



So we have had our Meet the Teacher and our first few days back have been fantastic! I just wanted to give you all a few updates that you may have not heard. Unfortunately Mrs. MacKenzie has not begun the year with us as her husband passed away just before school started. We are lucky to have Mr. Porter until she returns. New since June is Mrs. Marshall who is in the Grade 6 classroom. I think the rest of the staff is what was communicated in the Spring; a full list of staff is under the staff tab of the website. Thank you to all families who have paid their student supply money. If you have just forgotten please send it in right away. You can also call the office to make any arrangements needed for payment. A piece of good news at this point is that it looks like all class configurations will remain the same and we will not have to reconfigure. The reason we can avoid this nightmare is because we waited til the very last time possible to post lists; therefore we had very accurate numbers. Thank you for your patience.

*Mrs. Kathy Weatherbee*

## Stand Up Speak Out

*What's Your Story?*

At the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board (CCRSB), we know the only way to address bullying in all its forms is to start talking about it. That's why every year we host Stand Up. Speak Out., CCRSB's board-wide day of action promoting social justice, anti-bullying and positive, healthy relationships. It is important to recognize the complexity of bullying, so in the last couple of years a deeper conversation about social justice has emerged as an important piece of Stand Up. Speak Out. This has proven to be an important topic with our students, and led to the theme of this year's event: *What's Your Story?* This is a fitting theme because it is through our stories that we know each other; it is through our stories that we build relationships and empathy; and it is through our stories that we can more deeply understand the pillars of social justice. What it all comes down to is that if we know someone's story, we are more likely to treat them with respect and understanding. What we want to discuss during Stand Up. Speak Out. is how we interact with each other, how we treat one another and how we deal with feelings of anger and unhappiness. By talking about these things, we are helping to create a healthy learning environment for all of our students.

This year's Stand Up. Speak Out. will take place on Sept. 14 at Cobequid Educational Centre in Truro. We look forward to hearing from our students, teachers and community leaders on how we can address bullying, while working together to promote social justice in our schools and towns.

# Volunteer

We always need volunteers at BES for things like; class trips, book fairs, weekly skating, field day, Home and School events and fundraisers. All you need to do is request from the office the CCRSB Volunteer Package and we will send it home with your child. Please consider being a volunteer at the school; it will put a smile on your child's face!

## BES Morning: Routine

Supervision starts at 8:30 each morning. Students come off the bus or are dropped off and then come directly in the school. There is always someone at the door to greet them with a smile. Instruction begins promptly at 8:50 so please help your child be here prior to this time so they do not feel awkward coming in late.



Our school community has been doing a great job reusing, reducing and recycling. We try our very best to send very little paper home. Our main ways of communicating are our BES website, emails and our Alert system. If you need something printed please do not hesitate to ask. Order forms for the cafeteria can be printed and sent home upon request.



As you can imagine our office is a very busy place. Quite often Mrs. Cornelius is delivering messages, helping students in the washroom, or supervising outside at lunch. If you are picking up your child and nobody is answering the doorbell please give the school a call or use the entrance by the cafeteria (during lunch hour time).



Dates that are important at BES are on our *Google Calendar*.

You can add our calendar to your phone. The calendar is also on our website.



## BES Power School Registration Forms

It is very important that we have up to date information on your child and their contact information. Please either email, call, or write in your child's agenda if you have had any changes to your information over the summer.

## Nourish Your Roots

Nourish Your Roots is a healthy fundraiser to support healthy eating food programs and initiatives in schools and not for profit childcare centres through the sale of fresh, healthy, sustainable, NS foods. It connects children and families to Nova Scotia farmers. 100% of the purchase price of each sale stays in Nova Scotia. We have sent home our envelopes for this fundraiser with your child. Please return the envelope by September 26th with the appropriate monies. Delivery of the boxes will be October 2nd and pick up will be that day 2:30-4:30. If you can not pick up the boxes at that time just call the office to make arrangements.

Each box will contain 8 to 10 Nova Scotia grown items. Root vegetables figure prominently in the boxes. There may be some fruit, however contents vary depending on the farm partner and availability. This may also impact the weight of the box, for example if you have a bunch of fresh herbs rather than turnip it will not be as heavy. Usually the boxes are between 20 and 25 pounds in weight.

Here are some sample photos from the 2016 Nourish Your Roots campaign.



# Alert Solutions; Communication Tool

CCRSB recently updated this communication suite and are pleased to announce that parents and guardians can now choose what types of communication they would like to receive with this system and also how they would like to be contacted. (email, text, phone call)

We ask that you review your Contact Preferences by logging into the Student-Parent Portal at: <https://sisccrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public>. If you do not remember your login and password please contact the office. For the new Primary students your is in the pocket of your child's agenda.

## Website Update

CCRSB has also updated school websites over the summer. It is our understanding that all the glitches have been ironed out. If you experience any difficulties please let us know so we can forward the issue to the Tech shop at the Board Office. Thank you for your patience.

## School and Class Communication Plans

One of the main ways we communicate the programming in classrooms in through our Communication Plans. All these documents have been added to our website and have been emailed by each child's classroom teacher.