

# JHM NEWS September 2019



## 2019-20 REGISTRATION FORMS

were sent home this week. Please update these forms with any changes (particularly your contact information, emergency contacts, email, self-declaration, and permissions for technology).

Accurate and current contact information is important since most communication from the school and division is sent out in email and/or text.

Like many divisions in the province, the Northwest School Division is currently implementing a new information system (MySchoolSask). We appreciate all of you taking that extra time to complete these. Remember to check all four sides of the form ☺

## STUDENT DROP OFF/PICK UP

Families bringing their children to school by vehicle are asked to drop off at the sidewalk so that children are not crossing the street to get to the school. Think safety! Please do not drop off your children from the west side of the street.



Please do not park or idle in the BLUE ZONE.

The parking lot and bus lane are for staff and school division vehicles only. These lanes are closed to all other traffic to keep our students safe. Please remind family and friends who drop off and pick up your children.



Welcome to JH Moore Elementary School! We are recharged and ready for another exciting year of learning and adventure!

I am delighted to welcome you back to our amazing learning community. We value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education, and look forward to working with you and your children. All signs point to another fantastic school year!

Mrs. Farrell and her crew spent the summer thoroughly cleaning our old building - making it look and smell fresh and new.

Teachers have created welcoming classroom learning spaces that reflect their love of teaching and consider the strengths, needs and interests of their students. You will see classrooms organized to support whole class, small group and individual learning.

We are welcoming several new teachers to the JHM team this year. Ms. Verlinde is joining us after teaching the past few years in Glaslyn and Paradise Hill and Ms. Foreman is closer to home after spending a few years teaching in England. Miss Barrault is back after completing her internship with us last spring. Ms. Atkinson is a familiar face in a new role this year as our grade 3/4 homeroom teacher. All four have brought their energy, enthusiasm and knowledge to compliment an already talented team.

Staff participated in professional development this August, including a day for teachers at convention in Maidstone, professional development for our EA's with the division's Student Support Services team, and a few days here at the school developing our Learning Improvement Plans for the coming school year. We've planned and prepared for your children, ordered needed supplies, registered new students, sorted through resources, developed materials, updated files and are anticipating an exciting year ahead. We are indeed a joyous and caring community with the common goal of nurturing responsible, caring students and promoting high-level learning.

Thoughtful consideration has gone into the process of student placement for the 2019-2020 school year. These groupings are always based on your child's interests, abilities, and areas of strength in both academic and social aspects of school. In this process we consider learning style, leadership qualities, behaviour, social-emotional needs and peer relationships. A team that includes administrators and the teachers who know your children make the decision collaboratively. Classrooms have been balanced academically and socially. Our class lists are structured to provide equitable class sizes at each grade level. Moving students is difficult without causing imbalances and inequities.

Thank you for being positive with your child and helping him or her understand that it is impossible to place all students with a preferred best friend or teacher. All of our staff work hard to make school a positive experience for our students. Remember that it can take a few weeks for a child to adjust to a new grade, peer group and teacher.

Communicating with families is a priority for us. Our school and classrooms use newsletters, calendars, student agendas, social media, and other creative ways to inform families of upcoming events.

Like our Facebook Page and check out our school's website for calendars, messages, pictures of all of us in action, examples of student work, and a few surprises that we know you will enjoy. Our teachers and librarian are also using their own pages to keep you informed and entertained. You will find the links to these pages from our school division website <http://www.nwsd.ca>.

If you have any questions, wonders or concerns please feel free to ask your child's teacher or contact the main office (306.285.3200). You may also contact staff through their school division email address. All addresses follow the format [firstname.lastname@nwsd.ca](mailto:firstname.lastname@nwsd.ca). School inquiries can also be sent to our school email address [jhm.school@nwsd.ca](mailto:jhm.school@nwsd.ca). or contact me at [susan.plant@nwsd.ca](mailto:susan.plant@nwsd.ca).

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement. We are proud of our role in the lives of your children and in the community. We are looking forward to the coming school year!

Yours in education,  
Susan Plant



# JHM School Fundraiser

Check your child's backpack for more information regarding our school fundraiser through Old Dutch. We will once again be selling Halloween Potato Chip Packs so hold off on buying your Halloween candy. We have a way for you to get your treat supplies for October 31<sup>st</sup> and support the school!



## SCHOOL SUPPLIES / FEES

We ask that families provide good quality athletic shoes with non-marking soles, a good quality backpack, lunch kit (including a thermos for hot foods) and water bottle.

A School Supplies/Activities Fee of \$80 per student covers all other school supplies and extra-curricular, special guest and/or event costs. Full payment is due SEPTEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>, but arrangements to pay in 3 instalments (Sept/Nov/Jan) can be made by contacting the office.

Last year, a cost analysis was presented to the SCC to show that, for most grade levels, the amount you would pay in stores is more than the price the school is able to secure through our bulk ordering. We buy high quality pencils and erasers, pens, highlighters, art supplies, notebooks and binders and save you from the crowds at the stores.



Pay for student items online

Please be sure to have any outstanding fees from the 2018-19 school year cleared up before Fri, September 7<sup>th</sup>

School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for all your child's school fees. After registering an account you can make secure payments with various payment methods for all your children's fees, hot lunches, and milk cards. Register at <https://nwsd.schoolcashonline.com> or from the school website.

## VISITING THE SCHOOL

Visitors are always welcome! We recognize their important contributions to the life and work of the school.

We know that having our families involved in our school community is an important factor in developing confidence and increasing achievement for our students. Our responsibility is the safety and well being of our students and staff, so we ask that you observe these updated guidelines:

- All visitors, guests and volunteers (including family members), must use the Main Entrance at arrival. Please do not enter the school via any other entrance.
- We require that you sign in to our Visitors' Record Book, read through the information about emergency evacuation procedures, and wear a 'Lobo Pup Guest Pass Lanyard' during your stay.
- At departure, visitors should also leave using the Main Office Entrance. Please be sure to enter your departure time in the Visitors Record Book and return the Guest Pass Lanyard.

We look forward to seeing you!

WELCOME  
we are  
OPEN  
COME ON IN

One of our Grade Three students has a severe food allergy to peanuts and tree nuts (cashews, pecans, pistachios, walnuts). Because his allergy can be life threatening he carries an Epi-Pen at all times.

We need your help creating a nut-aware environment at our school. The allergy can be triggered by directly eating or coming into contact with peanuts and tree nuts, and also through cross-contamination. Since even small amounts can cause a reaction, keeping it out of his classroom is our best method of preventing a serious reaction at school. We ask that all our JHM families avoid sending snacks, lunches and treats that contain peanuts or tree nuts. If your child does bring a food to school containing these products, please ask him or her to let their teacher know.

This is a learning process for all of us, but we trust that you understand how important these guidelines are. If throughout the course of the year you have any questions or concerns about food-allergy-related issues, please do not hesitate to contact the school.



## JHM Terry Fox Walk Friday, Sept 20<sup>th</sup>

*Right after the September School Assembly*  
Please send a 'Toonie for Terry'

We will ensure all contributions are donated  
to the Terry Fox Foundation on behalf of the school.



In order to comply with School Fire Safety Codes recently updated by the province, a directive from the Ministry of Education means that we are no longer allowed storing and using microwaves in classrooms and hallways in Saskatchewan schools.

**Milk Card  
20 for \$25**



Chocolate or white

**2019-20  
Yearbook  
orders taken  
Spring 2020**

**School Picture Day  
October 4<sup>th</sup>**



**Retakes - Nov 5<sup>th</sup>**

Commercial grade microwaves are the only approved ovens allowed in schools and their cost is beyond a budget that would be an option for the school to provide access for students in the time assigned for lunch.

Based on this directive, all NWS D schools are no longer able to offer microwave ovens for warming lunches. We regret the inconvenience this may cause JHM families. Please do not send lunches to school that require heating (including pre-packaged soups that require hot water to cook or soften noodles)

Heating food at home and sending it in a Thermos is a possible solution. We will also be expanding our hot lunch program to try and help with this new reality. If you are interested in volunteering with hot lunch/salad bar prep please contact the school.

**J.H. Moore Annual FALL FAIR**  
**Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**

**OPEN TO PUBLIC @ 2 PM**  
**SCC BBQ STARTS @ 4:30 PM**

