s last name, first name and date of birth to register. Should you encounter any difficulties, you can call the parent help desk at 1(866) 961-1803 or by visiting schoolcashonline.com/Home/Support.

We also have a breakfast program on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Coolers are being delivered to classrooms and students are enjoying the food that is available. We thank **PC Childrens’ Charities** who gave us a grant to fund for healthy foods for breakfast. Classrooms are also stocked with healthy snacks along with apple baskets.

We would like to thank the Oromocto Food Bank who provides hard-boiled eggs for us each week.

FUNDRAISING NEWS:

SUMMERHILL ONLINE AUCTION

With the increased focus on using technology for learning, we are really working hard to increase the amount of computers and Ipads in our building. Our fundraising efforts are off to a great start with our Java Moose raising over a little under \$7000.

Our next event for fundraising is an online auction from Nov. 27 – Dec. 4 and there will be a variety of different donated items for our community to bid on. This has been a successful fundraiser in the past and we are still looking for more donated items. A letter was sent out today from our fundraising committee and any support would be appreciated. We know you will reach out to your contacts and make this as successful as our Java Moose campaign.

More details will be coming out soon.

GENEROUSITY FROM THE COMMUNITY:

- 1) Thank you to Giant Tiger for donating the amazing bags we used to send the coffee home with students.
- 2) Thank to Jim Gilberts for donating over 160 decks of cards that students will use for Math games. They also donated snacks and water bottles for our students.

We are very lucky to have such a great community who supports our school.

DATES TO REMEMBER: Mark Your Calendar!

Nov. 6	Wear your hat to school \$1.00 Donation for John Wood Foundation
Nov. 9	Virtual Remembrance Day Ceremony – 1:30 p.m.
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day – no school for students
Nov. 12	Hot Lunch is due at 12:00
Nov. 16 – 20	Diversity & Respect Week
Nov. 17	PSSC Public Meeting 6:30 PM (Virtual)
Nov. 20	PL Day – No School for Students
Nov. 20	Online auction donations are due
Nov. 27	School Picture Retakes
Dec. 1	Report cards are sent home
Dec. 4	Parent – teacher interviews

Looking Ahead.....

Dec. 18	Last day of school before Christmas Break
Jan. 4	First Day of School after Christmas Break