



# HARKINS ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

## OCTOBER 2009



### MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

Meet the Teacher Night was held on Wednesday, September 16th. There was a large turn out of parents. New members elected to the PSSC are

**Troy Matchett** and **Stephanie Anthony**.

We would also like to thank those members returning for another year with us: **Christine O'Neill**, **Lois Mitchell** and **Debbie Larsen**. The first PSSC meeting will be October 7 at 6:30.



### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

#### One-way traffic on Campbell St.:

A letter from the Miramichi Police Force was sent home on September 3, advising that Campbell Street is now a **ONE-WAY street from 8:00 am-5:00 pm.**

The Police have been doing routine checks and there is a fine if caught going the wrong way. More signs will be

installed to help inform motorists in the near future.

**Construction** outside the school has been scheduled to occur in the near future to improve the water run-off. The school's perimeter is being dug up so drain tiles can be installed. The contractors assured us that there will be as little disruption as possible throughout this three week project. Most of the heavy work will be done when school is closed.



**Telephone calls:** It is very important to make arrangements for changes to your child's daily routine **before** they leave for school. **A written note is required to change the daily routine.**



#### Dismissal:

Please be reminded that if you are picking up your child after school, you are to wait in the playground entrance. The teacher on duty will bring the students who are being picked

up or who walk home to this area. Please remember that dismissal time is 2:10 and 3:10. This is a new procedure and we are very pleased with the outcome thus far, as it has cut down on the interruptions on the floors when teachers are dismissing students. **A big thank you to parents for following this new routine, as it is safer for the students to be dismissed at one central point.**

### TERRY FOX WALK

Harkins Elementary held its 28<sup>th</sup> annual Terry Fox Walk on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. Parents, students, and staff proceeded to the city square where the Terry Fox flag was raised by Mr. Laurie Keoughan, Superintendent for School District 16, with the assistance of grade five student Jacob Elliot. Mr. Keoughan, who accompanied us on the walk, expressed thanks on behalf of the district for everyone's outstanding efforts. Money is still continuing to trickle in, but the total amount raised to date is \$2609.12. We would like to sincerely thank the staff, students, parents, and the community for their tremendous support, and the Home and School for helping to serve the pizza lunch and for their generous monetary donation. Thank you to everyone for helping to keep Terry's dream alive!!



Jennifer Lawlor & Mary Ann Barrieau  
Chairpersons

### TALK MAIL

Talk mail should be up and running very soon. We will send out a talk mail as soon as it is set up. Please keep in mind that we communicate most of our messages this way so if you do not have talk mail on your phone please contact Aliant to have it set up (there is no fee). If your phone number changes throughout the year please let us know so we can add your new number to our system.



### POLICY 701

#### POLICY FOR THE PROTECTION OF PUPILS

This policy was put in place to protect pupils in the public education system from non-professional conduct by adults. To take this on line course visit <http://701.nbed.nb.ca> **All coaches and volunteers must have this training.**

**Early dismissals/closures:** Anticipated school closures will be announced in the monthly newsletters, by voice mail message, or in memos to parents. Emergency closings or dismissals will be announced on the local radio station. The District Office, not school officials, make decisions on school closing due to weather. It is advisable for parents to have a plan in place for when school is dismissed early. We will be requesting this information in the near future. The general rule for early dismissal is that your child will return home on the bus he/she travels to school on in the morning. It is important that you have a plan in place, as it is not possible for the school to call all parents when an early closure has been deemed necessary.



### FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Fire Prevention Week is October 4 - 10. It is a good time to check fire detectors and go over fire escape routes. Class assemblies will be held on Monday Oct. 5 for K-2 at 9:00 - 10:00 and Grades 3-5 at 10:30 - 11:30.

Please keep up-dated by visiting the school website at

<http://harkins.elementary.nbed.nb.ca> It is presently under construction but will be up and running soon.



### Peanut Free:



Harkins Elementary is again peanut free, as there are students who have a severe peanut allergy. We ask that parents please not pack nuts, of peanut butter or any nut products in your child's lunch. Thank you for your consideration.

### PICTURE RE-TAKES

Picture retakes will be done on Thursday, October 22nd for students who were absent on picture day and for those who would like re-takes. Also, grade 5 students will have their pictures taken in the Harkins grad gown, as well as the sports teams, on this day.



### *Cafeteria News:*

*A Cafeteria Menu were send home (mauve paper).*

*September 28 - October 2 is Week 4 of the menu*

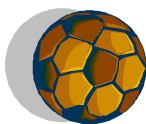
### PARADE OF COSTUMES



On Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, the students will participate in a Parade of Costumes. All students and staff are encouraged to dress up. If you send in treats, please check with the teacher for allergies. Remember that fruit is a sweet treat also.

### Harkins Soccer:

The Harkins soccer team will practice each Monday at 3:00 - 4:00 at the little league ball diamond.



#### Games:

Thurs., October 1-Millerton @ Harkins (Croft field)  
Tues., October 6 - Harkins @ Croft (Croft field)  
Tues., October 13 - Nelson @ Harkins (Croft field)  
Thurs., October 15 - Blackville @ Harkins (Croft field)  
Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> Jamboree (location to be announced)  
Games will begin when each team can field seven players.

### Harkins Cross Country:

Schedule of meets remaining:  
Wed., October 7<sup>th</sup> - Croft Elementary 4:00  
Wed., October 14<sup>th</sup> - French Fort Cove 4:00



### NO SCHOOL

There is no school Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, as these are Curriculum Days for teachers.

Also, there is no school on Monday October 12th due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

### 2010 - 2011

Kindergarten registration for September 2010 will be held over a two week period:

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Please register at the school by bringing your child's birth certificate, Medicare card and immunization.

### LOST AND FOUND

If your child is missing any items, please have them check the lost and found or stop by yourself. It is located in the breakfast room. It is also a good idea to put your child's name on their clothing!

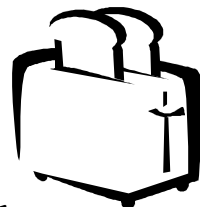
### SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK



**October 12 - 16**

### Breakfast Program

The breakfast program is up and running every morning, thanks to **Joan Johnston & Debbie Martin**. Harkins has partnered with the City of Miramichi so various workers have volunteered for this program. If you are able to volunteer please let us know in the office.



We would like to say THANK YOU to the following people who donated to our Breakfast Program:

- Lois Sobey for donating jam and Cheese Whiz
- Melanie Jardine for her financial donation
- Vogue Optical for donating cutlery

### HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS

- The first Home & School Meeting is October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- Popcorn went on sale Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> for 50 cents. Starting next week, homeroom teachers will take popcorn orders on Tuesday, and popcorn will be distributed to classes on Wednesday at recess.
- Thank you to parents who volunteered to be the Home & School Representative for each homeroom.

### Donations

Thank you to Sunny Corner Mechanical and Aliant for donating school supplies for our students.

### Musical

Harkins has received a grant for Drama from the S'cool Life Fund. As a result, we will be putting on the Wizard Of Oz in May and purchasing musical items to enrich the program.



**After School Program.** There are still spaces available in the after school program. Please call Just Kids Daycare at 622-3041 for more information.

**HARKINS HAS HEART!**