



# SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

*Mission: We can all learn. We need a safe, respectful and challenging place to learn. We learn best when teachers, children, parents and community work together. We have a responsibility as partners in learning to help others in our local and global communities.*

*Vision: To ensure all children have a safe and positive learning environment inspiring them to be lifelong learners as respectful, responsible and productive citizens.*

## WELCOME BACK

After a week back at school, students and staff are settling into familiar routines both at school and at home. It has been amazing to watch the kindergarten students walk in with confidence and accept the responsibilities of school life. Although there have been a few tears here and there, the kindergarten families should feel proud of how well they have prepared their children for school and we are happy to have you as part of our community.



## POSITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

The beginning of school has an academic focus as students review outcomes from last year and prepare for concepts to extend their learning. However, September is also an important time for establishing our expectations and standards for being active in a community. Using our Code of conduct to guide our actions, we are all expected to act in a respectful, responsible and safe way. With this as our foundation, students can trust our school community so taking risks creates a creative tension as we continue to develop our growth mindset. Approaching challenges with an optimistic perspective and a willingness to learn, we can all work to build our capacity with overcoming challenges. To support this, our monthly themes are: Respect, Responsibility, Empathy, Kindness, Teamwork, Honesty and Integrity, Fairness, Cooperation, Perseverance, Citizenship.

### New Brunswick Nutrition Policy

You have likely heard about the New Brunswick Nutrition policy and how there have been recent changes that will impact the way schools offer food to our students. Because of this, schools have been working hard to develop options that satisfy the requirements of the policy, but are also appealing to our students. Our target for beginning our hot lunch program is the beginning of October. We will continue to discuss the policy with various vendors and we are hopeful we will be able to have a hot lunch program that is both tasty and healthy. Once we have the hot lunch menu established, families will be able to purchase the hot lunch through the cashless school program.

## Picture Day September 18th

### School Day Schedule:

7:45am—Supervision Begins

8:05am—Students enter building

8:10—O Canada and Announcements

8:15—Instruction begins

9:45am-10:00am—Recess

11:35am-11:55am—Lunch

11:55pm-12:20pm Recess

1:30pm—K-2 Dismissal

2:30pm—3-5 Dismissal

### Heart Healthy Schools:



Island View School has signed on to a healthy living promotion from the Heart and Stroke Foundation called Heart Healthy Schools. The aim of this program is to motivate and educate the youth in New Brunswick about healthy lifestyle choices in order to address the rising rates of childhood obesity. **“A heart healthy school supports and promotes 5 servings of fruits and vegetables, less than 2 hours of screen time, 1 hour or more of physical activity and 0 sugar sweetened beverages each day.”**



### IMPORTANT DATES:

- September 10th—Safe Arrival Program begins
- September 15th—Becca Schofield Day (Acts of Kindness)
- September 16th—Saint John Terry Fox Walk 9-1:00pm UNB Canada Games Stadium
- September 16th—River Valley Terry Fox Walk (1-3pm at the RVMS track)
- September 17th—Home and School Meeting (6:00pm)
- September 17th—PSSC Meeting (6:00pm)
- September 18th—Picture Day
- September 20th—Sculpture Saint John Presentation for grade 4
- September 27—IVS Terry Fox Walk 12:20pm
- October 1st—Saint John Ed Center PSSC Open House
- October 3rd—Cross Country Race grades 3-5 Wolastoq Park (3:30pm)



### SEPTEMBER THEME: RESPECT

Admiration felt or shown for someone or something that you believe has good ideas or qualities.

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## Liability Waiver for Sports Events

Students in grade 3-5 will be bringing home a liability waiver for participation in any extra-curricular sports events outside of our school such as jamborees or cross country races. Anglophone South School District has made a change this year and now requires a signed waiver from all students who participate in these events. The cross country races previously held at Rockwood Park will not be taking place this year; but, we will continue to support and train our students for the cross country race at Wolastoq Park at Simms Corner which will take place on Wednesday, September 2nd at 3:30pm.

## Cashless School and Student Fees

Many people have been signing up for Cashless School it has been very helpful. We would like to see everyone sign on prior to the hot lunch program starting in case there are any glitches we need to figure out. If you visit the school website, you will see a link to sign up and please let us know if you run into any problems with the process.

## Farewell Mr. Stevens

After 15 years of volunteering at Island View School to run the Chess Club, we are sad to say farewell to Mr. Stevens. The Chess club has grown to consistently fill the gym with enthusiastic your chess players eager to learn the game and win a match against their friends. Even if we estimate low and say 100 students benefitted each year from this program, we would be approaching 2000 students who learned the game because of Mr. Stevens. It is with extreme gratitude that we say thank you and wish Mr. Stevens all the best.

Island View School will still continue to offer a chess program and over the next few weeks we will develop a rollout plan and schedule. If you would like to help with the chess club, please feel free to contact the school at 658-5346.

## Parent Survey about School Supplies

In consultation with the PSSC, IVS will be collecting information from the community to get a general idea of the amount parents spend on school supplies for each child at the beginning of a school year. We feel we will be able to purchase the supplies in bulk and save families money in the process. However, in order to feel confident about this type of change, we would like to collect some relevant data. We will be sending out a survey link in the near future and we ask for you report an estimate of the amount spent per child on school supplies. This amount should not include items such as new clothing, book bags, sneakers, but just with respect to stationary and other classroom supplies. Thank you for helping us with this.

## Safe Arrival Program—A New District-Wide Program for Reporting Student Absences

We have been sending regular information home about the Safe Arrival Program and hopefully you have either downloaded the app already or you keep the business card handy with the information steps for reporting a student absence. We have already seen that a few people have used the program and it seems to be working well. Thank you.

## #BeccaToldMeTo

Saturday, September 15th is the 2nd Annual Provincial day for this awareness campaign and it was started by a New Brunswick student. Becca's wish was for people to perform random acts of kindness in her honour and then to share them with the hashtag #BeccaToldMeTo.

## IVS Terry Fox Walk Sept. 27th—All Welcome



Island View School will be having our Terry Fox walk on Thursday, September 27th and we will begin at 12:20pm right after our noon recess. We will make two loops around our neighbourhood and students will be able to fundraise if they wish. In the spirit of The Marathon of Hope which Terry began, we are asking each student to donate at least \$1. Pledge sheets will be coming home with the students and please watch the Friday message for information about making a pledge online. Students will learn about the story of Terry fox between now and the run and if you would like to watch a new video that was released this year, a link will also be included in the Friday message.