

CARL A. NESBITT PUBLIC SCHOOL

“HOME OF THE NITROS”

SEPTEMBER 2018

Welcome Back!

We sincerely hope that all of our students and families enjoyed a safe, relaxing summer and are eager to start another great year. We extend a warm welcome to our Grade 3s from Westmount and our Grade 4s from Checkeris. We are happy to have you as part of our team. I want to thank the wonderful staff members who have put in many hours preparing their classrooms to receive students. A special thank you to our custodian and cleaners who worked all summer to make sure the school was ready to receive students. We are all looking forward to a great year!

Nesbitt P. S. Open House

Please join us on Thursday, September 13th for our Open House from 5:30 to 6:30. It is an evening for parents to come to the school and meet their child's teacher. Should you wish to discuss your child's progress, leave your name and phone number with the teacher and you will be contacted for an interview. We look forward to seeing you there!

Breakfast Program starts September 17th.

Carl A. Nesbitt will be offering a breakfast program to all students. We have a limited number of breakfast program volunteers therefore most of the time, breakfast will be on a “grab and go” basis. We will offer easy to manage items such as cheese strings, yogurt, granola bars and fruit. On days that we have parent volunteers, a little more variety will be available. If you are able to volunteer an hour on any given morning, from around 7:50 – 8:50 a.m., please contact the school by phone (705-566-3935) or email Sue at longchs@rainbowschools.ca. You can also help out by grocery shopping or coming in at different times to bake muffins. All help is appreciated!

Asthma-Friendly Schools

Many children have asthma. Some asthma attacks can be life threatening. Rainbow District School Board staff receive asthma education and training on recognizing triggers and symptoms.

Please contact your school Principal as soon as possible. If you are a parent/guardian of a child with asthma, we need your co-operation in providing the school with current medical information and in developing a plan with your child's Principal to protect your child.

Please also contact the Sudbury Student Services Consortium at 705-521-1234 and inform your child's bus driver of your child's condition.

Students under 16 years of age who have parental permission are permitted to carry their own asthma medication with them at school. Students 16 years of age and older do not require parental permission.

Student Accident Forms

A Student Accident Insurance Package is being sent home for your consideration. The Rainbow District School Board encourages the purchase of this insurance. It costs very little and provides coverage for the entire calendar year. **The application form should be mailed directly to Reliable Insurance.**

Stand Up Against Bullying Day

September 13th has been declared “Stand Up Against Bullying Day.” All students are encouraged to wear a pink shirt that day. The idea of the pink shirt comes from a student from the East Coast who was bullied for wearing a pink shirt to school one day. In response, a group of students wore pink to show their support for their fellow student.

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Pizza, Subs, Milk and Hot Dogs

Order forms will be sent home this week for pizza, subs, milk and hot dogs. Pizza will be supplied by **Great Lakes Pizza** and the subs are from **Subway**. The orders are for October, November and December. We will need volunteers for the Hot Dog program to proceed. Please check off on the order form what dates you are available to help.

Visitors to the School

When visiting the school, please sign the visitor sign-in sheet inside the office. Please check with the secretary for assistance. Do not go directly to your child's classroom. Thank you for remaining in the office area to avoid congestion in our halls and respecting our safe schools policy.

Transportation

Parents/guardians are asked to call the Sudbury Student Services Consortium directly at (705) 521-1234 to make arrangements for any changes to school busing. Such changes would include changes of address, changes of sitter's address and alternate pick-up or drop-off. Please note that the Consortium will not make short term or temporary changes for pick-up and drop-offs during the school year. You may also choose to contact the Consortium by fax at (705) 521-1344 or by e-mail at trans@sssc.ca for service. Consortium staff are available from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday throughout the school year. We expect that this procedure will continue to enable us to make changes to busing arrangements more efficiently. For the first week, buses will take longer to get your child to and from school until the drivers are familiar with the stops and their runs.

Bus Safety

When riding the bus, remember to ...

- Follow the directions of the driver
- Keep hands, arms, head, etc., inside the bus at all times
- Refrain from creating a disturbance
- Use appropriate language
- Hold books, knapsacks, etc., on your lap
- Ensure that you do not disturb the driver
- Leave the windows alone unless authorized by the driver to open/close them

KEEP SAFETY IN MIND AT ALL TIMES

Attendance

Regular attendance is a requirement for success. Should your child be absent or late, please call the school before 8:30 a.m. and inform Mrs. Longchamps or leave a message on the answering machine stating the child's name, teacher and reason for absence. The school number is 705-566-3935. You may also choose to email the secretary at longchs@rainbowschools.ca. This will reduce the number of calls the secretary will need to make to verify the whereabouts of absent or late students. Arriving on time is also a life-long skill that students require. Should you require the support of our attendance counselor, do not hesitate to contact the school.

Character Traits

The Rainbow District School Board promotes character education in its schools. The 10 character traits are listed on the Board's website. The traits are: co-operation, courage, acceptance, resilience, courtesy, integrity, responsibility, empathy, honesty and respect. For the month of September, Nesbitt P.S. will focus on the trait of Respect.

Announcements, assemblies and classroom discussions will focus on the monthly trait and help our students to enhance their great characters.

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Terry Fox Run

On Thursday, September 27th, Carl A. Nesbitt P.S. will be celebrating the life and goals of Terry Fox by participating in the National School Run Day. Come out and join us! As we get closer to the date, a specific time will be sent out.

Student Information Update

Over the next few days, we will be sending home Student Verification Forms. Please check these over and if any of your personal information has changed over the summer (phone number, address, custody of children or person to call to pick up your child when you cannot), **please make the changes and send the form back to school.** If there are further changes throughout the school year, please contact the school office at 705-566-3935 or e-mail Mrs. Longchamps at longchs@rainbowschools.ca. Your assistance in maintaining accurate files is much appreciated.

Lunch Routines and Allergies

Parents and children are reminded that eating lunch at school is a privilege. If the rules are not adhered to, a student may lose this privilege, and the parent will have to make alternate arrangements for the child. We have a number of students at Nesbitt Public School who have life-threatening allergies to peanuts, nuts and/or nut products. Please keep our students safe by not sending peanuts/nuts or "may have come in contact with nuts" warnings on the label.

Help the Environment and Consider a Litterless Lunch!

We encourage students to think about the environment. One way to demonstrate our respect for the environment is an initiative to promote waste reduction through litterless lunches. This is achieved by sending food items in washable containers rather than individual

items with a great deal of packaging and waste. If you are able to so, please consider a litterless lunch for your child as much as possible!

Parent/Teacher Communication

Regular communication with your child's teacher is a valuable way to monitor your child's progress. We encourage you to check and sign your child's agenda on a daily basis to keep informed about homework and upcoming assignments. Should you wish to set up a time to speak with your child's teacher, please contact the school and set up a time that is mutually convenient.

School Council News

Our first School Council meeting will take place at Carl A. Nesbitt P.S. Thursday, September 20th at 5:30 p.m. in the staff room. At this meeting, elections will be held and our Council established for the 2018-2019 school year. Please make sure that you fill in the School Council Nomination form that will go home today and return it to the school as soon as possible if you are interested in serving on this advisory committee.

Use of the Internet and Electronic Devices

The internet and electronic devices have changed our world, offering unparalleled resources and associated challenges. As the technology has expanded, so have the implications related to the safety and privacy of students and staff.

Rainbow Schools remind students and parents/guardians that cell phones, digital cameras, personal digital and other electronic devices can be disruptive and must not be activated in class without the permission of school staff. If they are brought to school, they are to be kept in the lockers and will be confiscated if used in the

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classrooms, washrooms or on school grounds during the school day. A parent/guardian will then be required to pick the item up from the main office.

Electronic devices must not be used in a manner that violates the privacy or dignity of others. This includes the use of cell phones with cameras (and similar devices) in washrooms, change rooms, and any other areas where privacy prevails; taking photographs of a person or persons on school property and/or at school events without permission of the person or persons being photographed; and posting of photographs of a person or persons taken on school property and/or at school events without permission of the person or persons in the photograph.

Using the internet and electronic devices with care will ensure that the safety and privacy of students and staff remain first and foremost.

Safety

Nesbitt Public School students will be involved in routine fire drills and lockdown practices throughout the school year in order to ensure that safety procedures are in place. Please help us reassure your child that these are Rainbow District School Board routine safety drills and there is no need to be alarmed.

All school doors are locked from 8:35 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please use the front doors of the building to access the school. Press the buzzer and you will be admitted to the building by office staff. Thank you for reporting immediately to the office to sign our guest book!

Financial Considerations

If this is a time of economic hardship for your family, we understand. If the cost of school outings, field trips, etc., throughout the year is prohibitive, please let us know. We can help!

School Organization

Based on our current enrolment, we anticipate that our staffing will be as follows:

Gr. 3 – Lynn Laurin
Gr.3/4 – Renee Mitchell
Gr. 4 – Jennifer Deschenes
Gr. 5 – Kallee Forigo
Gr. 5 – Mike Stone
Gr. 6 – Heather Cranston
Gr. 6 – Sylvie Gareau-Jones
Gr. 7 – Chris Jarrett
Gr.7/8 – Sarah Bradd
Gr. 8 – Catherine Valiaho
Prep - Jenny Lavigne, Nicole Paradis
SERT - Mike Major

Principal: Jim Wachnuk
Vice-Principal : Brenda Carr
Secretary: Sue Longchamps

Field Trips and Permission Forms

Thank you for filling in the permission forms and returning them promptly to school when students leave the school for sporting and cultural events or other trips that enhance the students' understanding of the curriculum. Unfortunately, it is not feasible for students to call home just prior to leaving because they have forgotten their permission form. It is also a good lesson in responsibility—rarely does a student forget twice! We do require the Rainbow District School Board-approved form for insurance purposes. A note from a parent is not acceptable. Since these forms do accompany the students on the trip, we respectfully ask that you complete all the required information.

Electronic Mailing List

All future newsletters and updates will be sent electronically to everyone whose e-mail address is on file. However, if you need to have a hard copy, please contact Sue at 705-566-3935 or e-mail her at longchs@rainbowschools.ca

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Pick-up and Drop-off of Students

If you are dropping your child off at school in the morning, please be aware that there is **no supervision in the school yard prior to 8:20 a.m. Also, students should not be buzzing for admittance to the school. They should be on the school yard until the bell rings at 8:35.**

If you need to pick up your child prior to dismissal, please report to the main office. The secretary will call your child to the office. Please wait for your child in the hallway by the office. This will help the teacher get your child ready for dismissal while preserving instructional time for the rest of the class. If your child is dropped off in the morning, please make sure that he/she is dropped off on **Roy Street** in the front of the school. When picking up your child at the end of the day, please park your vehicle on **Leon Street** and walk through the school yard. The bus pick-up zone is on Roy Street and it is very congested.

Please do not pick up your child on Roy Street after school because the busses are parked there.

Be a Part of the Nitro Team!

Nesbitt welcomes volunteers to help with a variety of activities around the school. We are always looking for help in the library and the kitchen, as well as in the classroom, on a field trip or with a school club. If you are interested, you will require a criminal background check which will be kept on file in the office. Please contact the office if you are able to volunteer or would like to know more about getting involved.

School Day at Nesbitt

8:35: Bell rings, instructional day begins
10:35-10:55: Nutrition Break (Eating—Intermediates; Juniors—Outside)
10:55-11:15: Nutrition Break (Eating—Juniors; Intermediates—Outside)
12:45-1:05: Nutrition Break (Eating—Intermediates; Juniors—Outside)
1:05 -1:25: Nutrition Break (Eating—Juniors; Intermediates—Outside)
2:55: Bell rings to indicate dismissal from building.

Keep in Touch

Website:

www.rainbowschools.ca/elementary/ca_nesbitt

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