

# HEMMINGFORD ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

MONDAY, SEPT.4TH, 2015

Please remember that our doors are always open.

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I am looking forward to the upcoming school year. For each fall brings with it the excitement of our community's youth who are eager to learn, build friendships, and experience what our school has to offer.

We have an excellent team in place that is excited to continue working with and for your children and this wonderful community. With that said, I would like to welcome Daniel Fitzpatrick who will be teaching 1-2 and 2-3 English homeroom and Vanessa McKellar who is our new pre-kindergarten teacher as we now have dedicated classes for both pre-kindergarten and kindergarten.

I, too, am excited for the new challenges this year will bring and getting to know the members of this wonderful community.

Before I sign off, I have a few information points to pass your way.

Many of you will have noticed the construction continues at Hemmingford Elementary School. The vast majority of the work, including all of the structural work, has been completed. The remaining work, including landscaping in the front of the school, is scheduled to be completed shortly.

Please remember that morning drop off is between 7:40 and 7:50 AM and that, prior to this time, there is no official supervision. It is important that students do not arrive before the doors of the school open.

Please mark your calendars. **September 17, 2015** at 6:30 will be the annual general meeting of parents when will elect the Governing Board for the current school year. Following the election, we will host our annual Curriculum Night.

The uniform is a core part of the institution that is Hemmingford Elementary School. Please contact the school if you need to order additional uniforms. We would like to thank the Governing Board for providing the physical education t-shirts to the students free of charge.

The New Frontiers School Board has updated their transportation policy. Please be advised that beginning in the 2015 – 2016 school year, there will be a fee of \$200 per student charged for special accommodations. This will include students residing in a walking zone, out-of-zone students requesting transportation, and any other occasion when an accommodation is required (i.e. a second bus needed for babysitting purposes). Please contact the school to fill out the form if you are in need of special accommodation, which must be submitted by September 30<sup>th</sup>. The school board will send out responses after October 15.

Continuing with transportation, the school board would like to remind parents that students are not allowed to change buses to or from school for any reason. They must also always embark and disembark at the same bus stop every day. Please note no sports equipment is allowed on the school bus. Only items which can fit into your child's schoolbag/backpack are transported by the school bus. No exceptions can be made for safety and security reasons. Should your child require their sports equipment, musical instrument, or any other large item, it must be transported by the parent. Should you have any questions or concerns, please call the Transportation Services Department at 450-691-6955.

Please feel free to contact me ([jwalker@nfsb.qc.ca](mailto:jwalker@nfsb.qc.ca)) or stop by the school if you ever have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

James Walker

### S.N.A.C. Committee (Special needs)

Please note that the Annual General Meetings for parents will be held as follows:

**Chateauguay.....Sept. 16th at 7:00 p.m.**

**Ormstown.....Sept. 23rd at 6:30 p.m.**

Welcome to all our Special Needs Parents

### Dates to remember

Sept. 14th	<b>Hot Lunch begins (see attached menu)</b>
Sept. 17th– 6:30 pm	<b>Annual Gen. Meeting of Parents &amp; G.B. Election 2015/16</b>
Sept. 28th	<b>Vaccination Gr. 4 at 8:00 a.m.</b>
Oct. 1st	<b>School Pictures</b>
Mar. 21st	<b>Vaccination Gr. 4 at 8:00 a.m.</b>
TBA	<b>Breakfast Program</b>

### **Rules of Conduct and Safety**

They will be in your child(s) agenda. Please review and sign. They are to remain in your child's agenda.

### **School Board Calendar**

Please note that in your child(ren) agenda, the school calendar is there, indicating all the ped days and holidays.

### **Emergency Health Record**

Please fill in the **attached** form and return it back to the school as soon as possible.

### **Special Accommodation Request/Alternative Address Form (see attached)**

If you require your child to be picked up or dropped off at another address for babysitting purposes or if you are out of zone, please ensure that this form is filled in and returned back to the school as soon as possible. You would have received this form (yellow) with your bussing information from Transportation Dept. More forms are available at the office if you require one.

### **School Fees Invoices**

Will be sent home shortly to all families detailing the school fees for this year. They will be payable upon receipt.

### **Absence from school**

Please call the school if your child is absent or is going to be late.

### **Vaccination Dates for Grade 4**

The grade 4 vaccination dates are :

Sep. 28th, 2015 @ 8:00 a.m.

Mar. 21st , 2016 @ 8:00 a.m.

### **Registration Forms for Breakfast Club**

TBA

### **Hemmingford Music Studio - Piano / Singing / Drama**

Sophie Bjerke is a qualified teacher with 40 years' experience. She enjoys watching her students in stage productions and recitals, developing their multi-talented abilities. A retired examiner with the Royal Conservatory of Music of Toronto, she also encourages her students to participate in RCM exams, so they receive recognition for their accomplishments. Please contact Ms. Bjerke to discuss students needs and goals. Phone Number: (450) 247-2715 Email: bjerkesp@plattsburgh.edu

### **Sign-In / Sign-Out**

In the case that your child comes to school late, please report to the office to sign your child in. As well, during the school day, if your child must leave early, he must be signed out. The log book will be kept at the office. Thank you.

### **Dismissal at the end of the day**

If you are picking up your child from school, please park your vehicle on the left hand side of the building so when the busses leave, you will not be in their way. Parents who are coming to pick up their child (ren) at the end of the day are asked to go directly to the library. Your child will then be dismissed from his/her class after the busses leave at 2:25. We thank you for your cooperation. We are trying to alleviate the congestion in the hallway at the end of the day and in turn make dismissal a smooth and calm, and safe experience for all!

### **School Schedule**

Bus arrival:	7:40
First Bell:	7:50
Recess:	9:35 - 9:55
Lunch:	11:30 - 12:30
Homeroom:	2:15
Dismissal:	2:20
Bus departure:	2:25

### **After School Daycare**

The after school daycare is open and available by the week or on any single day. Call the school if you wish your child to attend or inquire how it functions.

### **Hot Lunch**

Hot lunches will begin on September 14th...Please complete and return the attached form to the school by September 9th. Your assistance is much appreciated.

Thank you!

### **Reminder...Forms to return to school**

- Special accommodation
- Emergency Records

### **A word from our School Nurse**

#### **Welcome back...& don't forget to return...**

- Emergency Record:
- If allergies...bring your epipen to the office ASAP:
- Head lice...see document attached and keep your hair tied up:
- Bring your best smile:

I wish you all a healthy school year...You can contact me for any of your concerns at the following number 450-245-3336 Xt. 6387

Chantal Ellyson, School nurse