

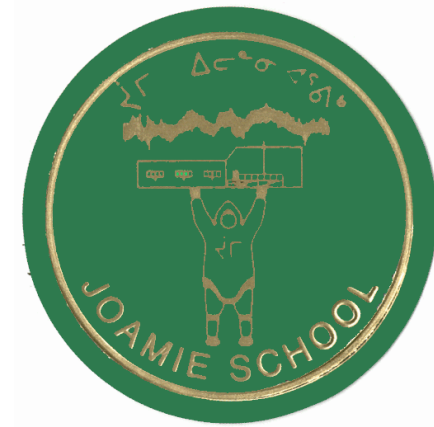
## SCHOOL HOURS

8:25a.m.	Playground supervision
8:40a.m.	School starts
10:15a.m.	Recess
11:50a.m.	Lunch
12:50p.m.	Playground supervision
1:05p.m.	School starts
3:40p.m.	School dismissed

## School Calendar

Labour Day Holiday	September 3, 2012
First day of Classes	August 27, 2012 (1:05p.m.)
Thanksgiving Holiday	October 8, 2012
Family Fun Night	October 26, 2012
Remembrance Day	November 12, 2012
Report Card Day	November 23, 2012
Christmas Concert	December 13, 2012
Christmas Holidays	Dec.21/12(1:05p.m.) to Jan.7/13(11:50p.m.)
Return to School	January 7, 2013 (1:05p.m.)
Professional Development week	Feb.18/13 to Feb.22/13
Easter Break	Mar.28/13(1:05p.m.) to April 5, 2013
Queen Victoria Holiday	May 20, 2013
Spring Camp (TBA)	June 2013
Last Day for Students	June 20, 2013
Last Day for Teachers	June 21, 2013

# Joamie School



## Parent Handbook

**2012-2013**

## **SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Phone: 979-6206**

**Fax: 979-0686**

## **MAILING ADDRESS**

**Joamie School**

**P.O. Box 910**

**Iqaluit, NU**

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## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

A warm welcome to all returning students and their parent from the Joamie School staff. I also would like to welcome the new students who are joining the Joamie Family from other schools in Iqaluit or from other Nunavut communities and beyond. "Tunngasugitsi"

We look forward to a successful school year with many special activities to celebrate our learning. We will be offering a variety of extra curricular activities after school and over the lunch hour.

Some of the anticipated activities are: Badminton, Beading, and Choir. As dates and times are decided, we will advise you in our newsletter.

If you have any questions or concerns that you would like to bring to our attention at anytime during the school year, do not hesitate to contact us at the school, our phone number is 979-6206 or you may email me at: [sleblanc@qikiqtani.edu.nu.ca](mailto:sleblanc@qikiqtani.edu.nu.ca).

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Sonja (LeBlanc) Lonsdale

Principal,

Joamie School

## SCHOOL BEHAVIOR POLICY

At Joamie School we have established a school wide approach to student behavior that uses a combination of program and behavior management strategies. We believe that by focusing on the positive behavior of the student body, which is consistently modeled by staff, a climate is created which encourages risk taking, initiative, responsibility and a personal commitment to learning.

When students do not demonstrate self-discipline it is our responsibility to assist them in modifying their behavior; teachers, students and parents must work together, keeping in mind the following:

- expectations and consequences must be fair, meaningful reasonable and consistent
- expectations and consequences must be clearly stated and understood
- inappropriate behavior should be seen as a learning process for the student rather than an opportunity for an adult to impose control

This is consistent with the IDEA School Behavior Policy. Please contact the office if you would like a copy of the IDEA Behavior Policy.

## IQ GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Joamie School goals and activities support and enhance the 8 IQ principles as determined by the government of Nunavut.

**Inuuqatigiitsiarniq:** respecting others, relationships and caring for people.

**Tunnganarniq:** fostering good spirit by being open, welcoming and inclusive.

**Pijitsirniq:** serving and providing for family and/or community.

**Aajiiqatigiinni:** decision making through discussion and consensus.

**Pilimmaksarniq/Pijariuqsarniq:** development of skills through practice, effort and action.

**Piliriqatigiinni/Ikajuqtigiinni:** working together for a common sense.

**Qanuqtuurniq:** being innovative and resourceful.

**Avatittinnik Kamatsiarniq:** respect and care for the land, animals and the environment.

## MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

### HEALTH CONCERNS

Please advise the school of any health problems that your child may have, such as: allergies, poor vision, injuries, etc. The teachers can then ensure that these have as little effect as possible on the student's progress.

If your child becomes ill at school, every effort will be made to make sure he/she is comfortable and you will be contacted immediately. Please ensure that the school has your current home, work and cell phone numbers.

In case of an accident or other emergency, the school will make every effort to contact you immediately. If this is not possible, a staff member will accompany the child to the hospital or call an ambulance if necessary and assist until you can be reached to join the child.

If a child is only slightly ill, there should be no problem with having a fifteen minute recess break in the fresh air. Children who are too sick to go out for recess should be at home.

### PEANUT FREE SCHOOL

Joamie School is a "peanut free school" as some of our students are allergic to peanuts. Students are not to bring any snacks/lunches that contain peanuts. Please check food labels before sending snacks/lunches.

Sunglasses Day	August 31
School Picnic	September 7
Teacher-Parent Orientation	September 26
Terry Fox Run	September 27
Literacy Week	September 24-28
Thanksgiving	October 8
Fire Prevention Week	October 9-12
Family Fun Night	October 26
Costume Day	October 31
Decorating Tree at Legislative Bldg.	TBA
Christmas Concert	December 13
Traditional Clothing Day	December 14
Backward Day	January 25
Jump Rope for Heart	TBA
100th Day of School	TBA
Pink/Red Day	February 14
Drop the Pop	TBA
Hat Day	March 22
Nunavut Anniversary	April 1
Hockey Jersey Day	April 26
Mother's Day	May 12
Mis-match Day	May 31
Beach Day	June 14
Father's Day	June 16
Talent Show	TBA
Spring Camp	TBA
Graduation	TBA
Awards Assembly	June 20

## STUDENT PICK-UP/DROP OFF

The pick-up/drop off area is at the south end of the parking lot and is indicated by a sign. Teacher supervise the outdoor waiting area until 12:00 noon and 3:50 after school.

Please be sure to pick up your child on time as some teachers need to do extra curricular activities during lunch hour or after school.

When you pick up your child, do not park your vehicle in the parking lot, but on the other side of the road for the safety of the students who are walking home or waiting for the bus. Students are not to be dropped off/picked up beside the Sanavik building. The driveway there is for utility vehicles ONLY.

Vehicles cannot pass beside, behind or in front of busses when the red lights are flashing. Please give buses priority when exiting the school grounds.

## ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

We encourage all our students to attend school regularly and to be on time. However, if for any reason your child is not going to be at school, we ask that you call the school (979-6206) to inform us of his/her absence.

Cases of truancy will be dealt with by the School Community Counselor and the Principal, and the Iqaluit District Education Authority, if necessary.

## PHONE USAGE

The phone in the office is for emergency use only. We would appreciate it if you make sure that your child knows where to go during lunch hour or after school. If there is a change please notify the office before dismissal time. Cell phones are not to be used by the students on school property.

## REPORTING TO PARENTS

**This school year parent orientation for all classes is on September 26, 2012. Welcome and general information will be presented in the gym and then parents may visit their child's teacher in the classroom.**

There are two days for parent interviews to discuss report cards (November and March). In addition meetings can be scheduled with your child's teacher to discuss specific concerns at any time during the year.

## TRANSFERS AND REGISTRATION

Students new to the school should be accompanied by their parents and have with them their health care card number, name and location of their last school, as well as any other information or materials that would be helpful to us in settling your child in our school.

Please let us know in advance if your child is transferring out of Joamie and we will prepare a transfer package to take to the new school.

## SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

A number of special activities have been planned for the 2012-2013 school year.

**SPIRIT DAYS:** are scheduled monthly and usually allow the student to come to school wearing a specific fun item (sunglasses, hats, etc).

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE/PUNCTUALITY:** children who have perfect attendance and punctuality on a monthly basis, will be celebrated by having their picture displayed in the main hallway for the month. They will also receive a certificate to keep.

**COMMUNITY VISITORS:** To showcase the students achievement and to involve the community in our school, representatives from various community groups will be invited to Joamie School on the first Friday of the month.

**FUNDRAISING:** Joamie students will again be active fundraisers for a number of worthwhile causes. Planned activities include the Terry Fox Run, UNICEF campaign, Jump Rope for Heart as well as other needs that arise.

## APPROPRIATE DRESS FOR SCHOOL

Children are required to wear gym shoes (indoor shoes) in the gym. For health reasons we also require outdoor boots, shoes, jackets and hats not to be worn during class time.

## COLD WEATHER

It is important for children to dress appropriately for the cold weather when they come to school. Coming and going to school and outdoor recess can be unpleasant for the children who are not dressed properly. Children will have an indoor recess when it is extremely cold.

## WEATHER PROBLEMS AND SCHOOL CLOSING

Occasionally weather conditions are such that it is not safe for students to travel and from school. We will make every effort to keep you informed if a school closure occurs. Announcements on CBC-1230 on the AM dial and 99.9 on the FM dial will be made by 7:30am (for the morning session) and 12:30pm (for the afternoon session).

**Please make sure your child knows what to do on stormy days-where to go, who to call, etc. An Emergency Closure information form must be filled out and returned to the school. If there are changes in these arrangements please advise the office.**

## MISSION STATEMENT

At Joamie School we are committed to providing a caring atmosphere in which staff, teachers, children and parents can work together to encourage respect, responsibility and cooperation and to awaken in each learner a sense of exploration and lifelong learning. Our key words are:

**RESPECT**  
**RESPONSIBILITY**  
**CO-OPERATION**  
**EXPLORE**

These words guide our actions and words and are implemented with a program of Positive Behavior Support.

**LIFELONG LEARNING:** placing an emphasis on literacy, math, science and technology, communication and thinking skills.

**CULTURE AND TRADITION:** placing a cultural program which celebrates the heritage and traditions of all students.

Seeking to meet the needs of our students in relation to the role that they will play in Nunavut.

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** seeking meaningful input from parents and a high level of community support.

## TEACHING STAFF

Principal	Sonja (LeBlanc) Lonsdale
Vice Principal	Carol Horn
Student Support Teacher	Karen Carnahan
School Community Counselor	Opah Picco
Kindergarten (Inuktitut)	Lena Ipeelie
Kindergarten (English)	Justin Carnahan
Grade 1 (English)	Rachel Squire
	Michelle Tagak
Grade 1/2 (Inuktitut)	Quaraq Pitseolak
Grade 1/2 (English)	Ria McGillivray
Grade 2 (English)	Emily Joanasie
Grade 2/3 (Inuktitut)	Oopetee Kovic
Grade 3 (English)	Carol Horn
Grade 3/4 (English)	Marsha Rhodes
Grade 4	Samantha Roberts
Grade 4 Inuktitut/ Language Support	Eelee Higgins
Grade 5 (English)	Jon Allen
Grade 5 (English)	Clyde Steele
Inuktitut Language Specialist	Geela Jaw
Inuktitut Language Specialist	Lena Ipeelie

## SUPPORT STAFF

Student Support Assistant	Daniel O'Dell
Student Support Assistant	Sherisse Alley
Student Support Assistant	Danielle Steele
Student Support Assistant	Brenda Kuniliusie
Student Support Assistant	Jason Rochon
Custodian	Alex Kownirk
Custodian	Vacant
Secretary	Susie Joanasie