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## WELCOME BACK FOR September, 2008

### School Hours

8:50 - 9:00	Buses arrive	11:50 - 12:05	Lunch in Classrooms
9:05	Bell rings	12:05 - 12:50	Lunch recess
9:10	Morning classes begin	12:50	Afternoon classes begin
10:55	A.M. recess	3:20	P.M. recess

### 3:35 DISMISSAL

**NOTE:** As we are designated as an OFIP school by the Ministry of Education, we are required to have an uninterrupted Literacy Block of 120 minutes. In order to accommodate this, our afternoon recess is now at 3:20 p.m. We realize that this is an unusual recess time, but it is unavoidable in view of this Ministry of Education mandate.

Since recess is the last part of the day, please try to call any last minute home time transportation changes to the school office **BEFORE 3:00 p.m.**

### ADMINISTRATION

Principal	Gary Shultz
V/P/SST	David Coe

### TEACHING STAFF

Kindergarten M/W	Elaine Pedlar
Kindergarten T/T	Stacey Coleman
Grade 1	Kelly Pare
Grade 2	Jennifer Ramsay
Grade 2/3	Deborah Nevin
Grade 3	Sabrina Gifford
Grade 4	Nancy Rosser
Grade 4/5	Josh Siegart
Grade 5/6	Margaret Chung
Grade 6	Allison Gladu
Grade 7	Scott Pare
Grade 8	Scott Burnham
French Teacher	Nancy Broege
Planning Teacher	Susan Hoskin

### SUPPORT STAFF

Secretary	Linda Tuttle
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### EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS

E.A. Support	Tom Compton
Resource Centre	Vern Harris

### CUSTODIAL STAFF

Head Custodian	Burt Burns
Evening Caretaker	John Morrison

## **Forms, Forms, Forms**

A number of forms are being sent home to be completed and returned to the school:

### **Advance Absence Program:**

Please remember that it is the **Responsibility of the Parent/Guardian** to notify the school of student absence. We would appreciate a call if your child is going to be absent from school or is going to be late. We must have a **telephone call to the office or a written note** from parents/guardians in order to verify student absences. We cannot accept verbal notices from students. Students who are late must have a late slip before going to class. We realize that everyone is very busy and therefore may forget to call the school, We do have a 24 hour answering machine, so please leave a message at any time. Our telephone Number is **613 353-2868**. Thank you for your continuing co-operation.

### **Student Accident Forms:**

Please note that these are **NOT** returned to the school. They are to be sent directly to the insurance company.

### **School Year Calendar:**

We are also including a School Year Calendar for each family.

### **Hot Dog Volunteer Forms:**

Hot dog Volunteer forms are being sent out with this package. If you can help us, please send in the form to the office. Thanks for already signing up, Linda Bates, Pam Mills, Liz Strong, Mark Duke and Renee Veldman. Mrs. Vertegaal will be our Hot Dog Day co-ordinator again this year. Thanks, Mrs. V.

### **School Lunches:**

We will have hot lunches available throughout the school year. Information and order forms will be sent home to pre-order for the month. September and October forms are being sent out NOW. We know that it is short notice, but we will start with Hot Dogs on Friday, September 12. Special thanks to Karen Norman for volunteering to be our Hot Lunch Co-ordinator this year. Thanks for doing all the lunch order forms and all the tallying, Karen.

This year, we ask that **FAMILY LUNCH ORDERS & PAYMENTS** are sent in together to the office, not to classroom teachers. Thanks.

September Lunch Orders due back in by Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>  
October Lunch Orders due back in by Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

We again encourage students to bring nutritious snacks to school. Students will have an opportunity to eat the snacks inside. No snacks are allowed outside.

**MILK:** Sorry, but we will not have milk available this year. We do have a juice and bottled

water machine on the second floor.

**Please keep the office informed:**

Please see Mrs. Tuttle in the office to report any emergency information or any medical concerns regarding your child. We would appreciate address and telephone number updates also. DATA VERIFICATION FORMS will be sent home soon.

**Student Sign In and Sign Out:**

Please don't forget to stop in at the office and sign the binder, if your child is coming in late or going home early.

**Communication - Agenda Planners / Folders:**

Ongoing communication is very important. We will continue with our agenda planners and communication folders being sent home daily, with the students again this year. The agenda planners and folders will be used for homework assignments, school information, notes and upcoming events. Please take the time to review and discuss these with your children. Notes for the teacher should also be included in the planners and folders again this year. We welcome your support and comments. Together, we can support our children as they develop organizational skills and a sense of responsibility.

**Clothing / Footwear:**

Students are reminded to dress appropriately for school and for the weather. Clothing should be appropriate and demonstrate respect for self and others following the School Code of Behaviour. Dressing in layers is often best, as items can be taken off or added. Loose fitting clothing, t-shirts and shorts are good for gym. Indoor shoes are also required.

**School Visitor Sign in:**

We will continue the practice of having all visitors and parents check in at the office, upon arrival at school. The sign in binder is in the main office and visitor tags should be worn while in the school. The safety of our students is of great importance to us and we appreciate your support with this procedure

**School Bus Transportation:**

Many buses transport our students to school each day. If you have a question about busing, please contact the transportation department directly. If there is a student bus concern, it will be dealt with at the school. Bus transportation is a privilege and all students must follow safe bus practices and follow the School Code of Conduct while riding the bus. Students are asked to be at their bus stops early and wait well back from the road. During any inclement weather please listen to the local radio stations for bus cancellations.

**Student Drop off and Pick up:**

Our parking lot is a very busy area, before school and at the end of the day. To encourage a smooth traffic flow, we remind parents that the entrance to our parking lot, is at the south end, and the exit is at the north end. We need all traffic to follow this direction, as we have many buses entering and exiting daily. Students being driven should be dropped off at the SOUTH END for maximum safety reasons. Thank you for your assistance to help ensure a safe, daily traffic pattern.

### **School Supplies:**

We try to provide most of the necessary school supplies for the students. Some items like math sets, calculators, paper or folders may be needed for some classes as requested by the teachers. Many students enjoy bringing their own pencils, pens, erasers, markers and glue sticks to use at school. Additional resources may be needed throughout the year.

### **School Fundraising - Magazine Subscriptions:**

We are planning our annual fundraising initiative this fall to support experiential learning and school programs. We plan to sell magazine subscriptions (renewals of last year's and new magazine orders). More information will follow on this program which supports our literacy initiative here at Storrington P.S. This fundraiser will begin soon and more details will follow.

### **School Council:**

Parents have the opportunity to meet at regular School Council meetings to discuss relevant issues about education and the school community. Our School Council has been very active with a dedicated executive and many council members. Their contributions have supported the success of our children and the school. New members are always welcome to attend any of the meetings. The first School Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 10th** at 6:30 p.m. (FOLLOWING THE CORN ROAST) The notice and an agenda will be out soon. If you are interested in being elected to School Council please complete a nomination form or contact the school for details.

### **Volunteers:**

We are fortunate to have a large number of volunteers who assist in the classrooms, with School Council and throughout the school on a regular basis. Our volunteers spend many hours helping to support us and their energy and dedication are appreciated. If you are interested in being a volunteer please send a note with your child for delivery to the main office.

### **Pediculous (Head Lice):**

Just a reminder to please take a few moments to check your child's hair as we start back to school. Look closely at the scalp, the back of the neck, behind the ears and on the top of the head. If you discover nits or lice, which look like small grey fruit flies, you will need to shampoo your child with a special shampoo and pick out the nits. We have information on Pediculous at the school if needed. Thank you for your assistance.

### **Ontario Early Years Literacy Update - 'Making Routines Fun!'**

Routines make children feel physically and emotional healthy. Regular bedtimes and daily plans help children know what part of their day is predictable. Literacy activities can make routines more fun. Here are some ideas to try:

Settle children for bed with stories every night. You can read a story, use a made up story, or talk about a memory from the day. Use a consistent song as a signal for your child to tidy up, wash or get dressed. This allows a child the time to anticipate and prepare for the next activity. If your child has difficulty with certain routines, make a list of your expectations using words or pictures. Whether it speeds clothing choices, or ensures jobs are completed, creating a list can prompt a child's memory so that they feel more confident and independent. You can feel good about establishing routines with your child and your child can feel good about them too.

**Thank You To:**

Mrs. Harris for once again bringing the **Community in Bloom** award to our school for the lovely gardens.

Our great custodians, Burt Burns and John Morrison who have worked hard over the summer months cleaning our school.

Our secretary, Linda Tuttle for getting the office ready.

- All of the dedicated staff for preparing their classrooms and exciting activities.
- Our wonderful School Council for supporting our new initiative and programs

**SOME OTHER THINGS TO NOTE:**

**The Corn Roast** will be on Wednesday, September 10 from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.  
**School Council Meeting** will follow directly after.

**School Pictures** - Monday, September 22 and Tuesday, September 23. More details to follow. It is expected that ½ of the school will be done each day.

**Grade 7 Hep 'B' shots** will be Friday, September 26 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

**Terry Fox Run** will be Thursday, September 25 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

**A MESSAGE FROM THE PIANO TEACHER:**

Welcome back all piano and voice students. Lessons for the fall begin again on Monday, September 17. If you are interested in taking piano or voice lessons for the upcoming year, please call me at 613-544-5494.

Thank you.....Melina Demone

**Please note: Our guitar teacher, Annette will not be coming back next year.**

**A NOTE FROM RURAL VISIONS LICENSED HOME CHILD CARE:**

Welcome back!! We hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. Quality affordable licensed childcare is available in South Frontenac. Rural Visions is licensed to approve homes once health, safety and nutrition standards are met. Financial help is available for qualifying families through the City of Kingston.

If you are interested in enrolling your child or becoming licensed as a provider, please call 376-6477 or (800)763-9610 or e-mail [cfsc@personainternet.com](mailto:cfsc@personainternet.com).

**Have a great first week back to school !**

