Shatford Newsletter-Sept. 2021-2022

Important Dates:

**Tuesday Sept. 7th** First Day

**Thursday Sept 9th** Anti-Bullying Day

 **Thursday Sept 16** Firedrill (afternoon)

**Tuesday Sept 21** Picture Day- Retakes Only Offered offsite

**Weds.. Sept 22nd** Lockdown Practice (afternoon)

**Thurs. Sept 23rd** Curriculum Night 6:30-7:30- More details to follow.

 **Friday Sept. 24th**- PD day- No students present

**Monday Sept 27** Student Advisory Council- 2:45 pm

**Home and school Meeting** 6:30pm

**Tuesday Sept 28**- Hold and Secure (Afternoon)

 **Thursday Sept 30**- Truth and Reconciliation Day- (Orange Shirt)- **Declared Holiday as SEPT 3rd 4:00pm**

Dear Families,

I just wanted to thank everyone for collaborating (families and school) to ensure a great start to the school year. It is wonderful to hear laughter again in our hallways! The students are settling into routines and procedures easily and have loved playing together outside. Please remember weather seldom keeps us inside. The children love to play together and outside play provides mask breaks. Please have children dress for unexpected weather. All students should come with a change of clothes.

At this point, all adults and children must wear masks up until Sept. 20. Please keep listening to Department of Health announcements.

Shatford Elementary has grown; we have 103 students from preprimary to grade six. We would like to welcome all our new families into the school community and recognize the families that already have been here. Together , Shatford is an amazing place. Reach out at any time if you have questions.

We honoured “Stand Up Against Bullying” day with a focus on kindness. The students were asked to notice people being kind. It was wonderful to hear them sharing examples of kindness throughout their day.

I will be sending out a newsletter at the beginning of every month electronically. Please keep checking the website. It is a great way to find important information and check out new artwork and photos of the children. If you are able, please sign up for a twitter account as I send out information often. Our twitter account is @shatfordmem

We are in health and education together!

Sarah Wile

**School Team**

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| **Principal:** Sarah Wile  | **Secretary:** Bonnie Koch (M,TU,W, F) Donna Maas(Thurs) |
| **Custodian:** Margo MacLean |  |
| **Preprimary-** Elaine Hoyeck | **Preprimary Support-** Robyn Nelson |
| **Grade Primary/One**: Paula Brigley  | **Grade 1/2:** Rachel Crealy/Wendi Tekamp |
| **Grade 2/3** Jayne Willies | **Grade 4/5:** Shawna Penny |
| **Grade 5 / 6:** Rebecca Stone | **Learning Center/Resource:** Jenny Mathers |
| **Reading Recovery:** Wendi Tekamp | **Guidance:** Sarah Roberts |
| **French:** Michelle Aucoin | **Physical Education:** Mike Terauds |
| **Band:** Jacqueline Crowell | **Music**: Jennifer Edwards  |
| **Speech Language Pathologist:** Sherry Ingalls | **Psychologist:** Laura Banks |
| **Librarian:** Roberta Inglis  | **Custodian:** Margo MacLean |
| **School Plus:**Mikada Green-Andrea | **EPA :** Tara Tufts |
| **EPA :** Kim Keeping (subbing Glenna Goddard) | **EPA:** Diandra Wilnoff |

**Registration forms, Media Release Forms and Consent for Images**

Consent forms for your child were sent home on Friday. Please review the registration forms for any errors or emissions and send them back to school ASAP so we can update or system.

Many times throughout the year, we take pictures of our students or display their work. Please sign and return the media release forms if you agree. We also have a “ Rails to Trails “permission slip that allows staff to walk with students via the trail at any point during the school year.

**Home and School Communication**

Communication between home and school is extremely important. Calls and emails sent to staff members will be returned within two business days unless unforeseen circumstances. Please **call the school** 902-857-4200 if you want a same day change in dismissal for your child. Emails cant be guaranteed to be read during the day.

**SAFE ARRIVAL**

If your child will be late or absent from school, please call the Safe Arrival line at 902-857-4203 before 8:10 am. If the school does not receive a phone call, we will contact the family to ensure your child is safe. Please let us know by note if their is a change in dismissal.

**Supervision In Morning**

Teachers will be providing supervision in the morning starting at 8:00am. Students should arrive on school grounds after 8:00am. Morning instruction begins at 8:15. Ensuring students arrive on time provides them with the best opportunity to be prepared for a positive day of learning and exploration. Our school day ends at 2:10pm for walkers, parent pickups and excel and 2:15pm for bus students. We are staggering our dismissal by five minutes to maintain physical distance and to allow for a safe dismissal for our walkers. So far , it is working well. If possible, please avoid coming into the parking lot with cars for drop off.

**Crosswalk**

Please remind and model the use of the crosswalk in front of the school. Please encourage and model proper crosswalk protocol coming and going. If your child is biking to school, please ask them to walk their bike across the crosswalk and in the parking lot.

**School Pictures**

Student pictures will be taken September 21 by Pineapple Studios. This company has a very good reputation. They take multiple poses and positions of each child. Our School Advisory Council made the decision to try this local company. Put this date on the calendar. This company offers a great deal but retakes are only performed at their office downtown. So Please note: School will not be responsible for retakes.

**Terry Fox Run-** We will be having a Terry Fox celebration on September 28 pm . Apparently, our school has raised over 10000 dollars for this important event over the years. Please help support this cause by using the sponsor page or sending in a donation labelled Terry Fox. Sponsor page link is [**http://www.terryfox.ca/ShatfordMemorialElem**](http://www.terryfox.ca/ShatfordMemorialElem)

**SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC)**

The SAC continues to 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. The Council is committed to supporting the implementation of the School Improvement Plan and to assisting and advising the principal and staff on various issues.

**To ensure a collective voice, the SAC is composed of three parent members, two community members, the Principal, and another representative from staff. Not sure yet if meetings will be virtual or in person. More details to follow.**

**Home and School**

The Shatford Memorial Elementary Home and School Association is a volunteer based parent and school staff group that come together regularly.  They plan events and fundraisers that allow us to enhance the students’ learning experience at our school.  **Not sure yet if meetings will be virtual or in person. More details to follow.**

Please contact me by email if you would like to join this group. Meetings usually occur early evening. Our first meeting will be held Monday at 27 of sept.

**Milk and Pizza Lunch**

Still waiting about restrictions to lift.

**Grab and Go Breakfast**

Grab and Go Breakfast will begin Monday September 28h and will be offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday. All students are welcome to have a snack out of the bins that will be delivered to the classrooms. Only snacks that are prepackaged will be served.

**Nut Free School – No nut products**

As our student population continues to evolve, it is important to keep in mind that our **student population is continually changing** and new food sensitivities can develop in our current student body. All products with nuts in them must be kept at home. ex Nutella, candy with nuts should not be coming to school. Thank you for taking this change very seriously.

**Curriculum Night**

Curriculum night is set for Sept. 23rd. We have been told it will be virtual. Stay tuned for more details.

**Fundraising**

Our school staff in conjunction with the Home and School Committee will soon start fundraising again. We havent done any fundraising for a year and half. All monies raised go to help finance school trips, special art projects, artist in the school, cultural and sport activities ect. Stayed tuned..

**Firedrills/Lockdowns/Hold and Secures**

This month, I have included our dates for our emergency evacuation drills. This will be the only month I announce them. These drills are practices for “just in case” measures. If you arrive at the school when one of these drills is being conducted, you will see a sign up in the front window. Please allow us to finish and then we will be able to help you.

**Mrs Brigleys p/1 class**

**Mrs Brigley is looking for small collection of Barbies, Polly pockets and tiny plastic toys. If you have any of these items that you might want to part with please contact Paula, directly at** **pbrigley@hrce.ca**