



<p><b>Looking ahead....</b>  <b>September</b>  <b>6th</b> - Labour Day no school  <b>15th</b> - NJ Open House  <b>16th</b> - Grade 1 Berry Camp  <b>20th</b> - Picture Day  <b>21st</b> - NJ PAC meeting 7 p.m. in the staff room  <b>22nd</b> - Terry Fox Walk  <b>30th</b> - Orange Shirt Day</p> <p>* This month, the Grade 1 students will attend our Aboriginal Language &amp; Culture camp based on Berries. The Grade 2s will attend the ALC camp on Birds</p>	<p>Welcome back!</p> <p>I hope everyone enjoyed a terrific summer break. There are sure to be many wonderful stories to share over the next few days. Over the summer the front of our school received a lovely make over with some flower beds and new concrete walkways. Please take a moment to notice where the walkways are located as we want to ensure all of our visitors are safe when crossing the driveway. With many hours of hard work, Ms. Betty and Ms. Evica have made our school look amazing on the inside once again.</p> <p>Our staff spent five days together working on Literacy, Numeracy and Aboriginal Education. We were very fortunate to have Dr. Leyton Schnellert and Ms. Carole Fullerton return to work with us to plan for student success. We were inspired by the words of Dr. Tracey Lindberg, author of award winning and national bestseller, "Birdie" at NACC then finished off our week of learning out at the Yellowknife River with a feeding of the fire celebration and stories of the people told by Fred Sangris. The days together energized us and set the stage for a great start to the year.</p>
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**Please welcome the NJ teaching staff for 2016-17!!**

Kindergarten - Ms. Bezanson  
 Grade 1 - Ms. Booker  
 Grade 2 - Ms. Atagan-Okpalugo  
 Grade 1/2 - Ms. Moran  
 Grade 3 - Ms. Lee  
 Grade 3/4 - Ms. Therrien  
 Grade 4 - Ms. Kelly-Hooper  
 Grade 5 - Mr. Elms  
 Grade 5 - Ms. Wong  
 Montessori Kindergarten - Ms. Switzer  
 Montessori LEM - Ms. Delisle  
 Montessori LEM - Ms. Eby  
 Montessori UEM - Ms. Heldman  
 Fine Arts & Music - Mr. Daly  
 PE - Mr. Caines  
 Core French - Ms. Frosst  
 School Counsellor - Ms. Bowden



**NJ Parent Advisory Committee = PAC**

Each month, the NJ PAC meets at the school at 7 p.m.. We invite and encourage parental involvement and this is a great opportunity. The PAC is an important part of our school success. There will be opportunities for volunteering and taking part in some fun, social events throughout the year. Watch for meeting dates on our calendar on our website. Please join us!

□ Be Respectful □ Be Responsible □ Build Relationships



### Join us! NJ's Open House

NJ's Annual Open House will be held Thursday, September 15th from 6:30-7:30. This year, we are going to begin with an assembly in the Gym for introductions, then parents and guardians will be invited to join their child(dren)'s teacher for a brief information session while the children remain in the gym with supervision. At 7:00, we invite the children and families to tour the school, meet the staff and ask questions.

If you are unable to make the Open House, teachers will be sending home an information letter. We are looking forward to seeing everyone out!

### Toonies for Terry!

Starting next week, students and staff are invited to bring in a Toonie that will be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation on behalf of NJ Macpherson School. The school walk will take place on Thursday, September 22nd, a little before the official walk. Everyone is welcome to join! We will leave the school at 11:00.



### Orange Shirt Day

Our first Spirit Day will be Friday, September 30th and it will coincide with National Orange Shirt Day. Orange Shirt Day is held in recognition of children who attended residential schools across the North and Canada. Part of our Social Studies Curriculum is to learn about the history of our area. Students will be read age appropriate books that talk about residential schools. On the 30th, we invite students and staff to wear an orange t-shirt, socks, sweater - hair tie! Something orange to acknowledge this period in our history.

Some of the terrific books we will read include: "We Feel Good Out Here" by Julie-Ann Andre & Mindy Willett, "Arctic Stories", by Michael Kusugak, "Not My Girl", and "When I Was Eight", by Christy Jordan-Fenton & Margaret Pokiak-Fenton.

### Did you know??

You can contact your child's teacher through email or by calling the school? Staff emails all follow the same format; [firstname.lastname@yk1.nt.ca](mailto:firstname.lastname@yk1.nt.ca). You can also subscribe to our website, [www.njm.yk1.nt.ca](http://www.njm.yk1.nt.ca) by clicking the "Subscribe" button. Our monthly newsletter can be found there, as well as our calendar.

NJ encourages students and families to be safe and healthy. We do have very serious food allergies, such as peanuts. We ask that peanuts not be part of your child's lunch in any form. If your child has allergies, please remember to let their teacher and the office know!

We have supervision on the playground and in the bus area every day, starting at 8:15. Children are welcome to enjoy the playground and their friends until the 8:30 bell when they will be asked to enter, with their class, at their respective doors.

We ask that students who arrive after the 8:30 bell to check in at the office for a Welcome slip. This way, we ensure they have arrived safely if the class attendance has already been completed. Parents please call the school to advise us if your child will be away from school. If a student is marked absent, with no notice from home, we will contact home to ensure the student is safe and sound.

A strong parent-school partnership increases the positive experience children have in school. You can get involved! Visit our website or come in to the office to pick up the forms to get a driver's abstract that will allow you to volunteer as a driver for your child's class during field trips. Return the completed forms and we will submit them on your behalf. To have a criminal record check done, simply stop at the RCMP office. Please remember these forms do take time to be processed so if you would like to volunteer, please submit them as soon as possible. Both a driver's abstract and criminal record check must be done annually. Thank you!

# SMILE!!

Tuesday, September 20th is Picture Day at NJ!

This year we will be using a 'proof' system and more information will be coming home closer to the date.



Much of our time as parents, teachers, caregivers or other service providers is spent giving directions to others, and conflicts can arise when others do not do what we want them to do. "Ask, don't Tell" is a powerful strategy that can change the nature of our interactions with others. When we ask questions instead of issuing commands, the brain slows down, the person is more apt to self-reflect and more empowered to take their own action instead of simply being told what to do. When asking questions, be very mindful of your tone of voice and body language as these convey 90% of your message.

Here are 20 questions you can choose from next time you are about to give a direction:

1. What do you want?
2. What do you need?
3. How can I help you...?
4. What is your job right now?
5. How would you like it to be?
6. What are you doing?
7. Is what you are doing helping you get what you want?
8. How can you solve this yourself?
9. What's the Rule?
10. What did we agree to?
11. What do we believe about how we treat each other?
12. When will you be ready to start? help? finish? How long would be helpful?
13. Are you being your best self right now?
14. What kind of person do you want to be?
15. How can you be helpful instead of hurtful right now?
16. Is what you are doing helping or hurting this situation?
17. What can you do or think differently to help yourself/us?
18. What would it look/sound/feel like if things were better?
19. What would a best friend say to you to be helpful?
20. Why is this important to you?

September						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		30	31	1	2 2:20 Feeding The Fire	3
4	5 Labour Day No School	6 Staff mtg.	7	8	9	10
11	12 Grade 1 ALC - Plants & Berries (Grade 1s from Moran & Eby)	13	14	15 NJ Open House 6:30-7:30	16 Grade 1 ALC - Plants & Berries (Grade 1s from Delisle & Booker)	17
18	19	20 NJ Picture Day!	21 PAC meeting 7:00	22 Terry Fox Walk 11:00	23 Grade 2 ALC - Bird camp - grade 2s from Moran, Delisle & Atagan-Okapl ugo	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Orange Shirt Day!	
Thank you everyone for being mindful of the "no parking" areas in our parking lot.						

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