

Seaside Elementary School



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Hello Parents and Guardians,

I hope everyone had a great summer and is excited for the new school year. It was great to meet all of the students that are new to Seaside and also to see our returning students. I look forward to working with all of the wonderful students and families here in the Seaside community this year. I would also like to thank all of the students, parents/guardians and staff for helping to make our first couple of days a success.

In the office this year, we have Mrs. Sheppard returning as our school Administrative Assistant, and we would like to welcome Ms. Muzzerall as our Vice-Principal. We have a lot of returning teachers and staff this year but there are also a few new teachers and staff at Seaside this year. I would like to welcome all of the new staff and those that are returning.

One of the critical components to a student's success in school is consistent communication between home and school. I encourage you to always talk to your children about their school day and to feel free to contact their teacher(s) if you have any questions, concerns, or insights that might assist them in teaching your child. Likewise, don't hesitate to contact myself if there is anything you think I might be able to help with or if you have any questions or concerns. Our school web site has lots of excellent information on it and can be found at <https://ses.hrce.ca>. Again, I look forward to the year ahead and I am so happy to be working with the students and staff of Seaside.

T. Rutledge

Principal

Important Dates

September 12th – Stand Up Against Bullying Day – We encourage students to wear **Pink** on this day.

September 20th – Terry Fox Walk

September 26th – Curriculum Night – 6:30pm to 7:30pm

September 27th – No School for Students - Professional Development Day for Teachers

October 8th – Picture Day

Arrival/Dismissal

Morning supervision begins at 8:10am and that is when our first bus arrives. Students should not arrive before 8:10am because there will be no supervision before 8:10am. Dismissal for all of our students is 2:10pm. Walking students will be dismissed through the back door and they will walk around the building on the parking lot side to the sidewalk for pick-up. Please do not enter the parking lot, as it is a safety and congestion issue with busses and students moving through the parking lot.

Morning Drop-Off/Parking

Drop-off for students being driven to school is at curbside on the street. Please pull up to the curb in front and have your children exit the door on the sidewalk side. Our parking-lot/entrances are for school busses and staff parking. Thank-you so much for your co-operation with this as it makes the parking-lot less congested and is safer for our students.

Excel drop-off – If dropping off students to the Excel door before 8:00am, you can pull into the driveway closest to Oceanview Manor and pull-up to the Excel door.

Safe Arrival

Just a reminder that if your child is going to be absent or late, please call 902-465-7600 and if students arrive after 8:30am, they need to sign in at the office before proceeding to class.

Updated Information

We will be sending registration forms home and we are asking that if there have been any changes, such as phone numbers, emergency contacts, address, etc., that you make the necessary changes and return the form with your child to their teacher.

Breakfast Program

Our Breakfast Program will be up and running very soon and we will let you know when it starts.

Canteen and Cafeteria

Just a reminder that our Cafeteria lunch menus have gone home, with a two-week menu. This is a great alternative for a healthy lunch and we now offer **Debit and Credit options to pay for lunch orders!** Also, the recess canteen will open on Monday, Sept 9th and it runs daily to provide recess snacks. The canteen menu is:

Popcorn/Fruit - .50	Frozen Yogurt/Sherbet – 1.25
Cookies (2) – 1.00	Cheese/Crackers – 1.00
Sunchips/baked Chips – 1.00	2% Milk/Skim Milk - .40
Rice Krispie square – 1.25	Yogurt – 1.25
Water – 1.25	Juice – 1.25
Chocolate Milk – 1.25	

Terry Fox Walk

The Seaside Terry Fox Walk will take place on Friday, September 20th in the afternoon. If there are any donations for the Terry Fox Foundation, there will be a donation jar in the main office. It would be great to have as many parents, grandparents, guardians or volunteers who would like to walk with us come along. Please let your child's teacher know if you are walking with us.

Curriculum Night

Curriculum Night is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 26th from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. We will have information on hand for parents who are interested in our School Advisory Council and also our Parent Teacher Organization. Teachers will be presenting the curriculum to parents/guardians in their classrooms, as well as, reviewing class expectations, homework, etc. There won't be time to discuss individual student's progress on this night but you can meet or contact your child's teacher another time to discuss individual progress.

SAC and PTO

We will be looking for parents and community members to serve on our School Advisory Council and our Parent Teacher Organization. Serving on the SAC is a great opportunity to have input in school related issues and decisions and we meet at least six times through the school year for an hour. The PTO does so much for our students and school and is a great social group with common interests that organize events and raise funds to enhance our student's experiences here at Seaside. The PTO also meets for one hour on the same evening as our SAC meetings.

If you are interested, please send an email to trutledge@hrce.ca expressing your interest.

Life Threatening Allergies

We are a nut sensitive school, so please remember that any NUT products (including sesame seeds) are not to be brought to Seaside Elementary School. A number of our students have life threatening allergies. Please help us provide a safe school environment for all our students.

Scent Smart

A reminder that Seaside Elementary is a scent smart school. Staff, students and parents are asked not to use scented products including shampoo, hairsprays, gels, etc. when they are coming to Seaside. We have students and staff who are sensitive to scented products.

2018-19 School Staff

Grade 4 French Immersion	Mme. Bunker
Grade 4/5 French Immersion	Mme. Rawding
Grade 5 French Immersion	Mme. Marr
Grade 5 English	Mr. Thompson
Grade 5 English	Ms. Huestis
Grade 5 English	Ms. Roy
Grade 5 English	Ms. Stewart
Grade 4/5 English	Ms. Rhodenizer
Grade 4 English	Ms. Sim
Grade 4 English	Ms. Poirier/Muzzerall

Grade 4 English	Ms. Taylor
Grade 4 English	Ms. McCully
Grade 4 English	Ms. Brady/Ms. McNeil
Learning Center	Ms. Funke
Learning Center	Ms. Sentner
Learning Center	Mr. d'Entremont
FI Resource/LC	Mme. Bradley
Resource	Ms. Ward
Music	Ms. Cainen
Strings	Mr. Wilhelm
Core French	Mme. Finlayson
Core French	Mme. Poirier
Physical Education	Ms. Sampson
Library	Ms. Hurlburt
Guidance Counsellor	Ms. Barry
Caretaker	Mr. Thistle
Custodian	Mr. Myers
Cafeteria	Ms. Miller
Educational Program Assistant	Ms. Eddy
Educational Program Assistant	Ms. LeBlanc
Educational Program Assistant	Ms. Nelson
Educational Program Assistant	Ms. Vicars
Educational Program Assistant	Ms. Atkins
Educational Program Assistant	Ms. Colbert
Educational Program Assistant	Ms. Fraser-Fillion
Educational Program Assistant	Ms. Johnston
Educational Program Assistant	Ms. Clayton
Educational Program Assistant	Ms. Payne
Educational Program Assistant	Ms. Hart
Administrative Assistant	Ms. Sheppard
Vice-Principal	Ms. Muzzerall
Principal	Mr. Rutledge

Electronic Communications

Future communications and monthly calendars will be sent electronically to the email address we have on file for you. We will keep some paper copies in the office and if you require a paper copy, please let us know and we will send one home with your child. The calendar can also be found on our web site at <http://seaside.ednet.ns.ca>.