



Harkins Elementary School

September 2012



Welcome to the 2012-2013 school year. We are excited to be starting another year at Harkins Elementary in our new Anglophone North school district!

We are looking forward to a great year working with you to make sure your child has a very successful school experience!

Talkmail

Once again this year, thanks to the support of our PSSC and Home & School, we are continuing with the talkmail system. This will enable us to send voice messages to you regarding important events at the school. We are hoping to add email to the system for those of you who opt for it.

As well, once again we are requesting that **each** child have an agenda. This has been very successful as it is used for their homework book, as well as a way to be informed of upcoming events, and an excellent way for you and your child's teacher to keep in regular contact. These are \$7 each, or \$13 per family.

Get Involved!

We are hoping you will be an integral part of our school community. We need you to become actively involved in our school and in your child's education. There are many opportunities for volunteers. Of course a bonus is the children love to have their parents or grandparents at the school helping out. Throughout the year the school, as well as the Home and School will be asking for help in various activities.

Meet the Teacher Night **September 13th at 6:30**



This is a great chance for parents to meet the teachers and learn the routines and curriculum expectations for the year. There will also be opportunities to join Home and School and to offer for the Parent Support School Committee. Hope to see everyone there!!

Policy 307 Food and Nutrition Policy

As part of the Nutrition Policy, we are requesting that parents **do not send pop, chocolate bars or chips to school** with their child's lunch. As per the policy, we want to help our student develop healthy eating habits.



Important Dates:

Sept. 12th School Pictures
Sept. 13th "Meet the Teacher" night
Sept. 14th Bus Safety/Lockdown Drill
Sept. 27th Terry Fox Walk



Terry Fox Walk

Our annual walk will take place this year on Thursday, September 27th at 10:30 a.m., with a rain date of September 28th at the same time. A memo will be sent home to further explain this event, which all parents and friends are invited to attend. Pledge sheets will be distributed to students, and those families who would like to donate to the Terry Fox Foundation may do so.

Staff Changes: Welcome to Harkins!

There are a few staff changes at Harkins Elementary this year. A warm welcome goes out to Mrs. Lisa Matchett who is our administrative assistant. As well, Mrs. Janice Dickson will be joining us as one of our kindergarten teachers. The complete teaching staff is as follows:

Kindergarten: Mrs. Dickson; Mrs. Mountain-Collette.
Grade 1: Ms. Corney/Mrs. Pinder; Mrs. Underhill.
Grade 2: Miss Barrieau; Mrs. Trevors
Grade 3: Miss Hennessy; Mrs. Newman (Ms. Lawlor)
Grade 4: Mrs. Donovan
Grade 5: Mrs. Hale
Phys. Ed/Grade 5 Math: Mr. Flynn
Guidance: Mr. Murphy
EA's: Mrs. Watling and Mrs. Belanger

We are also happy to have our custodians with us again this year, Mr. Trevors and Mr. Rouselle.



The Breakfast Program is once again in operation. It will run five days a week. We would like to thank Charlotte Plourde, our breakfast program coordinator again this year.

Volunteers are always needed and very much welcome to help out in the mornings. If you would like to do so please contact the school at 627-4087. We also accept donated items to the breakfast program, such as bread, juice, jam and cheese whiz.

Phys Ed

All students from K-5 are expected to wear the proper footwear when attending Phys. Ed. Class. Those that do not have the proper footwear will not be allowed to participate in class. Footwear such as heels, any boots, crocs, flip flops or sandals and slide shoes are not permitted. Any sneaker with good ankle support is recommended.

Students in grades **four and five** are required to use the changing rooms to get ready for Phys. Ed class. Students that do not change into proper gym wear will not be allowed to participate in Phys Ed. Class.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS TO PARENTS:

- **PEANUT FREE SCHOOL-** Please **do not** send any items containing peanuts with your child. Please read labels carefully.
- **Drop-off of students on Campbell St.** Parents are reminded that **Campbell Street is a way-one street**, proceeding west from Newcastle Boulevard, with a **DO NOT**

ENTER from George Street. The police will continue to enforce this bylaw, and there is a heavy fine if caught going the wrong way on Campbell. Your cooperation in abiding by this bylaw will make the street less congested and safer for our children and the Middle School students.

Parent/ Student Handbook

Please note, the parent/student handbook is located in the first few pages of the student agenda. As well, we will add it to the Documents section of our school webpage. The handbook outlines the various policies, routines, and procedures developed to ensure a safe and orderly environment for all students.

Please note:

- The Campbell Street door will be locked daily from 8:30-3:30. Parents must meet their child at the **playground door if picking them up.** The teacher supervisor will gather the students who are being picked up and take them to you. This procedure has been developed to help teachers to ensure the safety of each child.
- **MICROWAVE USE AT LUNCHTIME-** Please only send items that need to be heated for a short time in the microwave (1-2 minutes). Four – five minutes is too long to allow all children access to the microwave. We are asking that anyone who could spare 10-15 minutes on any day to operate the microwave for our K-2 students, please call the school.
- **BUSSING** - Your child has been assigned bussing to and from school and they are to remain on the designated busses. Students are not permitted to travel to a friend's house for birthday parties, etc. Under certain circumstances students may get permission to travel to a babysitter after school. A written note must be provided **early in the day** in order to get District Office approval.

Cross Country

This fall, **Mrs. Hale** will be coaching the Harkins Cross Country Club for interested students in grades 3, 4 and 5. The season lasts approximately one month and has four district-wide events in which we participate.

Soccer Team

This fall, **Mr. Flynn** will once again be coaching the Harkins soccer squad. The season runs for approximately a month and a half and finishes with a district-wide jamboree. The soccer team is open to interested students in grades 4 and 5 and is a non-competitive team, meaning that each child gets equal playing time. We hope to have many young players join!



policies. The members also review and offer suggestions toward the School Improvement Plan. We will be looking to fill the available positions will be held during **Meet the Teacher Night on Thursday, September 13th.**

Home & School

The strong Home and School is vital to a successful year at any school. We cannot have many of the activities for our students without the help and support of “you”, the parents and grandparents. We would like to invite you to volunteer for this worthwhile organization by signing up on Meet the Teacher night or by calling the school at 627-4087.

visit our website often:

www.harkinselementary.nbed.nb.ca

Parent School Support Committee

This is an important committee which helps advise the school administration on larger issues, such as, school