



Brookhouse News



September 2016

Welcome to Brookhouse Elementary

WELCOME

We would like to welcome all the new staff members and students, as well as returning staff and students to Brookhouse. We look forward to a GREAT school year!

PAPERLESS NEWSLETTERS & CALENDARS



September will be the only month a newsletter and calendar is printed and sent home. The **monthly calendars and newsletters will be on the Brookhouse**

Elementary School website and sent to parent emails - as close to the beginning of each month as possible.

www.brookhouse.ednet.ns.ca

INFORMATION FORMS

Student Registration/Information forms will be given to your child in early September. You are asked to do the following:

- Update any changes, i.e., address, phone numbers as well as any medical information or allergies.
- Sign the last page.
- **Return the form to your child's teacher by Sept. 14th. Even if there are no changes.**

This contact information is essential for emergencies and Safe Arrival!

SCHOOL MILK PROGRAM

Order forms for the School Milk Program will be distributed the first week of September. In order to begin the milk program on Sept. 26, we require the form to be **returned no later than Friday, September 16.**

LUNCH ORDER FORMS



SANDWICH ORDER

WHAT: 6" Subway Sandwich on 9-grain Bread

WHEN: 12 Tuesdays Oct. 4 – Dec. 20

COST: \$45 - Cash Only

ALL ORDERS DUE:

Monday, September 26, 2016



PIZZA ORDER

WHAT: Personal Size Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza

WHEN: 10 Thursdays Oct. 6 – Dec. 15

COST: \$25 - Cash Only

ALL ORDERS DUE:

Monday, September 26, 2016

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

The Brookhouse Elementary outdoor classroom looks wonderful! Thanks to those families who helped to beautify during the summer months. A special thank you to Suzanne Fraser for organizing the help!

SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AWARD

Congratulations to **Natalie McMahon** and **Sam Ruginski**. They are the first recipients of ***The Brookhouse Spirit of Friendship Award***. This award is presented in memory of Bryan Carroll, to a student who has fostered fun and friendship at Brookhouse School.

STAND UP AGAINST BULLYING DAY
Thursday, Sept. 15TH, 2016



*Let's see how much
pink we can wear AT
Brookhouse School!*

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 21, 5:30 pm
HOME & SCHOOL Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 21, 6:30 pm

**CURRICULUM EVENING &
ICE CREAM SOCIAL**
Thurs., September 29, 6 – 7 pm

You are invited to meet your child's teacher in their classrooms on **Thurs., Sept. 29th from 6 – 7.** During this time teachers are looking forward to meeting you and giving you information about their program. Please feel free to leave the classrooms anytime at your convenience should you have more than one teacher to visit. Following curriculum evening (weather permitting), there will be an **ICE CREAM SOCIAL** outdoors. This will be an environmentally friendly ice cream social so please bring your own bowl & spoon.

TERRY FOX RUN
Friday, September 23

September is not only known for the beginning of a new school year, but the crisp autumn air unites Canadians from coast to coast to participate in the **Terry Fox Run**. Our school will be participating in our own run, on Friday, September 23.

This year we have set a school fundraising goal of \$500, for this amazing foundation. Students may bring donations to school at any time and pass them in to their classroom teacher.

Mrs. Payne will also be accepting donations, outside of the gym, on Curriculum night (Thursday, Sept. 29).

Please help us to keep Terry's dream alive.

LUNCH MONITORS

Please call the school office, 902-435-8318 if you are interested in being a lunch monitor.

SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS



In order for parents and guardians to volunteer in their children's classroom or on a field trip, they are required to fill out forms – a **police Criminal Records Check** and a **NS Dept. of Community Services Child Abuse Registry Search**. Please see the school office for these application forms. These forms will also be available on Curriculum Night from your child's teacher.



PICTURE DAY IS
Monday, October 3
(RETAKE WILL BE Mon., Oct. 17)

MEDIC ALERT BRACELETS

The Canadian MedicAlert Foundation's *No Child Without* program offers free MedicAlert bracelets to students, aged 4 – 14, which includes 24-hour MedicAlert emergency information services – at no cost. If you are interested, please contact the school office to receive the necessary information you will need to enroll.



SAFETY CONCERNS

Please note that Brookhouse is a nut and scent aware school. Please do not send your child to school with any food containing peanuts or food that may contain traces of nuts as there are students who attend Brookhouse who have severe allergies.

SCHOOL CROSSWALK FLAG ANNOUNCEMENT

Have you noticed the orange crosswalk flags at a number of marked crosswalks? This community-based program exists to make pedestrians safer. In some areas theft and vandalism has unfortunately been an issue. These crosswalk flags are paid for by your neighbours, local businesses, elected Councillors and in some cases your Home & Schools. If you see anyone walking away with or damaging a crosswalk flag please ask them not to do so or let the school know.

IMPORTANT Reminders . . .



☺ **ALL late students** are to check in at the office before going to class – MORNING & AFTER LUNCH.

☺ The school doors are locked after the second bell at 8:30 and remain locked the rest of the day. If your child is late and their entrance door is locked, please direct him/her to the front doors and tell them report to the office. Students should not arrive more than 5 minutes before bell times, unless supervised by an adult as there is no supervision prior to these times.

☺ Parents/guardians are NOT to drive onto the school grounds AT ANY TIME. As you can appreciate this poses a huge safety risk to our students. We ask that you drop off and pick up your children **off school grounds on the sidewalk.** Students do not cut through the parking lot, please stay on the sidewalks.

☺ For school security, all doors will be locked during the day. All visitors must report to the office and sign in when entering the building. They will be given

a Brookhouse Tag. Staff will be stopping individuals who are in the building without a tag and ask them to return to the office.

☺ Skateboards, scooters, roller blades and sneakers with wheels **are not allowed** on the school grounds or in the school.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE

The Halifax Regional School Board takes great care when making the decision to alter the normal operations of schools in the event of severe or inclement weather. Decisions on school closures and/or bus cancellations are posted on the board's website at www.hrsb.ns.ca , on Twitter at www.twitter.com/HRSB_Official, recorded on 464-INFO (4636) and communicated to all local radio stations. You can also receive notice of school and bus cancellations by e-mail or text message by following the link on the front page (left side) of the HRSB website. If you are interested in learning more on how decisions regarding closures and cancellations are made, visit <http://www.hrsb.ns.ca/content/id/1137.html>

