Parent Partnership Newsletter from the Principal

Marshview Middle

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Sunday September 17, 2023

Well we are rolling! It was a great two weeks welcoming all students back – it was great to see smiling faces, energetic students, and relationships being formed! For the first days, students went over procedures and reviewed the way things work at Marshview.

If you are new to our Marshview community, you can expect a weekly newsletter about our adventures at MMS! These are ideally sent on Friday Night (but sometimes come later in the weekend) and outline all the amazing things our students have been up to. We are proud of our students and school and want to include you in our excitement. It will also have reminders and upcoming dates

for you to note.

Mrs. Dixon and Mr. Basque Principal

Emergency Procedures

During the month of September our school must practice our emergency procedures (fire drills, lock down) and sign off that we have done so.

Please contact the school if you anticipate any issues that may arise with your child and these drills.

Our first fire drills have been conducted through our classroom teachers with our whole school alarm coming up this week. Our RCMP Community Programs Officer will join us for a lockdown practice.



Messages from the Office

Student Demographic
Sheets were sent home with
your child. Please update
this form and send it back to
school with your child as
soon as possible.

All other student forms can be found online at www.schoolcashonline.com

Please have these completed as well - as soon as possible. If you are having trouble completing the forms online, please see the help section on the Anglophone East District Webpage or ask for a paper copy to be sent home.

School fees are \$30.00. The easiest way for us if for you to pay on schoolcashonline but it can be brought to the office and Mrs. Cann will issue you a receipt.

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October 18th

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Cross Country

Cross-country running will happen every Monday and Wednesday from 3-3:45 from the school. Runners will utilize the Retention Pond pathways and the waterfowl park for practice space. Anyone interested in joining is welcome even if you haven't already signed up. There will be two meets at Centennial Park starting at 3:45: October 4th (all runners) and October 18th(Grade 5) and October 19th (Grade 6-8). Our first practice is Wednesday, September 20th.

Soccer

This year, we will not be participating in the district league due to lack of an available coach. Instead, Marshview Middle School will be running a Co-Ed Skills Camp for soccer in the coming weeks. Stay tuned for details. Please email peter.whittleton@nbed.nb.ca if you can help us out.

Intramurals

Soccer intramurals are set to begin. Intramurals are recreational in nature and happen at lunch recess in the gym. Students sign up and are placed on teams. Game days are announced on the PA and are posted in the gym.

Volunteers

We would love your help at times throughout the school year. As per Anglophone East policies and procedures, all volunteer applicants will have to successfully complete our screening process before beginning their volunteer work. As a first step, please complete our Volunteer Application Form

Once your application form has been submitted, we will be in touch with you via email and provide you with the following information:

- ▶ A personalized letter to get your Criminal Record Check / Vulnerable Sector completed at your local RCMP detachment, free of charge.
- ▶ A link to the EECD <u>Policy 701: Protection of Pupils</u>. The completion of the attached questionnaire/quiz is required.
- ► A copy of our Volunteer Confidentiality Agreement Form to sign.
- ► A link to review Policy 725: Protect and Prevent



\$2.00

Our Terry Fox Run will be held on Wednesday September 20th. We are asking for a **Toonie** from each student to aid in cancer research.

SAFE ARRIVAL

Please ensure to mark your child absent in the safe arrival system if they will be missing the school day.

You can do this one of three ways:

- 1. Call toll free: 1-833-202-4304
- 2. Sign in: https://go.schoolmessenger.ca
- 3. Download the SchoolMessenger app

Morning Arrival Afternoon Dismissal

For those students walking or getting dropped off, please try to do so between 8:00 and 8:20. Our students will remain on the playground until the bell at 8:20.

In the afternoon, our non bus students will be dismissed at 2:35 and should be picked up no later than 2:45pm.

Car drop off/pick up happens on DUFFFERIN STREET. This minimizes traffic on Queen for bus arrivals.

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Grade 7 Vaccinations: Wednesday November 8th

Grade 7 (second dose to be given in April)
 Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (Tdap) vaccine;
 Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines (2 doses at 6 months interval)

In the past, we would have distributed paper documents in order to obtain consent. This year, the submission of the vaccine consent will be done <u>online</u> with an electronic version of the form that the parent will complete that will send directly to the Public Health. The link will be sent out when available.

News from our School Counsellor!

Hello and welcome back to MMS! My name is Mrs. Reinsborough-Wadden (Mrs. RW, she/her) and I am pleased to be your school counsellor again this year. I wanted to introduce myself and encourage you to reach out if you have any questions, concerns, or celebrations to share. Feel free to call the main school office (364-4086) or to reach out my email (marie.reinsborough@nbed.nb.ca) if you'd like to connect with me.

I am grateful that I'll have many opportunities to get to know your MMS student over the next school year. I often present in classrooms, visit in small groups, support during assemblies, arrange guest speakers, and work individually with students. My focus is on building school community, offering brief/solution-focused counselling support and mental health empowerment education. Please encourage your MMS student to truly get involved in school life, and to consider signing up for one of the many clubs and committees that are offered here: GSA, D&D, and Student Council are some of my favourite!

As a parent and educator, I know that this time of the school year can be magical but also messy: it's our role as strong, supportive adults to share our calm and to model self-compassion as we transition to Fall. Here are a few tips to help launch your school year: an enthusiastic pat on the back if you follow them already, and a gentle reminder to weave them into your family practice if they've fallen to the 'Summer backburner' these last few sunny months.

- -Set up a morning routine and commit to it.
- -Stay organized as a family unit: communicate schedules, rock your visual calendars, and set boundaries and expectations with time management. Try to eliminate 'surprises' from your everyday planning it's helpful for everyone to feel prepared and informed.
- -Celebrate and prioritize your sleep routine. A tired brain is not open to learning, and not at its best.

-Be a kind human: to yourself and others. We are in this together!

-Share your calm. If your MMS student is feeling frazzled by the constant changes that this stage of the school year offers, make sure you are modeling calm, even, warm-hearted responses for them to follow your lead. Always ask yourself "Am I being helpful?"

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ISD – Child and Youth Team

Concerned about a child or youth and not sure where to turn? There is hope when you need it. To access services of the Child and Youth team call the office at **869-6170**.

Cell Phone Policy

At Marshview, personal electronic devices are not permitted. This includes the use of smart phones and personal gaming devices. We are updating our technology each year with school devices connected to our current system.

While social media outlets provide an amazing way to connect with each other, we have noticed an increase of social pressures and emotional damage from activities online. As a reminder, please talk to your child about their online presence. Ask your child to see their phones and social media accounts and monitor their posts. Great information can be found at www.cybertip.ca. This is also a reminder that most social media sites require users to be at least 13 years old.

At school, ethical technology use is woven into our curriculum, and the use of Microsoft Teams and Office 365 are fantastic ways for our students to connect while learning. We continue to explore 21st Century technology skills with our students to ready them for real life applications.

We appreciate you not sending the phones to school and educating your child about regulation and addiction. Should you need to contact your child while they are at school, please phone the office and we are more than happy to give them a message. Students also have use of the school phone to reach parents. If you feel like your child requires a phone for after school use, the office is more than happy to hold them for the day for safe keeping.

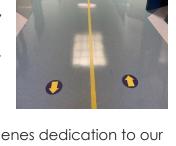
Check out our School!

I wanted to give you a quick peek at what it looks like inside. The custodians were hard at work all summer, working long hours ensuring we were ready to go!!

A huge Marshview shout out goes to Mike Shea, Joe Kaye, James Hamilton,



Wayne Boyce, and Nattayada Thongboonmee who worked so hard for our kids! Moving classroom furniture, scrubbing every inch, putting up with our crazy ideas of new spaces! We so appreciate them! They are tirelessly working to keep our school running smooth,



safe, and hygienic. It's these moments of behind the scenes dedication to our school that you do not get to see! They happen so often! We are so lucky to have such a great team.

Thank you Custodians! Your role is essential to our success!

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Book Fair and Library News

Mrs. Geier is in the library from Tuesday to Friday, from 10:45 to 2:35 on those days. The library is closed during the "short" or morning recess, but open during lunchtime from Tuesday to Friday (NOT on Mondays).

Our Scholastic book fair will take place from Oct. 17th - 19th. We will have more details for you in the coming weeks.

Our Amazing Marshview Staff Team of 2022-23

Office: Mrs. Kandice Cann,

<u>Administration</u>: Mrs. Heather Dixon,

Mr. Mathieu Basque

<u>Custodians</u>: Joe Kaye, Mike Shea, Wayne Boyce, James Hamilton

<u>Classroom Teachers:</u>

Mrs. Burns, Mme. Duhaime, Mme Collette, Mme. Purdy Weir, Mrs. Lafford, Mr. Estabrooks, Mr. Slashinsky, Mme. Bordage, Mr. Ripley, Mrs. Morice, Mr. Whittleton, Mrs. Harpur, Mme. McLaughlin, Mme. Vienneau, Mlle. Steeves.



Educational Support Services: Mrs.

Treash, Mrs. Sharkey, Mrs. Reinsborough Wadden, Ms. Beckerleg, Ms. Ladham

Educational Assistants: Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Monk, Mrs. Evans, Ms. Blackburn, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. MacLeod

Librarian: Mrs. Geier

We look forward to a great 2023-24 school year. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have questions or concerns.

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