Oct 3/2022

Dear Shatford Families,

Where did September go? The students have had such a great start to the year. It is going to be an exciting week as each of our students will be going on a classroom trip. Thank you to the Home and School which are funding these trips.

The leaves are turning so many beautiful colors and you can feel fall in the air. As the weather changes please encourage clothing layering as the variance in temperature will be great this month. Packing a thin pair of mitts and hat would even be beneficial.

The next part of this letter is just precautionary. To my knowledge we have no cases of anything below. As administrators we are asked to share this info.

Im including the policy as on page two it references what communicable diseases parents/guardians should report to me. I want to explain that Capital Health guides me through the process. I have included the policy that dictates my channel of command when I hear of a communicable disease.

<https://www.hrce.ca/sites/default/files/hrsb/b.002-communicable-diseases.pdf>

Lice is not dangerous just a nuisance. I have included a procedure letter about lice here as well.

<https://www.hrce.ca/sites/default/files/hrsb/head_lice_guidelines.pdf>

Thank you

Sarah

**Supervision In Morning**

Teachers will be providing supervision in the morning starting at 8:00am. Students should arrive on school grounds after 8:05am. 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.

**School Pictures**

Pineapple studios will be taking our school photos again this year. The feedback I received about the quality of pictures was fantastic last year. The new date is Nov 1st. Please try to ensure your child is here that day.

**Terry Fox Run-** Thank you for supporting our Terry Fox fundraiser to fight cancer. As a school we raised over 387.70. You would have been so proud of your children. They ran and walked with courage.

**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. **Meetings are at the school this year.**

Our second meeting is Weds. Oct. 19 at 6:30pm. We have discussed fundraisers that include Haddock sale, boot sale, and auction. More details to come. Please join us if you can make the meeting. Our first big event is the Family Halloween Dance on Oct 27th from 6:00 to 7:30pm.

**Family Halloween Dance**

On Thursday, October 27 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm, we will be having an outdoor **Family** Halloween dance. Children should be accompanied with an adult. John Boulay Of Moving Your Earth Construction Limited is sponsoring and volunteering the lights and music system for this event. Snacks will be sold. More details to follow.

**\*\*\*\*\*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 very seriously.

**Firedrills/Lockdowns/Hold and Secures**

If you arrive at the school when one of these drills is being conducted, you will see a red sign in the front window. Please allow us to finish and then we will be able to help you.

**Living Values**

Our school will continue to focus on learning about different cultures especially the Mikmaq and African Nova Scotians. This year our focus will be the Living Values of many different cultures . Stay tuned. October we will be focussing on peace.

**Students staying after school dismissal**

After school supervision ends at 2:15pm. Some of the older students(grades 5 to 6) like to stay and play. Please send me a note giving your child permission to stay and that you understand there is no supervision of your children. Please encourage your child to go the bathroom and fill up their water bottle before being dismissed as they will have no access to the building.