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September 1, 2017

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Nantucket Elementary School PreK - 2  
30 Surfside Road  
[www.npsk.org](http://www.npsk.org)  
508 228 7290 ext. 2104 or 2105

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Dear Families,

We are so excited to welcome you back to what we know will be a fabulous year at the new Nantucket Elementary School for children in grades PreK – 2<sup>nd</sup> grades. This is our first year as a Pre-Kindergarten to Second Grade School. We are grateful to have more space – it has been very tight here for the last several years. NES is a happy place where we work together as a community to help our students become the best they can be! We welcome you to join us in this venture.

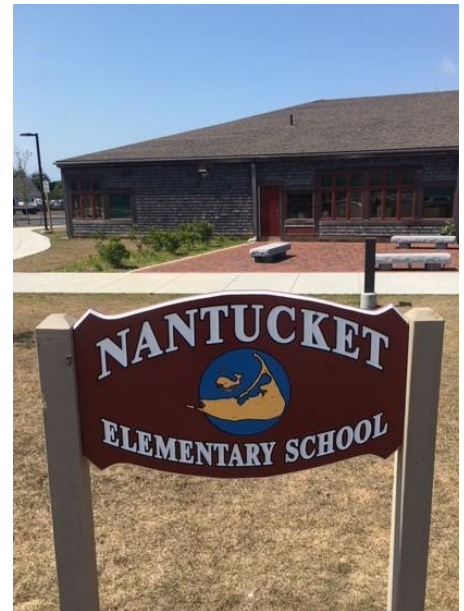
It is my distinct privilege and honor to be the principal of NES. Thank you for entrusting us with your children. We promise to do our very best work and look forward to your support. As always, please feel free to communicate with us should you have any concerns, questions, or wish to share information – drop by, call the office, make appointments, speak with your child's teacher or guidance counselor, talk with a school council member, catch us outside, etc. We welcome your feedback and know that our partnership will best support our children.

Sincerely,  
Kimberly F. Kubisch  
Principal  
Nina Slade  
Assistant Principal

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## **HUGE THANK YOU!!**

**We are so grateful to Chip Clunie and the Facilities Staff!! They did an amazing job moving everyone around, cleaning the entire building, and assisting staff in getting rooms ready. This was a gigantic task. The staff have done an amazing job also getting their rooms ready for our amazing students!**



### **Upcoming Events**

#### **9/5 – Tuesday**

First Day of School for students in Grades 1 & 2

#### **9/5 & 9/6 – Tues. & Weds.**

Kindergarten Visits

#### **9/6 & 9/7 – Weds. & Thurs**

PreK – Visits

#### **9/7 – Thursday**

Joint School Council Mtg.

CPS Café 4:00 pm

#### **9/7 – Thursday**

MARC Bullying Presentation

MPW Auditorium 7:00 pm

#### **9/8 – Friday**

Principals' Coffee NES Café  
8:00 am

#### **9/11 – Monday**

First Day of PreK

#### **9/14 – Thursday**

Superintendent's Coffee LGI  
8:00 am

#### **9/19 – Tuesday**

School Committee Mtg. LGI  
6:00 pm

#### **9/22 – Friday**

NES School Photos

#### **9/25 – Monday**

NES Open House 6-8:00 pm

## PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW STAFF

Claire Hasler, Prekindergarten Teacher  
Samantha Kodak, English Language Teacher  
Caroline Listernick, Kindergarten Teacher  
Zoe Tasch, Primary IDSC Teacher  
Shannon Cookfair, TA Primary IDSC  
Juliette LaFavre, TA Pre-K  
Bridget McGuinness, TA Primary IDSC  
Nicolette Santiago, PreK TA  
Bryna Topham, Kindergarten TA

## ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Your child's safety is our primary concern. Your cooperation and support with the following procedures are greatly appreciated.

- Students may exit buses and cars at 7:35 AM when supervision is available and school doors open.
- At 7:35, Students make one choice each day until it is time to go to their classrooms. They can go to the K Cluster, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Cluster, or the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Cluster for quiet reading, homework, etc. Another choice, students may go to the gym for Walk and Talk.
- Students are expected to be in classrooms ready to learn at 7:50 AM. **Please arrive by 7:45 AM.**
- Students arriving prior to 7:35 AM should register for Breakfast Buddies program as there is no other adult supervision provided prior to that time.
- Parents driving children to school should use the Backus Lane entrance and follow the drop off line around the side driveway loop. Please follow the directions of staff assisting your child's safe arrival.
- Bus Schedules are on our website, at school and they were mailed home. Your child's safety is our primary concern. Your cooperation and support with the following procedures are greatly appreciated.

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- Dismissal will begin promptly at 2:20 pm.
  - Drivers may not pull into the Bus Loop Circle to pick up their children.
  - Parents who park in the Backus Lane lot will walk to meet their children. The children will be escorted by their teachers. Kindergarten students will come out the K door closest to the Ice Rink. First Grade students will walk out the Café doors. Second Grade students will walk out the Gym door.
  - Students walking to parent pick up cars will be dismissed out the front doors after the buses have left. They will be grouped by grade level on the circular walkway loop between NES and NIS. Parents will drive right up and pick up all their children in one spot as the students from a family will stand in their youngest child's spot. You will access this loop via Backus Lane.
  - There will be no drive through pick up in the K circle.
  - If you wish to drive across the campus road, you must take a left out of the circle onto Backus and drive to the campus road.
  - Walkers and Bike Riders will be dismissed out the front doors. They will meet one of three crossing guards on Surfside Road. Bikers must have helmets, walk bikes on campus, and everyone must cross with a crossing guard.

## Friendly Reminders

### COMMUNICATION

Be sure you go into ASPEN and update all of this year's contact information. We will need current emails. We will send important messages through ASPEN and not send paper copies home.

### VISITING SCHOOL

All visitors to NES must sign in at the Front Office. You will need to turn in your identification, and you will receive a badge to wear while you are in the building.

### STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child needs to miss school, it is important for you to let us know. Please call 508 228 7290 ext. 2196 by 7:50 am to leave a message.

If a child needs to miss 5 or more days, please schedule an appointment with the principal to discuss this extended absence. Please set this appointment up well in advance of the extended absence if possible.

### HANDBOOK

Please review the Parent Handbook available through the NES page of the District website, [www.npsk.org](http://www.npsk.org)