



# BELL PARK BULLETIN



## IMPORTANT DATES

September 23	Autumnal Equinox
September 28	Orange Shirt Day (Truth and Reconciliation Day for students)
September 29	Terry Fox Walk
September 29	Curriculum Night
September 30	Truth and Reconciliation Day (no school)
October 10	Thanksgiving Day (no school)
October 5,6, 12 and 13	Grade 6 Assessment Days
October 27	Picture Day
October 28	Provincial Conference Day (no school)



### SAFE ARRIVAL

If your child will not be attending school or will be late, it is imperative that you call the school's safe arrival line at **1-833-582-6940** or visit <https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/> . Please leave a message indicating your child's name, class, date, and reason for the absence. If your child becomes ill during the day, we will call you or the person designated by you. For this reason, it is important that we have up-to-date telephone numbers on record.

*Daily attendance and prompt arrival at school ensure your child(ren) and all other students in the class a successful start to their day. Missing even 10 minutes of a morning routine can disrupt everyone!*

All students that arrive late, must check in at the front office and will be marked accordingly.

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

We will be sending home Power School registration forms containing information about your child that we have on file. **Please review the form carefully making any necessary changes or omissions, sign the back page and send back to the classroom teacher.**

This information is imperative to ensure we have all contact numbers on file should we need to contact you in case of an emergency. Please update medical information as well.

## **CURRICULUM NIGHT**

Curriculum night will take place on September 29, 2022, from 6-7 pm. Teachers will be sharing information with families about their programs, classroom routines and the best way to contact them.

## **LIFE THREATENING ALLERGIES**

Please note that we are a nut aware and scent free school. Please do not send in food with nuts or that may contain traces of nuts. We thank you for checking labels carefully.

## **BREAKFAST AND LUNCH**

Please send in student lunches that do not need to be heated up and that students can open independently to avoid other hands on their lunch containers. Also include the necessary utensils. We no longer have water jugs here at Bell Park. Water can be accessed always from our various fountains throughout the school. Please send your student with a filled water bottle each day. Every student received a Bell Park water bottle last year.

## **CHANGE TO END OF DAY ROUTINES**

Please keep end of the day routines for your child as consistent as possible. If you have an emergency arise, please do not leave a phone message, we may not receive it in time. If you know a change in advance, communicate this to your child's teacher and ensure the teacher has acknowledged receipt of it.

Students are not permitted to take an alternate bus to or from school. Only students on the specific bus manifest can ride on that bus.

## **FIRE DRILLS AND LOCKDOWN PROCEDURES**

We have 6 fire drills throughout the year: 3 in the fall and 3 in the spring. We had our first one this week and all students and staff did a great job!

We have 2 lockdown drills throughout the year: 1 in the fall and 1 in the winter. We also hold 1 Hold and Secure drill during the year. Teachers will talk with children to help them understand this practice.

## **MEDIC ALERT BRACELETS**

Please note that the Canadian Medical Alert Foundation provides medic alert bracelets to any student who has an identified medical condition. For information, please visit <http://nochildwithout.ca>.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

To volunteer you need to have An up to date criminal record check and a child abuse check. These checks need to be renewed every three years. We are looking ahead to when we can welcome more volunteers.

## **ADMINISTERING MEDICATION**

To have medication administered at school, Parents/ Guardians need to drop off medication and fill out the required forms that can be obtained by contacting your child's teacher. Medication needs to be in the original bottle with a prescription label. *School staff can only administer prescribed medications.* Please advise the school in advance of administering medication in order that the appropriate forms can be forwarded to Parents/ Guardians.

## **ELECTRONICS AT SCHOOL**

Electronics are best kept at home as the school is not responsible for lost or damaged electronic devices. Should you need to contact your child during the day, you can call the school. If you send a cell phone to school with your child, it needs to stay in their backpack during school hours.

## **HEAD LICE**

Head lice are tiny insects and parasites that live on the human body and are most often attached to clean hair. Their eggs, also called nits, stick to the hair shaft, very close to the scalp. Head lice are spread most easily through direct head-to-head contact or through personal items used on the head or in the hair (e.g. hats, combs, brushes, ponytail holders).

Nova Scotia Public Health recommends two head lice treatments to completely break the head lice cycle. The second treatment should be used 7 to 10 days after the first or as directed by the product. The first treatment kills live head lice. Some lice may hatch after it, but they are adolescent nits and cannot lay eggs.

Combing your child(ren)'s hair and removing nits is a daily requirement. The second treatment kills the adolescent nits and breaks the head lice cycle. Check your child(ren)'s head(s) and hair regularly.

Teach your child(ren) not to share personal items that have touched their head. Please keep the school informed about head lice issues as they arise. Additional information on how to prevent, find, and treat head lice is available at

[www.novascotia.ca/dhw/publications/public-health-education/07135-head-lice-pamphlet-en.pdf](http://www.novascotia.ca/dhw/publications/public-health-education/07135-head-lice-pamphlet-en.pdf).

## **ANIMALS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY**

If you walk your pet to school along with your child, please note that pets must always remain off school property. Small children are nervous, and it is for everyone's safety! Thank you.

## **LUNCH MONITORS – HELP WANTED!!!**

We are currently recruiting for lunch monitors. Lunch monitors provide support and assistance to students during lunchtime activities under the direction of the school principal. The lunch monitor will oversee students in a variety of settings including the classroom, lunch area, and outside play areas and may be required to conduct a variety of indoor and outdoor games and activities.

Monitors are paid \$12.55 per hour plus 4% vacation pay and the work assignment is 1 hour per day. We often find ourselves in need of lunch coverage for our pre-primary classrooms as well. Please contact the school office if you or someone you know may be interested in a position.

## **BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF PRESTON**

Anyone wishing to contact the Boys & Girls Club may phone Margaret Fraser at 902-223-1276 with any inquiries.

## **SAC**

School Advisory Councils play an important role in supporting student success at the school community level. A School Advisory Council is an advisory body to the school principal, Regional Centre for Education, and the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial on a range of issues related to the school and the school system. Membership can vary, but generally consists of the school principal, parents, teachers, and other community members.

## **NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION**

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) officially launched in 2008 as part of the Residential Schools Settlement Agreement. Intended to be a process that would guide Canadians through the difficult discovery of the facts behind the residential school system, the TRC was also meant to lay the foundation for lasting reconciliation across Canada. In June 2021, the Government of Canada declared September 30th as National Truth and Reconciliation Day to honor those who attended Residential Schools and their families. On this day, we wear an Orange shirt to show our respect.

