

SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are an extension of the school program. In all cases, home will be notified in advance and a signed permission form may be requested. To earn the privilege of going out of the classroom, a student must:

- Follow consistently the RRDSB Code of Conduct;
- Keep daily school work up to date and at a level of performance consistent with the pupil's ability.

A teacher may, in consultation with administration, exclude a pupil from an activity if his/her behaviour and classroom work are not acceptable.

BUSSING

The school bus is considered to be an extension of the school, and the "Code of Conduct" applies to students who ride the bus. *While on or waiting for the bus, students must act in a responsible manner and follow all directions given by the driver. The bus driver will inform the principal of misbehaviour.* Bussing arrangements made at the beginning of the school year **cannot** be changed on a day to day basis. Please notify the school of any essential changes at least one week prior to the change. Children will not be bussed out of the school area.

APPROPRIATE DRESS (See poster)

Students are expected to conform to a reasonable dress code appropriate to a school environment. School dress should not jeopardize the health and safety of anyone in the school. Clothing which: advertises alcohol; tobacco; drugs; has a sexual reference or is overly revealing of underwear or body parts and areas which are often classified as "private"; or offensive in any way, is not allowed. Students are to dress appropriately for weather conditions.

SCHOOL DEVICES/DESKS

Students are expected to follow all user agreements (PED) for all school computers and devices. Desks, bins and devices are school property and subject to search at any time. Please refer to RRDSB Policy 2.64 for more information on Digital Citizenship.

HEAD LICE (PEDICULOSIS) PROTOCOL

When eggs are found, you need to check again for lice and work to completely remove all eggs (dark and light coloured) as fast as possible. Head lice products do not kill all eggs. Some will hatch, and your child will continue to spread head lice to others. That is why product directions say a second treatment is needed 7—10 days after the first. Use your fine tooth comb to remove the eggs.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Councils are advisory bodies to the school principal and, where appropriate, to the School Board. Elected positions form a small portion of the Council. Meetings are held on a regular basis with date and time advised through a newsletter. Everyone is encouraged to attend to keep up to date with their children's education.

SCHOOL STAFF

Principal	Donna Kowalski
Secretary	Diana Krukoski
Kindergarten-Grade 2	Ron Cameron
Grade 3-8	Lucas Koomans
Educational Assistant	Emma Darvill
Communication Assistant	Diana Krukoski
Librarian	Diana Krukoski
Caretaker	Debbie Moate



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SCHOOL HOURS

School Starts	8:25 am
First Nutrition Break	10:05 am - 10:50 am
Second Nutrition Break	12:30 pm - 1:15 pm
Dismissal	2:55 pm

Nestor Falls School STUDENT & PARENT HANDBOOK

Nestor Falls, Ontario P0X1K0
Phone: 484-2101
Fax: 484-2222 | www.nfs.rrdsb.com



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

First Day of School	September 4
Open House	September 26
Terry Fox	September 26
Orange Shirt Day	September 30
PD Day	September 30
Picture Day	September 27
Thanksgiving Day	October 14
PD Day	October 21
Remembrance Day Assembly	November 11
Progress Reports Sent Home	November 13
Parent Teacher Interviews	November 14
PD Day	November 22
Christmas Concert	December 19
Christmas Break	Dec 23 -Jan 3, 2020
Family Literacy Day	January 27
PD Day	January 31
Family Day Holiday	February 17
Term 1 Reports Sent Home	February 19
March Break	March 16-20
International Day of Pink	April 8
Good Friday	April 10
Easter Monday	April 13
PD Day	April 24
Education Week	May 4-8
Victoria Day	May 18
EQAO	May 19—June 1
PD Day	June 12
Last Day/Term 2 Reports Sent Home	June 26

ALLERGIES & SAFETY

Please contact Nestor Falls School if your child has any allergies.

484-2101

BEFORE SCHOOL ARRIVAL AND AFTER SCHOOL DEPARTURE

Thank you to all parents and caregivers of students who are walking or using personal transportation (cars, bicycles, etc.) for ensuring that children are arriving no earlier than 8:20 am and departing no later than 2:55 pm.

NUTRITION BREAKS

Students enjoy a break from the morning and afternoon routines during which time they can get some fresh air and enjoy unstructured time with their friends. All of us are better able to work after a short break and a healthy snack.

Students who return after a brief illness also benefit from outdoor activity. Fresh air and exercise are not detrimental to individuals recovering from the flu or a cold, especially when a student is properly dressed for the weather. Exceptions to this practice will be made in very special cases (i.e., a child recovering from a physical injury), but we do expect our students to participate in outdoor breaks. During inclement or extremely cold conditions, we will conduct indoor recesses.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

Academically, students are expected to achieve the expectations identified at each grade level by the Ontario Curriculum. Modifications and accommodations will be made to support those students who demonstrate difficulty in meeting grade level expectations. Students are expected to follow the Classroom Discipline Plan. A copy of this plan is available from the classroom teacher. The RRDSB Code of Conduct outlines school expectations and consequences for inappropriate behavior.

SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT

The RRDSB Code of Conduct is attached to the Student/Parent Handbook. Please review the Code of Conduct with your child(ren).

I'M HERE CAMPAIGN

The "HERE" campaign provides resources to schools to build awareness among all stakeholders about the importance of regular school attendance:

- For students, "I'M HERE" means they are present. They are "here" physically and mentally.
- For parents, "I'M HERE" means they are ready to assist and encourage their children.
- For teachers and staff, "I'M HERE" tells us that there are dependable, concerned, and caring adults ready to help students achieve to their full potential.
- For community, "I'M HERE" demonstrates that organizations support the children in their District.



STUDENT USE OF SCHOOL TELEPHONES

Students will be allowed to use the telephone for unexpected school situations or an illness that requires communication with a parent. **Requests to use the telephone for social activities will not be permitted.**

SIGN IN / SIGN OUT

Students leaving the school before the regular dismissal times must be signed out at the office by a parent/guardian before leaving. A note, a phone call or a personal visit to the school office is required to provide the reason for the early dismissal and the length of absence. Students returning from appointments, as well as those who are late, must be signed in at the office.

RESPECT FOR PROPERTY

The cost of maintaining school buildings and supplies is assumed by the taxpayer. Any additional costs created by deliberate acts of vandalism are, if the guilty person is undetected, also assumed by the taxpayer. School custodians are hired to maintain the school building, to keep it in good repair, and to keep it clean.

Students are expected to keep the school free from littering, to report incidents of vandalism and to remove graffiti and litter whenever possible. Food and beverages must be consumed in designated areas. Smoking/vaping is not allowed on School Board premises.

STRENGTH-BASED RESTORATIVE PRACTICES

Staff at Nestor Falls School will utilize a "Strength-Based" approach to supporting students and working through challenges that occur in the classroom or school yard. It is understood that students will make mistakes and these are opportunities for learning and growth. A restorative approach with a focus on repairing relationships and making things "right" will be the first priority in the process.

NEWSLETTERS

As part of ongoing communication with parents/guardians to support students in their academic and social growth, school Newsletters will be sent home during the first week of the month. Classroom teachers will use newsletters, email lists or other forms of regular communication. School newsletters and other information will be posted on the school website <http://nfs.rrdsb.com>. Parents or guardians are encouraged to contact the classroom teacher if they have questions or concerns.



This publication is available in accessible formats upon request.

HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS

Classroom time is allotted for the completion of assignments. Homework is seldom necessary for a student. If homework is assigned, it will be for one of the following reasons:

- The assignment was not completed in the time period allotted in class;
- The assignment was missed due to absence;
- The work is assigned for practice, review or for test preparation.

Older students may be required to complete independent or group assignments as part of their program. Some time may be required out of school to complete this work.

ILLNESS/MEDICATION

When a student becomes ill at school, the office will contact the parent/guardian or emergency designate and request that the student be picked up. Please make sure the school has all current information regarding telephone numbers, emergency contact, etc. We must have an emergency contact!

Board policy does not permit school personnel to administer any medication without proper authorization. **Medication forms providing the required authorization and information are necessary to ensure proper use of the prescribed medication and are available from the school office.** All medication is to be stored at, and administered through, the school office.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

All students are expected to arrive at and leave school punctually and regularly. Late arrival and early departures upset their learning and the learning of the other students in the class. Regular absences have a direct impact on literacy and math development, and overall academic growth. Research studies have shown that students in kindergarten to grade eight with a pattern of school absences are less likely to graduate high school.

Parents will be contacted if their children are arriving late too often or missing too many days. Should the absences begin to jeopardize growth, the Attendance Councilor will be notified.

SAFE ARRIVALS PROGRAM

In the interest of student safety and effective programming, it is important that student absences are accounted for in all schools of the Rainy River District School Board. If a student is to be late or absent, parents/guardians must call the school and leave a message on the school telephone voicemail system stating their name, the child's full name, grade, and reason for not attending school. **Please call 484-2101.**

If the school has not been notified that the student will be absent from school, the school will call and check on daily student absences. Notes are requested for lates or absenteeism, for early dismissal, for an appointment, or for permission to be picked up by someone other than parent/guardian. Identification may be requested. Your cooperation is much appreciated.