

Natoaganeg School

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Dear Parents / Guardians

We hope everyone enjoyed the Summer Holiday.

Attached to this newsletter are various permission slips and registration forms. Please ensure these are filled out and returned to the school as soon as possible. It is very important that the school has the most up to date information for students. Phone numbers and address changes must be reported to school administration as it is imperative that staff have reliable information so they can communicate with parents/guardians.

We are happy to announce that Motivational Speaker & Inspirational Storyteller Earl Lambert will be doing a presentation at our school on September 12th from 12 – 3 pm.

There will be a trip to McAllisters Apple Farm September 17th. Classes that are attending and times will be sent home later next week.

Picture Day is scheduled for October 22nd.

Orange T-shirt Day September 30th

Natoaganeg school staff and students will be participating by wearing orange t-shirts and walking in support of residential school survivors and the principle that every child matters

www.angeshirtday.org

The events were designed to commemorate the residential school experience, to witness and honor the healing journey of the survivors and their families. To commit to the ongoing process of reconciliation.

Orange T-Shirt Day is an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.

The school bus will be making its morning run starting at approximately 8 :25 am, dropping students off at the school at approximately 8:35 am.

If your child is in K4- Grade 2 and is using school bus please remember that the student must be accompanied to and from the bus stop. Even if the bus stop is at the end of your driveway. A parent or guardian must be visible to the bus driver when students are being dropped off at the end of the day. For safety reasons small children should not be left unattended at the bus stops.

Please read the guidelines below regarding the Bus Policy.

What should my child know about school bus safety?

The Department of Education has prepared a school bus safety presentation and safety guidelines which can be viewed at <http://www.gnb.ca/0000/transport-e.asp>.

Please encourage your child:

- to be at the bus stop at least 5 minutes early.
- to wait for the bus to come to a COMPLETE STOP before approaching.
- to wait patiently at the bus stop and not engage in horseplay.
- to be careful getting on and off the bus.
- to sit quietly and keep their hands to themselves while on the bus.
- always obey the instructions of their school bus driver.

Is there anything that parents should be particularly aware of?

There must be a parent/guardian waiting at the bus stop for grades K-2 students. If there is not someone available, the student will be returned to his or her school and parents/guardians contacted for pickup of their child.

I have an infant at home; can I have a closer bus stop?

No, your child's transportation is governed by the same policies as other families who do not have infants at home. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to get your child to and from the bus stop in both the morning and afternoon.

If my child is in Grade K, 1, or 2, should I be at the bus stop to meet him?

For your child's safety and your peace of mind, someone should be at the stop to meet any student who is in grades K-2. The driver cannot wait at the stop to watch all the students walk to their homes. Also, very young students may get lost or distracted on the way home. Please have someone there who will make sure your child gets home safely. Remember, it is your responsibility to make sure your child is safe to and from the bus stop.

More information about transportation standards, guidelines, and safety can also be found on the [Provincial Pupil Transportatio website](http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/education/k12/content/transportation.htm).

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Our Teaching Staff

K4

Alisha Sweezey,

EA Karen Francis, EA Sylvia Miller, EA Nicole Matchett

K5/ Grade1

Jennifer McEachern

EA Melanie Duplessis, EA Hayley Sark

Grade 2

Kara Cooper, EA Jackie White

Grade 3

Kayla Mutch

EA June Augustine

Grade 4/5

Emily Case

EA Ev Gray

Grade 6

Serena Harris

EA Sarah Cooper

EA Isaac MacInnis

Grade 7/8

Joseph Canistro, EA Felicia Dedam

Mi'kmaq Culture and Language

Natalie Larry

Language and Culture Mentor

Mary Ginnish

Math Lead

Hillary Manuel

Resource/Literacy Lead

Jenny Sonier

Phys. Ed and Health

Jessica Dunnett

8:40 – 9 am Breakfast

9am Classes begin

1020-1030 am Nutrition Break

10:30 – 11 am SWI (Gr.4-8)

12 – 12:45 Lunch

K4 – Gr.2 12:45 – 2:30 pm Regular Classes

Gr.3-8 12:45 – 3:30 pm Regular Classes



*Each month students with perfect attendance
get their name put in a draw for a gift
certificate!*

Attendance Policy

School attendance is taken at 9 a.m. Your child is late at 9:01 a.m. Breakfast is served from 8:40 – 9 am. Walkers should arrive as close to 8:40 am as possible (especially if they are eating breakfast).

All students being dropped off after 9:01 am must arrive through the main doors of the building. **Parents please walk your child into school and sign the late form.**

NEKAW NAQSI P+SIN

We're always at school Perfect Attendance Program

The goal is to promote attendance at school, encourage punctuality, and discourage tardiness. Everyday that a class has perfect attendance they will receive a letter from the phrase

NEKAW NAQSI P+SIN

The first class to spell out this phrase will receive a pizza party or ice cream party at the end of the week in which they won.

Mi'kmaq Monday

An initiative we have been doing in our school is **Mi'kmaq Monday**.

Every Monday we will have a smudge in the drum of the school to start the week and encourage students and staff to wear something of cultural importance to them such as braided hair, beaded items, culturally positive clothing, moccasins, etc..

We want our students to reclaim their cultural identity and we are looking forward to implementing any other cultural initiatives or ideas they have!

MI'KMAQ WORD OF THE DAY

Everyday during morning announcements we will announce a new Mi'kmaq word along with the meaning. We will encourage all staff and students to practice these words.

Talamu'k?
What color is it?

Wataptek
It's yellow.



Kelulk Mijipjewey - We eat good food

At Natoaganeg School we do our best to impart a message to the students that promotes healthy foods and healthy food choices.

One way we do this is by providing the children with a healthy and nutritious breakfast, mid morning snack and lunch each day.

If children bring a snack or lunch from home they should come prepared with a healthy choice that is low in sugar and sodium.

Some examples of an appropriate snack are:

applesauce, fruits, veggies, cereal bar, granola, yogurt, cheese, crackers.

Sugary snacks, chocolate, juice and chips should not be brought to school.



SUCCESSFUL NEWSLETTER DELIVERY BALLOT

Sign below to indicate that your son/daughter has delivered to you this month's newsletter. Have your child return this ballot to the ballot box located at the school office by Friday, September 20th. At the end of the month, a draw will be made for a gift certificate from all the ballots that are returned.

Parent Signature

Class

Student name
