



**Southern
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September 2023 – Parent Newsletter

WELCOME!

A warm welcome back to Southern Kings Consolidated. We hope you all have had a wonderful summer with family and friends.

We are excited to welcome our Kindergarten students, new students and staff to our school community! The connection between home and school is so important. We encourage all families to become involved with their son or daughter’s education and keep communication open. We will continue to work hard on building and maintaining positive relationships with our families and establishing effective and safe learning environments for our students.

Meet the Teacher!

Wed, Sept 13th at 6:00 pm. If students accompany their parents, they must stay with their parents.

Jimmy Morris
Principal

UPCOMING DATES:

<p>Sept 7 – First Day Back for Students Sept 11 – Picture Day Sept 11 – Dental Clinic Begins Sept 11 – PEI Healthy Lunch Program begins Sept 13 – Meet the Teacher @ 6:00pm Sept 18 – Home & School Lunch and breakfast programs begins</p>	<p>Sept 18 – HPV Needles for Gr 6 students Sept 25 – Home & School meeting at 6pm Sept 27 – Terry Fox run at school Sept 28 – Orange Shirt Day Sept 29 – Professional Learning Day (No Classes)</p>
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MEET OUR STAFF:

Principal & 8A HEALTH: Jimmy Morris
Vice Principal & French: Krista Gordon
Administrative Assistant: Afton Murphy

Guidance: Alex Kielly
Academic Resource: Hailey Batchilder
Behavior Resource & Foundations: Michelle MacDonald-Gordon

KA: April Spingle
KB: Laura Proctor
1A: Jennifer Richards
2A: Jordan Miller
3A: Tiffany MacLean
4A: Wayne Savage
5A MATH/LA, K-6 Music: Machaela Osowski
5A Humanities, Reachback: Tammy Cann
5Z/6Z: Matthew Campbell
6A: Jenna Revell
7A LA/EXP: Aimee Jenkins
7A SCI/SOC/HEALTH, 8A SCI/SOC, K-8 Phys Ed: Matthew Bell
8A Math/LA/EXP, 7A Math: Kendra Bell

EA's & YSW: Jodi Blackman, Justine MacLeod, Amy Gotell, Pam Clements, Melissa Sharkey, Taylor Myers, Carmel Campbell, Zoie Farish, Mary Rolston, and Susan Gormley.

Custodians: Sharon Gordon (day), Margaret MacLeod (evening)

Bus Drivers: Lorne MacDonald (404), James “Jimmy” Daley (30), Willie Murphy (31), Tracey Higginbotham (486), and Kenny MacFarlane (683).

ORDER OF THE DAY:

08:15 am – Student drop off begins	01:30 pm – Afternoon Classes Resume / Recess for Gr 7-8 (1:30-1:45pm)
08:20 am – Meet in Home Room Classrooms	02:25 pm – Students being picked up are dismissed to the parking lot
08:30 am – O Canada & Announcements, Morning Classes Begin	02:30 pm – Dismissal (Busses are loaded)
11:30 am – Noon Recess for Gr K-6 / Lunch for Gr 7-8	03:30 pm – Final Pick up of Students for any after-school activities
11:53 am – Lunch Break for Gr K-6 / Recess for Gr 7-8	
12:15 pm – Afternoon Classes Begin	
01:15 pm – Afternoon Recess for Gr K-6	

SKC HOME AND SCHOOL:

All parents/guardians are welcome! We encourage new membership, and it is never too late to join/attend meetings. Also, help with our lunch program is greatly appreciated. Our first meeting date will be Mon, Sept 25th @ 6pm in the school staff room.

Our current Home & School team:

President: Krista Bell-Sheppard

VP: Gena Miller

Secretary: Emily Norton

Treasurer: Ashley Higginbotham

A wrapping paper fundraiser will take place from October 23-Nov 6. Catalogues will be sent home with students when they arrive. All proceeds will go towards ongoing fundraising for school playground improvements and school expenses. The top selling class will get an ice cream party (date to be determined with the teacher).

HOME & SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM:

This is separate (and additional) from our PEI Healthy Lunch Program. Our school run program will be offered 5 days per week:

Mon: Northumberland Arena (Rink)
Tue: Totally Taco
Wed: Subway
Thu: Superstore
Fri: Greco

A detailed information sheet will be going home with students on the first day of school which will explain how to order online.

PEI HEALTHY LUNCH PROGRAM:

This will continue to be a pay what you can program. Ordering begins on Sept 2nd for meal delivery Sept 11-23. Deadline to order is Sept 7th at noon. Please visit: www.peischoolfood.ca for further information, ordering, and to view the new menu.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM – STARTS SEP 18TH:

We are very lucky to have a volunteer-led breakfast program that is free to all students. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Gena Miller at 902-206-0170. There is a private Facebook group for this program called “SKC BREAKFAST CLUB 😊” for the volunteers. A criminal record check must be provided. Monetary donations are welcomed and appreciated!

EMMA’S CUPBOARD:

Emma’s cupboard was established in 2011 in memory of Emma Leanne Crossman. Emma was a student at SKC who passed away in June 2011. The cupboard was started by her parents (Jud and Karen) in response to donations received at the time of her passing. Thanks to ongoing support, it has been thriving ever since.

This cupboard contains non-perishable (peanut-free) food items that are used if a child is hungry, does not have a lunch, or needs an extra snack. This is made possible with monetary

donations by community members. The cupboard is used daily. If you wish to donate at any time, please contact the school to arrange the drop-off. Currently, we can take cash or cheque.

FIRE AND LOCKDOWN DRILLS:

The school will have 4 fire drills before the middle of October to ensure familiarity with the process for all students. Parents will also be informed prior to a lockdown and/or evacuation drill in the Fall.

WATER BOTTLES:

Please be reminded to send a water bottle with your child each day. Fountains are no longer in use. We have bottle filling stations that students have access to.

DENTAL PREVENTATIVE CLINIC – STARTING SEPT 11TH:

Purpose of Dental Clinic: Screen children to assess risk of oral disease; provide oral health education, topical fluoride, scaling/polishing and sealants, according to your child's individual needs.

Screening: All children will be seen for a two-minute screening to determine their risk of oral disease. If you do not wish your child to have this dental screening, please notify the school secretary or classroom teacher.

Consent: After the screening, all children will be given a consent form which will be necessary for you to complete and return before services are provided.

Fees: There is no cost involved as the preventive services are covered by the School Dental Care Program.

Contact: If you have any questions about the program, please contact the dental staff at the School or the Dental Public Health Clinic in Charlottetown at 902-368-4918.

Further Information: Please note that only preventive services will be provided, and the screening is not a substitute for an annual dental examination. It is strongly recommended that parents take their children to a dentist for regular examinations and treatment. The Provincial Dental Care Program assists with the cost of basic dental care delivered in private and public dental offices. For more information, please visit <http://www.healthpei.ca/dentalhealth>

RECEPTION AND ITEM DROP OFFS:

When parents or guardians are dropping off students in the morning, please refrain from walking the child to the classroom. We ask that if parents and guardians come into the school, that they do not go past the lobby to help build independence in the child, and to lessen classroom interruptions.

If you are dropping something off to your child throughout the day, please check in with the office first. The admin assistant can call the child down to the office to meet you.

We appreciate your cooperation with this.

ALL VISITORS MUST REPORT TO THE OFFICE.

NEW FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE – COSPEI GOLD RUSH:

Southern Kings Consolidated School is excited to announce that we are joining the COSPEI Gold Rush. The COSPEI Gold rush is a collaborative fundraiser that is open to all schools on PEI. Proceeds will go towards school expenses, which can help with things like field trips, classroom supplies, etc.

We encourage you to click on this link (<https://cospei.goldrush.causable.io>) to create an account, choose to support "Southern Kings Consolidated School" and play. A \$5.00 play gets you 3 numbers. You can play up to \$20.00 (12 numbers) per account per week.

Once you are assigned your numbers, they are yours forever/until you choose to stop and are entered into every weekly draw. If you activate your numbers (pay \$5.00) you have a chance to win half of the pot; if you do not activate your numbers (do not pay \$5.00) and your number is drawn, you are a “nonwinner” and the pot rolls-over. To ensure you never miss a draw, click on the gray circular button to the left of your numbers and activate "AutoPlay". Draws take place every Thursday at 1:00.

You can further support the fundraiser by following and sharing the COSPEI Gold Rush Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100067977702130>) . Please encourage your friends/followers to support our fundraiser! Thanks for your support! Good luck!

PHYS ED UPDATES:

In the coming weeks, we will be sending out information regarding extracurricular activities that occur during the Fall.

We will be doing a school wide Terry Fox Run on Wed, Sept 27th. Fundraising info to come. Please come to gym class prepared with indoor sneakers (non-black marking), and proper athletic outdoor shoes for physical activities outside. Please be reminded that your child needs to dress appropriately for gym class on their designated gym day.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY ON SEPT 28TH:

This is an opportunity for us all to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for future generations. It is a day that raises awareness of the history of residential schools for Indigenous peoples' and that honors the thousands of survivors like Phyllis (Jack) Webstad. More info can be found here <http://www.orangeshirtday.org>. **No Classes on Oct 2nd.**

FORMS AND HOMEWORK BAGS:

Please check your child’s homework bags/backpacks in the evenings during the first week of school. **We will be sending home many important forms that need to be read, signed, completed, and returned to the teacher as soon as possible.** This information is critical in

helping us learn the best ways to reach you in the event of an emergency, or early school closure. We also need this information to learn about our students who have special needs, and allergies.

If there is ever a change to your child's pick-up/drop-off arrangements, you need to send a note to the teacher, or call the school. DO NOT SEND THESE CHANGES VIA FACEBOOK. Thank you for your cooperation with this!

WHEN NOTES AND CALLS ARE REQUIRED:

We require written notes/calls from parents for the following reasons; we appreciate your cooperation.

1. Absenteeism

Parents are required to notify the school by phone call in the morning if your child will be absent or late that day. Due to the way absences are recorded in Power school, we may need to ask for the reason of the absence (ex: sickness, appointment, etc.)

2. Remain indoors for recess

If you require your child to remain indoors for recess for a specific reason (injury, for example), please send a note to school.

3. Leaving school during school day or arriving late.

If your child needs to leave during the school day (for a dentist appointment, for example), please send a note to school with your child. If child will/will not be returning to school that day, please indicate. If you forget to send a note, please call the school first thing in the morning.

4. Change of bus transportation.

If there is a change in routine, please send a note to the teacher, and this will be sent to the office. The office will fill in a bus slip and inform drivers.

Aside from parent addresses, bus notes will continue to be limited to childcare destinations and emergency situations only. Unfortunately, we are not able to provide transportation for after-school activities or events (this includes play dates, sleepovers and birthday parties). This is an island wide, PSB directed request. If you have questions, please call the school office.

STAY INFORMED:

1. Newsletters & Monthly Calendars

This is the first parent newsletter of the school year. On the first day of each month, a new newsletter will be circulated. It will be posted to the school website and will also be emailed to one primary email address. A paper copy will be printed only for those that have communicated to the Admin/Teacher that you do not have an email address, or access to the Internet.

2. School Website:

<https://southernkings.edu.pe.ca/>

Our website will be used to post current newsletters, staff list information, daily announcements, school calendars, etc. The most current information regarding any school matters will be posted to the website.

3. School Facebook Group:

Feel free to add yourself to our Facebook group, called "Southern Kings Consolidated School". This private group is for immediate family members of current students only (students are not permitted access to this group). When you request to be added, the Admin, Principal, or VP will approve your request. **We would like to remind you that Facebook is NOT to be used to communicate bus change requests, pickup changes, or illnesses.** Commenting to most posts will be turned off. If you have any questions or concerns regarding any posts, please contact the school directly.

PARKING LOT - DROPPING OFF STUDENTS:

Please notice that the buses will line up to drop off students. We ask that parents drop off students in the drop off lane, let their child out, and let them walk into the school. This will help end traffic entering areas where students are walking into/out of the school. We will have cones placed in the parking lot during the first week of school, and a teacher will be outside to guide walking students.

Please do not drop off students before 8:15 am, as they will not be supervised. Students who are dropped off after 8:15 am will remain in the lobby until the 8:20 bell rings.

MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL:

If your child requires a staff member's assistance to administer medication at school (puffer, antibiotics, etc.), you must notify the teacher to request a form to be completed and signed by the parent, BEFORE the staff member is allowed to assist.

Staff are not permitted to give medicines like Tylenol, Advil, itching cream, or allergy pills to students. These are not items kept at the school for dispersment. If your child is in need of these types of medicines throughout the school day, they can call home to request some, or they can keep a small dose in their backpack provided the student is capable of knowing how much to take, and when to take it without assistance. Due to potential risk, we kindly ask that you do not send full bottles of Advil or Tylenol to school with your child, in the event they are lost or taken. We appreciate your understanding with this. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

This is going to be a wonderful school year!

Next parent newsletter will be circulated via email and posted to the school website during the first week of every month.