

Communication for November

We would like to acknowledge that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaw people. The treaties of Peace and Friendship cover this territory.

Hello Bedford South Families,

It is hard to believe we are into November!!

We would like to send a huge thank you to our amazing HSA for organizing such a fabulous Halloween Disco event. It was well attended and lots of fun was had! In October, we had a Truth and Reconciliation Assembly, which was planned and led by Grade 5 and student leaders. A huge thank you to Ms. Gallant for planning the assembly with our student leaders.

We will have a Remembrance Day Ceremony at the school on November 10th. Students in Cadets, Scouts, Girl Guides, Embers, Beavers etc. are invited to wear their uniforms. Please see the correspondence from Nov 3rd for more information.



Clothing

The weather has changed, and students need to start wearing warmer outdoor clothing. We go outside on most days. We stay in if it is raining very hard and if it is very cold. Please make sure your children are dressed for the weather. Please send your child in layers! Please label all clothing so we can return lost clothing. Please check out the lost and found racks in the vestibule entrance.

Attendance and Early Pick Ups

Please ensure your children are at school by 8:40am. If they are late everyday, they are missing the same curricular instruction which can accumulate. We also ask that you do not pick your child up early unless they have an appointment. The learning is interrupted when we need to page into classes and ask students to be dismissed.

Parking Lot

The safety of our students is our number one priority. Our parking lot is closed to traffic, other than buses, 8:15am - 9:15 and 2:15-3:15. If you are coming into the parking lot outside of those times parents must use the bus loop for pick up and drop off. This includes Excel. Please do not park in the paved circle off Southgate. This is a **drop off** only zone. There are No Parking signs posted. You can park in the gravel lot, but once it is full, you must find parking on Southgate. The residents of Kirkwood Court have asked parents not to park on their private road.

Water, Cutlery and Cups

Please send a **labelled water bottle** for your child. We do not have extra cups at school. We are trying to be eco friendly. We do not have plastic spoons or forks in the office. Please ensure you send necessary cutlery with your children. Thank you for your attention to this.

Choir

Choir is on Tuesdays at 11:45 for grades 4 and 5. Students will eat their lunch in the music room. Once they have joined, they are expected to remain in choir all year.

HSA (Home School Association) Info

Our next Home and School Association meeting will be on Tuesday 18th November at 7pm. This is an ONLINE/VIRTUAL meeting (link to be sent) all are welcome to attend.

HAS event: Holiday craft event – Information will come home next week. It will take place on Nov 29th.

Popcorn Days for 2025/2026:

Nov. 28

Dec. 19

Jan. 23

Feb 20

April 24

May 22

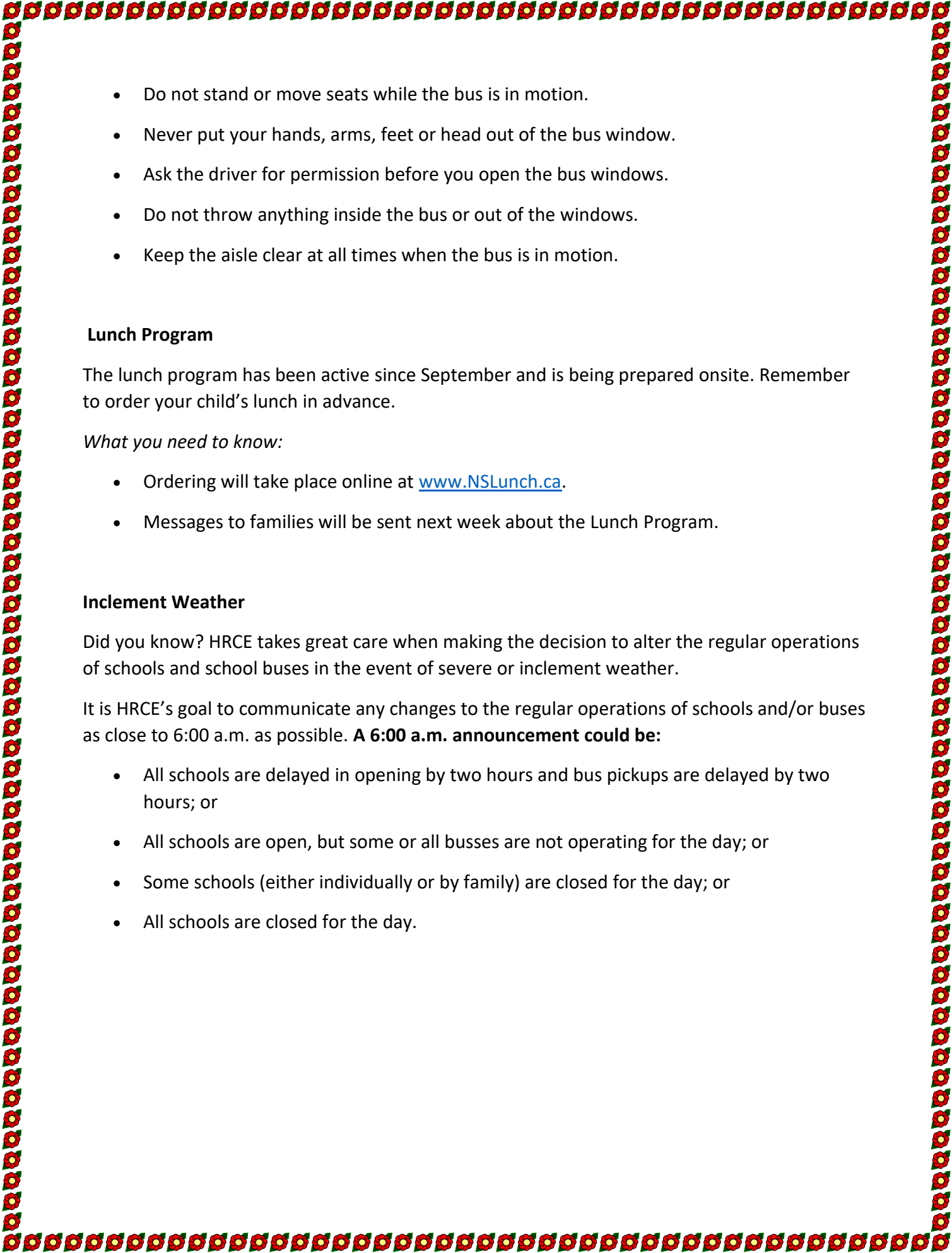
SAC (School Advisory Council) Info

We are looking for two community members for our SAC. A community member must live in the community and not have any students in our school. Please reach out to friends and neighbours if you know anyone who might be interested. Our next meeting is Nov 18th at 6pm online.

School Bus Rules:

Please remind your children to follow the rules on the bus. If they do not, they may be asked to take a break from travelling on the bus.

- Please respect and listen to the driver and avoid distracting them.
- Please keep noise levels to a minimum.

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- Do not stand or move seats while the bus is in motion.
 - Never put your hands, arms, feet or head out of the bus window.
 - Ask the driver for permission before you open the bus windows.
 - Do not throw anything inside the bus or out of the windows.
 - Keep the aisle clear at all times when the bus is in motion.

Lunch Program

The lunch program has been active since September and is being prepared onsite. Remember to order your child's lunch in advance.

What you need to know:

- Ordering will take place online at www.NSLunch.ca.
- Messages to families will be sent next week about the Lunch Program.

Inclement Weather

Did you know? HRCE takes great care when making the decision to alter the regular operations of schools and school buses in the event of severe or inclement weather.

It is HRCE's goal to communicate any changes to the regular operations of schools and/or buses as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible. **A 6:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

- All schools are delayed in opening by two hours and bus pickups are delayed by two hours; or
- All schools are open, but some or all busses are not operating for the day; or
- Some schools (either individually or by family) are closed for the day; or
- All schools are closed for the day.

If weather deteriorates, or is forecasted to worsen throughout the morning, **an 11:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

- Bussed students will be picked up two hours earlier than their regular dismissal time; and
- Walking students will be dismissed at their regularly scheduled lunch hour.

How will I find out?

- By email to the addresses in PowerSchool
- By text message, **if you have opted-in**. If you aren't sure if you have opted-in, text Y to the following number: **978338**
- [On the HRCE website](#)
- [On X \(formerly Twitter\)](#)
- [On Instagram](#)

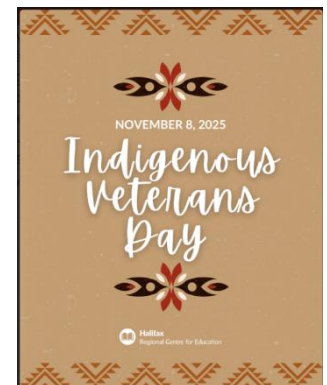


It's important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation.

For more information on how HRCE manages during inclement weather, visit hrce.ca/weather.

Indigenous Veterans Day

Indigenous Veterans Day, observed on November 8, acknowledges the unique contributions and sacrifices made by Indigenous soldiers. This day highlights the bravery and commitment of Indigenous veterans, who have served with distinction despite facing historical and ongoing challenges.



Remembrance Day

Every year on November 11, we observe Remembrance Day to commemorate the sacrifices of the armed forces during World War I, World War II, and other conflicts. This solemn day is marked by ceremonies, moments of silence, and the wearing of poppies in honour of those who have served and fallen.

Together, these days remind us of the courage and resilience of all who have served.



Transgender Awareness Week

Transgender Awareness Week, observed in the second week of November, focuses on raising awareness about the issues facing transgender and gender non-conforming individuals. The week highlights the challenges transgender people face, such as discrimination and lack of healthcare access, and promotes acceptance and inclusivity by encouraging supportive policies and practices.

The week helps to foster solidarity within the transgender community and with allies, providing emotional support and strengthening the transgender movement. It culminates in the Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20, a day to honour those lost to anti-transgender violence, emphasizing the need for continued protection and support.

Be an ally

An ally is someone who actively and consistently supports, stands with and advocates for the 2SLGBTQIA+ communities. The best way to be an ally is to listen with an open mind. It is our responsibility to treat all people with dignity and kindness.

Upcoming Dates:

These and other important dates can be found in the [HRCE calendar](#)

Nov 8- Indigenous Veterans Day

Nov 11- Remembrance Day (no classes)

Nov 18- SAC meeting at 6pm

Nov 18- HAS meeting at 7 pm

Nov 14- World Diabetes Day

Nov 28- Popcorn Day

Nov 16- [International Day for Tolerance](#)

Nov 20- Transgender Day of Remembrance

Nov 21- No School Assessment and Evaluation Day

Nov 28- Adaptations will be sent home

Take good care. 😊

Ms. Foster, Mrs. Taylor, Mr. Greenwood