



Brookhouse News October 2017



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

THANK YOU to our Home & School Association for hosting the Ice Cream Social on September 21st. Thank you to all the families who took the time out of their busy schedules to attend curriculum night. This event was enjoyed by everyone.

BROOKHOUSE BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The Cereal/Bagel Drive was a big success! Thanks to all who donated. We have enough cereal, but will happily accept donations of plain, cinnamon raisin and cheese bagels on an ongoing basis. We are unable to accept bagels containing nuts or seed.

NOURISH YOUR ROOTS

Veggie Box Pick Up is
Thursday, October 5
12 noon – 5 pm
15 Christopher Ave, Curbside

LUNCH ORDER FORMS



PIZZA ORDERS

WHAT: Personal Size Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza
WHEN: 9 Thursdays Oct. 19 – Dec. 21
COST: \$22.50 - Cash Only
ALL ORDERS DUE:

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

Watch for more information/order forms for:



Order Forms will be sent with students on Oct. 11, with a due back date of October 25th. This term we will be getting wraps from Pita Pit. They have been very popular at other elementary schools and the Home & School have agreed to give them a try at Brookhouse for the first part of the school year.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

October 18, 5:30 pm

HOME & SCHOOL MEETING

October 18, 6:30 pm



PICTURE DAY IS
Friday, October 13
(Retakes Monday, Oct. 23rd)

HOME & SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT
October 26, 5:45 pm, \$2 at the door

CONFERENCE DAY – Friday, Oct. 27
No Students Present

ALLERGY ALERTS!

Brookhouse School has students with severe, life-threatening allergies to all nuts, peanuts, shellfish and kiwi. Please do not send these products to school.



TERRY FOX RUN

Thank you to all who participated in the Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 22nd.

Thanks to the Home & School for the refreshing freezies!

FORKS, SPOONS & STRAWS

Please remember to pack a spoon, fork and/or straw with your child(ren)'s snacks or lunches. The school does not supply these items.

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE

Just a reminder to our Brookhouse community, we do have cameras to help monitor our school yard as we continue to make improvements to our grounds. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

IMPORTANT Reminders . . .

- ☺ **When dropping off items for students**, and in an effort to minimize classroom interruptions and maximize student learning, **ALL** items such as sneakers, lunches and snacks are to be dropped off at the office with Mrs. Fraser. Thank you very much.
- ☺ **When picking up students**, please meet them outside by their dismissal door. Otherwise you will need to enter through the front door, sign in and collect a badge, then return the badge and sign out when you leave.
- ☺ **Meeting with classroom teachers.** We are a welcoming school and value parent input. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher, please call or email ahead to make an appointment.



Home & School CANTEEN PRICES

Chips	\$1.25
Juice	\$1.25
Yop	\$1.25
Goldfish (Kirkland Organic)	.75
Nutrigrain Bars75
Fruit Gummies50 (Kirkland Organic)
Cheese Strings50
Fruit Cups (packed In water)	\$1.25

Home & School Canteen runs Mondays and Fridays. When there is a holiday on Monday, canteen will be Tuesday. When there is a holiday on Friday, canteen will be on Thursday.

BROOKHOUSE HOME & SCHOOL BOTTLE EXCHANGE ACCOUNT

An account has been set up at Bluenose Bottle Exchange, 99 Woodlawn Rd, for the Brookhouse Home & School. If you wish to donate, please ask them to credit the Brookhouse Home & School account.

BROOKHOUSE ELEMENTARY LOST AND FOUND

Every year Brookhouse Elementary School's Lost and Found is a big supporter of local charities who collect clothing. If you would prefer your child(ren) get their clothing back, **please label all items.**



The Lost and Found Bin (inside the front doors) already has quite a few sweaters, coats, shoes and miscellaneous items. Be sure to have a look.

NEWSLETTERS, NOTICES, MEMOS

The monthly calendars and newsletters will be put on the Brookhouse Elementary School website as close to the beginning of each month as possible.

Be sure to look for our monthly Newsletters & Calendars at: www.brookhouse.ednet.ns.ca

There will be paper copies of newsletter/calendars available on the notice shelf in the lobby.

Other notices, memos, etc., from the office will normally be sent home on Wednesdays with the exception of items required to be sent home by the School Board within a specific time frame.

WELCOME TO THE COUNSELLOR'S CORNER!

As we move into October you and your family may be settling into new routines of sports practices, music lessons, appointments, and school and work. During this time it is important not to lose the connection you made with your family over the lazy, hazy days of summer. Kids rely on their families for love, guidance, and a sense of belonging. Without these things, it's hard to do well in school or in life. Activities like the following will show your child she has family support:

- **Eat meals together.** Extend your time together by preparing and cleaning up as a family too. Turn off the television during meals so conversations can take place!
- **Take trips.** Go to a concert, local museum or sports event. Ask your children, "What would you like to do?"
- **Play together.** Choose games that everyone can enjoy, such as charades, board games or 20 questions. Let your children pick what to play.
- **Plan family nights.** Decide together what to do, or take turns choosing. You might order pizza, bake cookies or see a movie. Sometimes invite another family to join you.
- **Do something silly.** Some of the best family memories are the funniest ones. You might make breakfast for dinner, or dress in the craziest outfits you can find.
- **Relax.** Some parents find that right after school is a great time to spend with children. The kids are ready to plop down and talk about their day. Talk about family news, goals, concerns, and successes.

PARKING REMINDERS

- ❖ **Parents/Guardians are NOT permitted to drive into the parking lot to drop off and pick up children.** As you can appreciate this poses a huge safety risk to our students; and we ask that you drop off and pick up your children off school grounds on the sidewalk. **Please do not drive on the school grounds at any time.** When getting dropped off for school there are children who run across the parking lot instead of walking along the sidewalk and entering

the school grounds via the end driveways. Please discuss this with your child(ren) and the hazards of running across a parking lot with moving vehicles.

- ❖ Parking on the street is permitted in certain areas only. These areas are clearly marked with signage and HRM regularly patrols, issuing tickets for violations.
- ❖ We ask everyone to be good Brookhouse neighbours and ensure driveways are not blocked when picking up and dropping off your children.

SCHOOL CANCELLATION Due to Inclement Weather and Other Exceptional Circumstances

Parents / Guardians should be aware that school could be closed by both weather cancellations and emergency closures (extended power outages, loss of heat, loss of water and other exceptional circumstances). It is imperative that you provide the office with the most recent contact phone numbers.

**All schools are part of only one Family.
Brookhouse Elementary School is a member of the
Prince Andrew High Family of Schools.**

Brookhouse Elementary School has a communication network (telephone tree) devised so that parents/guardians can be contacted if school is cancelled during the day.

Key Messages to Parents:

- The decision to cancel school will usually be made as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible and it will be communicated on the radio, the Board's website www.hrsb.ca, the main switchboard and through the school cancellation number: 464-INFO (4636).
- Parents are reminded to listen for either the Family name or the individual school name in all cancellation announcements.
- Parents should ensure that students are properly dressed for the weather conditions, regardless of whether they walk to school or travel by bus.
- Before dropping students off at school on inclement weather days, parents should ensure that staff have arrived and are immediately available to provide supervision.
- When busses are cancelled and schools are open, parents must use their own discretion with regard to sending their children to school.
- When schools are open, meaningful learning activities will be going on in classrooms.
- Students who are unable to attend due to inclement weather and/or bus cancellation will not be penalized because of assignments given or due on that day. However, please remember to call the safe arrival line (435-8466) to let the school know if your child will be absent.

**24 HOUR ABSENTEE/LATE LINE
435-8466**

HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY HALLOWE'EN

We wish all Brookhouse students a safe and happy
Hallowe'en.



Costume accessories resembling
weapons (i.e. guns, knives, swords,
etc.) are not permitted at school.