**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT UPDATE**

**Positive Learning & Working Environment Goal:**

**"We will teach, model and reinforce pro-social behaviours. Our school - wide focus will be on inclusion and diversity to ensure that each child feels that school is a safe, happy and calm place."**

**Class lessons will focus on pro-social behaviours taught through direct and explicit teaching. Examples of lessons will include: Leadership skills, what does a sense of belonging look like and feel like, what does conflict look like and how to respond when students are unkind.**

***STUDENT LEADERSHIP AND CLUBS***

***So far, our Summerhill Hockey League is underway in the gym. We also have a busy Recycling team gathering the recyclables that support the John Wood Foundation.***

***The “We Talk Wednesday” group has started, and we have a group of representatives from each class who were chosen by their peers. This group will meet with administrators weekly and we will be asking for a new group of students to meet us with each month.***

***We already have a few students wanting to start a club and have written a letter already. The requirement to start a club is to write a letter and discuss the plans with a supervisor. We have many amazing clubs that will start soon and we want to thank our student leaders for always thinking of ways to help our school!***

***Our students are AWESOME!***

**PLEASE BE SURE YOUR CHILD IS DRESSED FOR THE WEATHER!** 

Autumn leaves are beginning to

fall and so are the temperatures. Our students are outside in the morning, for recess and again at noon. Also, gym classes are being held outside when weather permits. Please be sure your child has appropriate clothing for the weather and a change of clothes in their book-bag.

**Cross Country Club**Summerhill Street Elementary students are running cross country as a club at recess times. Students have been asked to increase their stamina and work hard to reach their goals. Students will notice they are getting better the more they train and practice running! Mr. Smallman is working with other PE teachers plan the **District Cross Country Race. This will be on Oct. 20 at 1:30 p.m. (rain date is Oct. 27).**

**TERRY FOX WALK**

**Our Terry Fox walk was a huge success. Thank you for your donations! Our school raised over $800 this year!**

Nutrition Programs

We are fortunate to be involved in the Breakfast Food Procurement Program in partnership with PNB, Moncton Food Depot, Breakfast Clubs of Canada, and Brewer Foundation this year.

Each morning, we have a breakfast “grab and go” program where items such as cereal, apple sauce, granola bars, NutriGrain bars, cheese, eggs, fruit slices, yogurt tubes, etc. are available for students. Milk will be provided for students as well. A variety of fruit is available in classrooms weekly.

We also get our eggs from the Oromocto Food Bank.

**HOT LUNCH**

Our Hot Lunch program will begin the week of Oct. 10-12. Parents can order from Chartwells (via the NutriSlice App) on Tuesdays and Thursdays and through SchoolCash online for Pizza Twice on Wednesdays.

**PSSC CORNER**

**Parent School Support Committee**

We have our first PSSC meeting on **Tuesday,** **October 10 at 6:30. This will be held in the conference room.** If you would like to join us, please let Mrs. Atherton know. We will discuss updates this year, our School Improvement Plan and review the role of the PSSC.

The NutriSlice App for Chartwells is open now for orders.

You can order through SchoolCash Online for Pizza. If you need a paper copy for pizza, please let Mrs. Myrie know.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

**Our first Book Fair of the year will be between Oct. 23 - 30. We always have amazing Book Fairs and we look forward to another great event at our school! Thank you to Mrs. Fitzgerald who will be organizing this again this year! Please let us know if you can volunteer at our Book Fair this year.**

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

*As you may have already noticed, we are getting work done on our roof as it needed patching.*

**Transportation Concerns**

If your child is late getting home from the bus, and it is after 4:00 PM when our office closes, you can call the Transportation office directly at 357-4256 to receive information/ assistance. If there is no answer at that telephone number, you can contact the Transportation Department at the Office of the Superintendent at 453-5454. They can also assist you.

**Important Reminders to Parents**

Summerhill Street Elementary School is a closed campus during the instructional day. This means that all school doors are locked in the morning and remain locked throughout the instructional day.

Our instructional day begins at **8:25**. Please try to have your child dropped off between 8:05 – 8:25. If your child is dropped off after 8:25, they will need to sign in at the office.

We thank you for your cooperation with calling ahead of time if you are picking your child up early.

At the end of the day, our walkers and students getting picked up dismiss first (at 3:10).

Parents/guardians wait outside in parking lot and are visible to students as they exit the front door.

Should parents wish to speak with their child’s teacher, they are requested to make an appointment as opposed to walking in to request a conversation during the school day. Safety is our number one concern and if there is not a pre-arranged meeting time with the teacher, it is very difficult for the teacher to speak with a parent while supervising their class. Emails also work very well in connecting with a teacher.

If someone is picking your child up who does not appear on their registration form, we will have to call you to ensure that person is allowed to pick your child up. It is wonderful if you can let us know in a note or a message the name of the person who is picking your child up (if it is someone who does not typically come for pickup).

We appreciate your assistance with this.

**SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK – OCT. 16 – 20**

**During Safe Schools week, we will be practicing many procedures that will help us in case of an emergency. We will practice a fire drill, evacuation and a lockdown. We will also practice Bus Safety.**

POPCORN FOR PERSONAL SEATING

Our popcorn program will be starting on Oct. 17 and run for 5 weeks (or 10 days of popcorn).

You can order online starting today and will close on Oct. 12. We will start popcorn on Oct. 17 and will continue serving popcorn every Tuesday and Friday. All proceeds from popcorn sales will go towards purchasing flexible seating in our classrooms. Students LOVE when we get different seats in the room to help them learn. We plan to get lots of seats that students enjoy and will help them feel safe, happy and calm in their learning environment.

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| **DATES TO REMEMBER: Mark Your Calendar** |
| October 3  | Hot Lunch orders open for Chartwells. Go on NutriSlice app |
| October 9 | Thanksgiving – NO SCHOOL  |
| October 10 | PSSC meeting at 6:30 |
| October 10 | Hot Lunch starts - Chartwells (Tuesdays and Thursdays)  |
| October 11 | Hot Lunch starts – Pizza Twice (Wednesdays)  |
| Oct. 12  | School Picture Day (retakes Nov. 8)  |
| Oct. 10 – 13 | Registration for students entering Kindergarten in 2024-25 |
| Oct. 13  | School Improvement Planning Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS |
| October 16-20  | Safe Schools Week  |
| October 16 - 25 | Pizza order for November online. This closes on Oct. 25. |
| Oct. 17 | Popcorn starts - Tuesdays and Fridays |
| Oct. 23 – 30  | Scholastic Book Fair in the conference room  |
| Oct. 26  | Halloween Spookarama (evening)  |
| Oct. 31 and Nov. 2  | Science East Planetarium coming to the gym. 45 minute class sessions  |
| November 1  | Earth Rangers Presentation (2:00)  |
| November 3  | PL Day for Teachers – No School  |
| **Nov. 8**  | **No Stone Left Alone presentation for Grades 4 and 5 (permission form to follow)**  |
| November 13 | Remembrance Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS  |
| November 24 | PL day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS |
| December 4 | Report Cards Issued (K – 8)  |
| December 8 | PL Day/Parent Teacher Interviews – No School for students  |
| December 22 | Last day of classes  |
| December 25 – January 5 | Holidays  |
| January 8, 2024  | First Day for Students  |

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