

HARKINS ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2012



PSSC MEETING

The first PSSC (Parent School Support Committee) meeting will take place Wednesday, October 3 at 6:30. We will meeting in the first floor staff room.

Home and School

Our next Home and School meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 15 at 6:30. This meeting will finalize the plans for the Hallowe'en Party. The party will take place in the gym on Thursday, October 25 from 6:00-8:00.

School Fundraiser

Our school does one fundraiser a year. Again, we are doing this through the LaMontagne catalogues. Your child will be bringing home the catalogue on Oct. 4. Orders must be in by Oct. 18. There are prizes for the students who sell

TERRY FOX WALK

Harkins Elementary held its 31st annual Terry Fox Walk on Thursday, September 27th. Parents, students, and staff proceeded to the city square where the Terry Fox flag was raised. We are pleased Mrs. Charlotte Casey, Senior Education Officer, and City of Miramichi Mayor Gerry Cormier, were a part of the ceremony. In the past 31 years, Harkins Elementary has raised over **\$103,000.00!** We would like to sincerely thank the staff, students, parents, and the community for their tremendous support, and the Home and School for their generous monetary donation. Thank you to everyone for helping to keep Terry's dream alive!!



TALK MAIL

Talk mail is up and running. Soon, we hope to also add email notices to those who would also like this option. Please keep in mind that we communicate most of our messages this way, so if your phone number changes throughout the year please let us know.



Mad Science

Mad Science is set to begin on Tuesday, Oct. 2. It will run for 6 Tuesdays. The K-2 students will attend from 2:05-3:05. The grade 3-5 students will attend from 3:05-4:05. Please make arrangements to have someone pick up your child at the end of their session.



IMPORTANT REMINDER

One-way traffic on Campbell St. Campbell Street is a **ONE-WAY street from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.** Please keep this in mind when dropping your child off at school. Also, remember it is illegal to park on Campbell Street in front of the school.

Telephone calls: If there are changes to your child's daily after-school routine, it is very important that such arrangements be made **before** he/she leaves for school in the morning. **A written note from home is required in order for changes to the regular routine to be permitted.** For convenience, you may write this note in your child's agenda.



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 those students who are being picked up or who walk home to this area. This procedure has been put in place for the safety of the students and to minimize the interruptions on the floors when teachers are dismissing students. Thank you for following this routine, as it is safer for the students to be dismissed from one central point.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK



Fire Prevention Week is October 8th-12th. It is a good time to check fire alarms/smoke detectors and to go over fire escape routes at home. Assemblies will be held with the fire department on Thursday Oct. 11th.

Please keep updated by visiting the school website at . . .



<http://harkins.elementary.nbed.nb.ca>

Peanut-Free:

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



PERMISSION SLIP

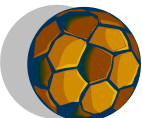
This year we have sent home **ONE BLANKET PERMISSION SLIP** for each student to cover field trips for the entire year.

When your child is going on a field trip, a separate note will be sent home outlining the details.



PICTURE RETAKES

Picture retakes will be held on Thursday, October 18. On this day, our sports teams will have team photos taken.



HARKINS SOCCER:

Games Remaining:

Tues., Oct. 4th: Blackville at Harkins (3:30)

Tues., Oct. 11th: Harkins at Nelson (3:30)

HARKINS CROSS COUNTRY:

Schedule of meets remaining:

Wed., Oct. 3rd: Nelson Rural (3:45)

Wed., Oct. 10th: Croft (3:45)

Wed., Oct. 17th: Blackville (3:45)

NO SCHOOL

There will be no school for students on Monday, October 8 (Thanksgiving) and Tuesday, October 9 (Professional Learning Day).



VOLUNTEERS 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 online course, visit <http://701.nbed.nb.ca> **All coaches and volunteers must have this training.**

Walking Club

There are 3 more sessions of the Harkins Has Heart Walking Club: October 15 (French Fort Cove), October 22 (Strawberry March) and October 29 (French Fort Cove). We hope to see you there to help stress to our students the importance of exercise.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

2013 - 2014

Kindergarten registration for September 2013 will be held as follows:

OCTOBER 9th - 12th, 2012

This is for children who turn 5 years old by December 31, 2012. Please register at the school by bringing your child's **birth certificate, Medicare card, and record of immunization.**

LOST AND FOUND

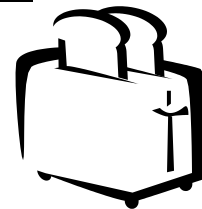
If your child is missing any items, please have him/her check the "Lost and Found," located in the breakfast room. It is always a good idea to label your child's belongings-clothing, shoes, backpack, lunch bag, etc.

CAFETERIA MENU - If you would like a copy of the menu, please contact the school and we will send one home with your child.

Breakfast Program

The breakfast program is up and running every morning, thanks to **Charlotte Plourde**. If you are able to volunteer, please let us know in the office.

We are in need of items such as jam, Cheez Whiz, canned unsweetened orange and apple juice. If you wish to contribute any of these, it is always appreciated.



Christmas Concert

In order for you to make plans for being able to attend our Christmas concert, you should know we have decided on the date - Wednesday, December 19. It will take place at 10 a.m. in the gym. The snow date will be Thursday, December 20.

