

# Frank L. Bowser School

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Dear Parents,

September, 2023

Welcome to the 2023/2024 school year at Frank L. Bowser School!

We would like you to join us in welcoming the following new members of the Frank L. Bowser School staff. We would also like to inform you of some changes in teaching positions for the beginning of this school year:

- We would like to welcome Sam Drummond to our teacher team, Mr. Drummond will be team teaching our Grade 2 English class with Miss Emma Delaney. Sam also has a Physical Education component to his teaching assignment.
- Ellen Pooley is with us again this year and will be teaching our Grade 4 English class.
- Lexi Forsythe joined us last year in January and will continue in her role as a Grade 1 Immersion teacher with a Physical Education component to her assignment.
- Emma Delaney will be joining us in a shared Grade 2 English role as well as many of our Art classes and a few of our Music classes.
- Holly Rossiter has moved to Grade 1 English Language Program.
- Jennifer Samuel will be joining us after a year away. Madame Samuel will be teaching Grade 3 Immersion
- Danielle Short is with us again this year and will be teaching a Grade 3/4 Immersion class.
- Madame Anderson, formerly known as Madame Fielding, will be teaching Grade 2 Immersion this year.
- Madame Proulx has moved to Grade 1 Immersion.
- Madame Groulx has moved to Grade 5 Immersion.
- Finally, we are thrilled to welcome Madame Ferguson back to her Grade 5 Intensive French role after a year leave.



Please join me in welcoming these new members to our Frank L. Bowser Staff. You will have a chance to meet these new teachers along with the rest of the staff at our **Meet the Teacher Night** on **Thursday September 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 pm**. The evening will begin in the gymnasium where introductions will be made. At 6:30pm, parents will proceed to the information sessions with the teachers in individual classrooms.

The first session will be from 6:30pm to 6:50 pm and for those of you who have more than one child, the repeat session will be from at 6:50 until 7:20. Please note that these are not individual parent-teacher conferences but presentations on classroom routines, expectations, and curriculum. Plan to attend!

**Home and School memberships** will be available for purchase at the front entrance of the school. We accept cash and no longer take cheques.

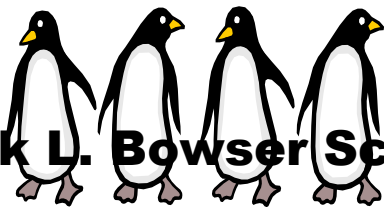
Milk will be available to purchase with milk tickets starting **Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup>**. For your convenience, you can purchase milk tickets, Home and School memberships, and pay school fees using School Cash online service through the Anglophone East District website.

Breakfast club will be available to all students on **Monday September 11<sup>th</sup>**.

Please note: All school forms are now completed through **school cash online only**.

**The FLB Home and School Association** welcomes back our President Katie Archibald. We are so fortunate to have such a caring, dynamic, and creative Home and School Association, please consider joining this wonderful group of parents.

We are planning another event-filled year to contribute to a positive family-oriented learning environment. Be on the look-out for the volunteer forms. Consider getting involved! Our first Home and School public meeting will be announced in the near future. In the event that there are any open positions on the **Parent School Support Committee, the PSSC elections** will be held in conjunction with Meet the Teacher night on September 21st. Please consider this worthwhile venue to get involved in your child's school. The committee discusses and makes recommendations on broad educational issues relating to school performance, goals for improvement, family and community involvement, and creating an inviting school climate. Home and School membership costs are \$7 for a single membership or \$10 for a family membership. **Further information and nomination forms can be obtained by phoning the school office at 856-3450.**



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**Allergies-** We continue to have students and staff with nut and latex allergies as well as some classroom specific situations. Your child’s teacher will communicate those to you. We appreciate your cooperation by sending only peanut-free foods to school with your child and by respecting the individual situations as informed. In addition, we request that you and your family refrain from wearing scented products for the comfort and health of our scent-sensitive children and staff.



**Dogs-** After more than one incident last school year, we are asking that no dogs enter the school property during pick up or drop off times. This is very hard for school staff to enforce while their primary focus is on the safety and wellbeing of our students. Please do not bring your pooch to school as we have several students who feel uncomfortable around our four-legged friends.

**Visitors/volunteers-** Please remember to stop by the office to pick up a visitor or a volunteer badge if you enter the building for any reason during the school day. We are committed to maintaining a focused learning environment during class time therefore we request that interruptions to learning time be kept at an absolute minimum. If your child has forgotten a lunch, jacket, etc. please contact the office and drop it off in the bin outside the main doors, we will ensure that s/he receives it.

**Communication-** Our school website along with email and Talk Mail are our primary means of communication with parents. School Profile sheets will be sent home next week to update student information. We encourage you all to visit our website at [www.flb.nbed.nb.ca](http://www.flb.nbed.nb.ca) to stay current with news, events, advisories, and relevant documents. If you require a paper copy of our school correspondence, please send a note to your child’s teacher.

**Drop off and pick up-** Students should only be dropped off at the Kiss and Drop loop off Pine Glen Rd between 7:50 and 8:10a.m. Staff members are available to assist children as needed. **Please remain in your vehicle.** Children should only exit on the right side and on to the sidewalk. This ensures everyone’s safety and prevents a back-up of traffic waiting to pull into the lane. **There is no passing in the Kiss and Drop loops.** Please remind your child to proceed directly to the playground. If you need to park when dropping off or picking up your child please use the side streets or the Masonic Hall parking lot and cross the street with the crossing guard on Cleveland Ave. **The St. Paul’s Church parking lot is not available for drop-off or school parking; please respect this restriction.** We want to remain good neighbours.



**Home time pick up -**When meeting your child at 1:30 dismissal, we ask you to wait at a distance from the school (close to the Play Park is good) until the bell rings. Our grade 3-5 students find that the view through the windows is very distracting at the end of the K-2 day



**Important Dates to note:**

The full school year calendar can be found at:  
<https://asdeast.nbed.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2022/08/District-Calendar.pdf>

- **Sept 4<sup>th</sup>** - Labour Day NO SCHOOL
- **Sept 5<sup>th</sup>** - First day for students
- **Sept 5<sup>th</sup>** - Milk sales start
- **Sept 12<sup>th</sup>** - Breakfast Club starts.
- **Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>** - Meet the Teacher Night **6pm**

Please join the staff of Frank L. Bowser School in wishing your child/children a happy and successful year!

***Remember to keep our school peanut/latex-free and scent-free for the safety and comfort of our students and staff***

Respectfully yours,  
Jonathan Godbout  
Principal

Lisa Cormier  
Vice Principal

Frank L. Bowser Mission Statement:  
***“Working together with mutual respect to achieve our personal best***