



Saint Patrick's School

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Newsletter

Important Upcoming Dates

October 4: Author Anne Scott (The Boy Who Was Bullied") to present to gr.3-5

October 4: Fluoride starts today for grades 1-5

October 4: Miss Elliot's grade 4 to the Super Store

October 5: Thanksgiving Dinner for students at Hillcrest Baptist Church provided by our PALS at IPP

October 5: Miss Petkau's class to PALS in the Park (will return in time for lunch)

October 5: Nutrition Event, "Farm to School" 6-8pm, Havelock gym

October 6: Professional Development- **no classes for students**

October 7: Professional Development - **no classes for students**

October 9-15: Fire Prevention Week

October 10: Thanksgiving- no school

October 11: N.B. Southern Train Ride for grade 4 classes

October 12: Ms. Saunders Kindergarten to King St. (west) Fire Station

October 12: PSSC meeting @6:00 in the Community Schools Rm. @ Beaconsfield

October 13: Bus Safety, beginning at Havelock location at 9:15

October 11-14: Kindergarten Registration (for children turning 5 by December 31st, 2017)

October 11-14: \$1.00 Popsicle sale in support of the Terry Fox Walk

October 14: Terry Fox Walk and assembly

October 18: Kick off to kindergarten, 3:00

October 21: Student Photos

October 25: PSSC Orientation at District Office, 6:30pm

Kindergarten Registration October 11-14: if you have a child that will be 5 years of age as of December 31, 2017 they will need to be registered for school. You will need to bring their Birth Certificate, Medicare card and proof of immunization to the school office. There are many activities that take place throughout the year that your child should attend.

Kick off to Kindergarten: this is an information session for parents of children who will be starting school in September of 2017.

Please turn over for more information

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Attendance: Please make attendance a top priority with your family. You play a pivotal role in making sure your child arrives at school every day and on time. Please try to schedule doctors and dentists appointments on days when classes are not scheduled or after school hours. Lost instructional time in the classroom is very difficult to make up. Thank you for making attendance a priority.

Policy 704: If your child is on medication, has a medical condition or uses a puffer or epi pen, please make your child's teacher aware of this and you will also need to come to the school to sign their medical form. Please call the school at 658-5362 to make arrangements for this.

Please remember to pay your child's school supply fee of \$30.00 as soon as you are able. Thank you to all those parents who have already paid.



Literacy tip October:

Building Reading Stamina!

You may have heard your child come home from school excited about their class building reading stamina and are unsure what it means. Here is some helpful information about stamina.

What is stamina?

Having stamina for something means being able to stick with something for periods of time. This stamina, or endurance, builds strength. Stamina can apply to lots of different areas, such as exercise or painting. It can also apply to reading. Teachers often think about a student's reading stamina. Reading stamina is a child's ability to focus and read independently for long periods of time without being distracted or without distracting others.

Reading stamina is something that parents can help students develop. Here's how:

Vary the way the reading is done. Parents can think about this in terms of having their child read to themselves (on their own), read to someone (a parent or younger sibling), and listen to reading (a parent or older child reading to them)." Some combination of the three will help your child build their endurance (stamina) for reading.

Buses: students should be at their bus stop at least 5 minutes before their pick up time. Stay safely on the sidewalk, away from the road. Look both ways if you have to cross in front of the bus, don't assume other drivers will stop for buses. Please review safety rules with your child.

Be sure to listen to the radio in the morning for late bus announcements or visit the ASD-S website or follow ASD-S on Twitter.

If you are dropping off your child at the school, they should be arriving **no earlier than 8:50** as there is no teacher on duty before this time.

Website: for teacher emails, visit our website @ st.pats.nbed.nb.ca

Head Lice: In order to stop the increase in head lice cases, please make sure to go through your child's hair to look for nits and lice. The only true way to permanently get rid of lice is to pull the eggs out of your child's hair is with your fingers and under a bright light.

Parents should check their child's hair for lice and/or nits each and every week. Research shows that constant checking and picking of nits as a community is the most effective means to stop the spread of lice.