

September 2017

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 a reminder call sent - as close to the beginning of each month as possible.

www.brookhouse.ednet.ns.ca

BROOKHOUSE BREAKFAST PROGRAM BEGINS Thursday, September 14 and runs on Mondays, Thursdays & Fridays each week

Registration Forms will be attached to this newsletter. The Breakfast Program is available to all students who register.

Students don't eat enough breakfast for many reasons, including busy mornings or just not feeling hungry first thing in the morning. And many students, like those who have early morning drop-offs at Excel, may just need a snack before the school day begins. That's why we have the Brookhouse Breakfast Program, to help students fuel their bodies for a successful school day.

What time is breakfast? 8:10 to 8:30 am, Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays



Where? We're located in the room beside the Library

What's on the menu?

Toasted Bagels, muffins, cereals and bananas along with juice and milk.



Who can join? All students are welcome. We just ask that a parent or guardian submit a signed consent/registration form to the office.

Is it supervised? Yes, volunteers serve breakfast to the students.

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. 15. Even if there are no changes.

This updated 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. 25, we require the form to be returned no later than Friday, September 15.

HOME & SCHOOL CANTEEN BEGINS Friday, September 15

Canteen is open on Mondays and Fridays. Volunteers Needed: If you are available to volunteer in the canteen for an hour (approx. 9:45-10:45) please contact Leanne Christie at leannechristie5@hotmail.com.

Canteen Prices:

- Chips, Juice, Yop \$1.25
Snap Peas \$1.00
Rice Krispy Square, Goldfish, Cheese&Crackers, Nutrigrain Bars \$0.75
Cheese Strings, Fruit Gummies \$0.50

STAND UP AGAINST BULLYING DAY
Thursday, Sept. 14TH, 2017



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

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, Sept. 20, 5:30 pm
HOME & SCHOOL MEETING
Wednesday, Sept. 20, 6:30 pm

**CURRICULUM EVENING &
ICE CREAM SOCIAL**
Thurs., September 21, 6 – 7 pm

You are invited to meet your child's teacher in their classrooms on **Thurs., Sept. 21st 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.



**BREAKFAST PROGRAM
CEREAL/BAGEL DRIVE**

During the Ice Cream Social **Thursday, September 21st, 6 – 7 pm**, we will be running a cereal and bagel drive. We are looking for nut and kiwi free boxes of Rice Krispies, Raisin Bran, Cheerios (plain only NO HoneyNut please), or Corn Flakes cereal; or bags of plain, cinnamon raisin and cheese bagels. Please check labels as there are NUT oils used in making some cereals.



Boxes will be available to collect all donations.

TERRY FOX RUN
Friday, September 22

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 22.

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. 21).

Please help us to keep Terry's dream alive.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY
EVERY CHILD MATTERS

September 30 is Orange Shirt Day in Canada. A day in which we recognize the harm the residential school system did to children's sense of self-esteem and well-being. September 30 falls on a Saturday this year and September 29 is a system-wide professional development day, so **Brookhouse Elementary invites everyone to participate and wear orange on a Thursday, September 28th.**



PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year to new and returning Brookhouse families! To start the year smoothly with routines and expectations it would be great if you could be sure that your student(s) have both indoor and outdoor footwear, (that they consistently change when going outside, or coming back inside), a refillable water bottle, hat and sunscreen. As rules, routines and expectations are established in Physical Education class, I will begin to take classes outside for activities over the late summer and fall. Our weather can be unpredictable and I want to make sure students are sun safe and hydrated!

I look forward to reconnecting with returning families and meeting those new to our Brookhouse community!

Mrs. Payne ☺

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

Hi and welcome to the first Counsellor's Corner of the 2017 – 2018 school year! My name is Alicia Daley and I am the new school counsellor here at Brookhouse Elementary School. I am so excited about the upcoming year and getting to know all the students and families at BES. Keep an eye out for information I will send home with students about what to expect from the school counselling program this year, my new website, and contact information.

For now, here are a few tips for a smooth first week of school:

Be positive! Nothing sets the tone for a year like the attitude of one's closest role models- your parents! If you are excited and positive, your children will know that and be in a positive mindset as they begin their new year, meet new teachers, and make new friends!

Be interested! Ask your child about his/her day. Doing this regularly will increase the amount of feedback you get- they know you will ask, so they will start to be prepared to report. You might want to start with "Tell me one good thing that happened to you today."

Be a role model! Tell about your day, a quick catalog of events, and tell how you handle things that don't go the way you wanted/expected.

Be prompt! Getting to school on time is crucial to your child's success in school! From greeting and checking in with friends and starting the day ahead of the game, there's nothing like being late to set your child up for a rough day (Having said that, we know that some days this is easier said than done).

Be prepared! Make sure your child has the needed school supplies, knows where their classroom is (after the first day) and knows how to get home at the end of the day...it will make the beginning of the year easier. (There are donated school supplies for students who may need them, please let me know).

SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AWARD

Congratulations to **Abby Carroll** and **Dane King**. The 2016/17 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.

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
Friday, October 13 (RETAKES
WILL BE Mon., Oct. 23)

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

IMPORTANT Reminders . . .



**24 HOUR
ABSENTEE/LATE LINE**

435-8466

- ☺ **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 8:45 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 have 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.
- ☺ Please adhere to the “No Parking” signs on Christopher Avenue. **Parking is only permitted on the school side of Christopher Avenue.**

☺ *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.

☺ **Please do not bring dogs onto the school grounds.** If you would like to bring your pet with you, please arrange to meet your child at a location off the school grounds, i.e., sidewalk in front of 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>



2017-2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Sept 4	Labour Day – School Closed
Sept 5	Organization Day – No Students Present
Sept 6	Professional Development Day – No Students Present
Sept 7	First Day of School for Students
Sept 29	Professional Development Day – No Students Present
Oct 9	Thanksgiving Day – School Closed

Oct 27 Provincial Conference Day
- No Students Present

Nov 13 Remembrance Day Observed -
School Closed

Nov 22 Assessment & Evaluation Day –
No Students Present

Dec 7 AM School Based PD
- No Students Present
PM – Parent/Teacher Interviews
-No Students Present

Dec 21 Last Day of Classes before
Christmas Break

Jan 3, 2018 Schools Reopen

Feb 1 – 28 Registration Month

Feb 19 Mona Louise Parsons Heritage Day
- School Closed

Mar 9 Assessment & Evaluation Day –
No Students Present

Mar 12-16 March Break – School Closed

Mar 30 Good Friday – School Closed

Apr 2 Easter Monday – School Closed

Apr 19 AM School Based PD –
No Students Present
PM -- Parent/Teacher Interviews
– No Students Present

May 18 Professional Development –
No Students Present

May 21 Victoria Day – School Closed

June 28 Assessment & Evaluation Day –
No Students

Jun 29 Last Day of School

information regarding Registration fees for the year please contact Jennifer Rayner-Paris by email at cccjrcurling@gmail.com

DARTMOUTH ALL-CITY MUSIC!



Are you starting grade 4? Do you want to **learn to play the violin or cello**? Please visit <http://dacm.hrsb.ns.ca> for more info and to register. Lessons are

FREE and rentals are cheap!!! Hurry before it's too late!

DARTMOUTH CURLING CLUB

The Dartmouth Curling Club Junior Program will be having our annual Registration Day and Ice Cream Social on Sunday September 24th, from 3:30-5:30pm. Everyone is welcome. For more

