



Harkins Heart Beat News

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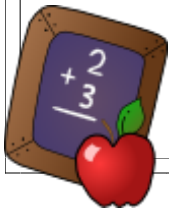
Mission Statement

Harkins Elementary is committed to maintaining a positive and respectful environment where children are nurtured and feel safe. Each child will be given the opportunity, encouragement, and support to develop to their fullest potential, socially and academically.

Welcome Back

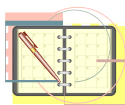
The staff would like to welcome everyone back to a new school year. We are excited to see our students after the summer break.

We have some exciting things planned for students and parents and are confident this will be another great year!



Agendas

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.



PEANUT FREE SCHOOL

Please pay particular attention to avoid sending to school anything made with peanuts. This includes sandwiches, cookies, etc. We have students with severe allergies to peanuts. This is a safety concern for these students.



Student Intern

A big Harkins Elementary welcome goes out to Jennifer Girouard, a student intern.

Ms. Girouard will be working in one of our grade 2 classes with Mrs. Trevors.

Her internship ends in December .



Staff Changes

We have a few changes this year. First, we would like to wish Miss Barrieau a great year as she takes an educational leave. Miss Hennessy will be taking her grade 2 class.

We would like to welcome to Harkins Mrs. Russell, who will be teaching a grade 1 class, and Mrs. Hambrook who will be teaching a grade 4 class. Another change is that Ms. Corney will be full time Resource this year.

We would also like to welcome back Mrs. Ross-Sweezey, who will be one of our EA's this year.

Important Dates:

Sept. 6th Fundraiser Begins

Sept. 12th "Meet the Teacher" night
6:00-7:00

Sept. 13th Bus Safety/Lockdown Drill

Sept. 16th Fundraiser Ends

Sept. 17th School Pictures

Sept. 27th Terry Fox Walk

REMINDER

More information on classroom events is available in the classroom newsletters and on the teacher pages.



Talkmail

Once again this year, we are continuing with the talkmail system. This will enable us to send voice messages to you regarding important events at the school. If you find you are not receiving these messages, please let us know right away. We are hoping to add email to the system for those of you who opt for it.



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, that 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.

Home & School

A 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.

Parent School Support Committee

This is an important committee which helps advise the school administration on larger issues, such as, school policies. The members also review and offer suggestions toward the School Improvement Plan. We will be looking to fill the available positions during

Meet the Teacher Night on Thursday, September 12th.

A note from your Phys Ed teachers Mr. Flynn and Mrs. Pinder:

We at Harkins Elementary are proud to offer students 150 minutes of Physical Education each week. In order for your child to get the most out of Physical Education please make sure that they have at least one pair of sneakers with them during school hours. Students that do not have the proper foot wear will not be able to participate in class. Grades four and five students are expected to change this year and should have sneakers, short/sport pants and t-shirt for each class. Physical Education is just like any other class taught at Harkins and all students will be expected to participate each day and to do their best. Physical Education is meant to be a class where students can have fun working independently and with others while also improving their overall well-being.

End of Month Awards

At the end of each month, we have a short assembly to acknowledge student success. Students may receive a "Harkins Treasure" for doing well in academics, behavior, being kind to others, etc. As well students receive Attendance Ribbons for the month. This celebrates students who never missed any days, were not late for school or did not leave early during the entire month.



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 students develop healthy eating habits.



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.



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. More information to follow.



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! Mrs. Flynn is also interested in starting a grade 2 and 3 boys and girls soccer team. More info to follow.



Meet the Teacher Night

Thursday, September 12th

6:00—7:00 pm

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!!



Popcorn

For those parents new to the school, each Wednesday is "Popcorn Day". This is a fund raiser for the Home and School. Orders are taken each Tuesday. Popcorn is delivered to students at recess on Wednesday. The cost is \$0.50 cents.



Terry Fox Walk September 27th at

Our annual walk will take place this year on Friday September 27th. 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.



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.

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