

# NATOAGANEG SCHOOL



SEPTEMBER 2015

NEWSLETTER

## Dear Parents:

Welcome!

Welcome back all students, families and staff. After an enjoyable summer holiday, it is time to commence a new year.

This year we are very pleased to have a new member joining the staff of the Natoaganeg School. We would like to welcome our newest staff member, Alisha Sweezey she will be teaching K4. Some of our current staff have new roles. Ms. Bev Larry (K5&Gr 1), Miss Cooper (Gr.2), Mrs. Dunnett (Gr.3&4), Mrs Sonier (Gr.5), Mrs Harris (Gr. 6&7), and Mr.Canistro (Gr.8). Mr Somers will be temporarily out with a knee injury, but someone will be in to teach Phys.Ed. We would like to express best wishes to all former and new staff that has joined us this upcoming year.

We would like to also congratulate the former Miss MacDonald who became Mrs Sonier over the summer!



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### Breakfast and Lunch Program:

Eel Ground School would like to continue with its early morning breakfast program & lunch, open to all students, Monday through Friday of the week.



### Goody Cart:

A reminder that we will be selling healthy items in the goody cart once again this year and also reminding parents there is no borrowing.

There will be a snack break from

10:10-10:25.

Snack ideas:

Apple

carrot sticks

cheese string

**\* No sugary drinks allowed,  
chips or treats with lots of  
sugar.\***

# Daily Routines

## Special Reminders!!

- We are implementing a School Wide Intervention to support all students. This will happen daily from 10:30-11:00. We are asking for limited interruptions therefore students, teachers and staff will not be able to answer any calls during this time, you may leave message with the secretary if you have any concerns or questions.
- Please ensure your child has a pair of indoor sneakers that can be left here at the school.
- Review the lunch menu to ensure your child has something to eat during times he/she might like or want what is on the menu.

### Daily Schedule:

**8:10 - 8:30am** - Breakfast

**8:30am** - Classes Begin  
Regular Classes

**10:10 - 10:25am** Recess

**10:30- 11:00am** - **School Wide Intervention**

**11:00am - 12:00pm** - Lunch

**12:45 - 2:40pm** - Regular Classes

**K4 Students are dismissed at 11:45am.**

**K5 students are dismissed at 2:00pm.**

### **Dates To Remember:**

#### **Friday Sept. 25 / 15:**

The Fall Fair will take place in the morning. Students will be dismissed at 11:45am. There is no school for students in the afternoon as it is the last Friday of the month.

**Extra curricular activities will begin in the upcoming weeks. Once the events are decided a future notice will go home with times and events.**



## Attendance Policy

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School attendance is taken at 8:30 a.m. Your child is late at 8:31 a.m.

Breakfast is served from 8:05 – 8:30 am. Walkers should arrive as close to 8:15 am as possible (especially if they are eating breakfast).

This will be year 3 of implementing the policy regarding attendance and also promoting good attendance through the initiative.

All students arriving after 8:31 am are considered tardy and **parents must sign them in** at the office before going to class. The best time to drop off students is before 8:31 am. All students being dropped off must arrive through the main doors of the building. **Parents must park in the school parking lot and walk your child into school and sign the late form.**

**NEKAW NAQSI P+SIN We're always at school- Perfect Attendance Program**

## ATTENDANCE: "WE ARE ALL RESPONSIBLE"



Education Only Helps those in Attendance Especially if you are on time and in perfect attendance- Don't miss out---  
**YOU ARE WORTH IT.**

\* Attendance is important to the overall academic and social success of your child.

Attendance will be taken within the first 10 minutes of each school day. Parents and/or guardians are required to contact the school each and every day your child is absent.

If parents do not call before 10 a.m., school staff will call you at home or at work to find out the reason for the absence.

Students with perfect attendance will go into a monthly draw to win a Tim's card to take their parents for a coffee to thank them for bringing them to school on time and everyday.

The goal is to promote attendance at school, encourage punctuality, and discourage tardiness. For each day that a class has perfect attendance at the start of the school day (when the first class begins), the classroom teacher will put up a letter outside of their room.

For instance, on the first day that the class has perfect attendance, the teacher will put up the letter **N**. This continues until a class has spelled out **NEKAW NAQSI P+SIN**. The first class (or multiple classes) that spells out the phrase will receive a class pizza party, at the end of the week in which the class won.

## CODE OF CONDUCT

The Code of Conduct has shown improved student behaviour last school year and we are aspiring for our students to continue demonstrating their ability to show good character. This document will bring current school behaviours, policies and practices together with Policy 703 NB Student Code of Conduct. There is an increased emphasis on intervention, training, and consequences that are planned to help students learn how to behave rather than just punishment. There might be times when behaviour warrants detention or suspension. The school staff has practice this philosophy and we have seen great success in the past school years. The emphasis is to create a culture of acceptable behaviour within the school. Students will be trained how to behave in a variety of situations including playground, lunch, hallways classroom and when a supply teacher is present. We believe that all students are capable of behaving well, so it is our job to equip them with the necessary skills to do so.

- \* Arrive on time and prepared to learn
- \* Be Polite to children and adults
- \* Work hard to be successful
- \* Respect our environment

# Are you building good character?

## Character

Character development is an important focus for Notoaganeg School. The 10 Character Traits have been widely promoted and are based on the seven teachings, and this initiative benefits both staff and students by fostering a climate of respect and cooperation conducive to better learning.

**“At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child’s success is the positive involvement of parents.”**

**-Jane D Hull**

Respect  
Responsibility  
Empathy  
Integrity  
Fairness  
Honesty  
Co-operation  
Kindness  
Patience  
Friendly  
Generous  
Trustworthy  
Caring  
Compassion



Before you

# THINK

**T** = Is It True?

**H** = Is It Helpful?

**I** = Is It Inspiring?

**N** = Is It Necessary?

**K** = Is It Kind?



### Policy 701:

Policy 701 is mandatory by The Department of Education This policy applies to all adults whose jobs or role within the public school system

places them in contact with pupils. This includes, personnel and volunteers. This website can be accessed by logging on to: <http://701.nbed.nb.ca>

### Indoor/Gym Footwear:

Students are not to wear black-soled sneakers in the gym. This request is made in order to maintain the flooring, in the classroom corridors, and the gym.

# Numeracy & Literacy

## Building Vocabulary



“Kids with a large vocabulary understand more of what they read and hear. **So big vocabulary = big learning!**”

<http://homeliteracyblueprint.com/building-vocabulary/>

Throughout the year we will be compiling websites full of activities & games for parents in the areas of Math & Literacy. If you have any to share, please let us know and we will add it in the next newsletter.

**Mastering Basic Facts**  
Developing Fluency in Math Facts can be done in 3 stages.  
Figuring out math facts -  
Understanding the concepts  
Strategies for remembering math facts by relating them to each other  
Developing automaticity with math facts - mastering and recalling facts immediately

1. <http://www.readingrockets.org/helping-target/vocabulary>
2. <http://childdevelopmentinfo.com/learning/tips-for-helping-kids-and-teens-with-homework-and-study-habits/vocabulary/>
3. <http://www.hanen.org/helpful-info/articles/build-your-childs-vocabulary.aspx>
4. <http://www.groton.k12.ct.us/Page/7278>
5. <http://www.parenttoolkit.com/index.cfm?objectid=72383800-98AB-11E3-88950050569A5318>
6. <http://www.hoodriver.k12.or.us/page/4244>
7. <http://teacherweb.com/ca/woodbury/>



### SUCCESSFUL NEWSLETTER DELIVERY BALLOT

Sign below to indicate that your son/daughter has delivered to you this month's newsletter. Tear this ballot off and have your child return it to the ballot box outside the office by Friday September 11<sup>th</sup>. Each month a draw will be made for a gift certificate.

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Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Child Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Class