BEDFORD SOUTH SCHOOL

November 2026 Newsletter

Learning • Kindness • Belonging • Community

A message from the principal

October was such a fun and busy month at Bedford South! We enjoyed getting outside for our Halloween costume walkabout, and our Halloween Dance was a huge success. A big thank-you to our Home and School Association (HSA) for organizing such a wonderful event for our students. We also enjoyed our first Popcorn Day of the year—thank you, HSA, for making that happen!

Our students and staff did a terrific job during our fire drill and bus evacuation drill. These important practice activities help everyone know what to do and keep our school community safe. On Conference Day, teachers spent the day learning and collaborating to support student growth and success.

As we move into November, we look forward to opportunities to learn, remember, celebrate, and care for one another. Thank you to our families for your continued partnership and support.

Tracy Foster
Principal, Bedford South School

Important reminders

- Please leave toys and Pokémon cards at home. These items can be distracting and may become lost or damaged at school.
- Please do not use e-scooters on school property.
- We encourage students to continue building independence and enjoying time with friends during the school day. Families are asked to consider whether a smartphone is necessary for their child at school.

Remembrance Day at Bedford South

Our Remembrance Day assembly will take place on Tuesday, November 10. We invite all students to wear red. Students who are members of Sparks, Brownies, Beavers, or Scouts are welcome to wear their uniforms. On Wednesday, November 11, there will be no classes for students across PP–12 as we observe Remembrance Day.

November: learning, remembering and celebrating

November 8 – Indigenous Veterans Day

On November 8, we recognize Indigenous Veterans Day and honour the First Nations, Inuit and Métis people who have served and continue to serve in the Canadian Armed Forces. Indigenous veterans have made significant contributions to Canada's military history, serving with courage and dedication while often facing discrimination and barriers to recognition when they returned home. This day is an opportunity to learn about their stories, recognize their sacrifices and ensure their contributions are remembered and honoured.

Learn more: https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/classroom-materials/learning-resources/teaching-youth-about-indigenous-military-service

Happy Diwali – Festival of Lights

Diwali is celebrated by millions of people around the world, including Hindus, Sikhs, Jains and some Buddhists. While the celebration carries different meanings across traditions, it often centres on light overcoming darkness, good overcoming evil, hope, renewal and new beginnings. Celebrations may include lighting diyas, decorating homes, sharing special foods, exchanging gifts and gathering with family and friends. We wish all those celebrating a happy Diwali!

November 13–19 – Transgender Awareness Week

Transgender Awareness Week is an opportunity to reflect on how kindness, inclusivity and understanding help create welcoming school communities where everyone feels they belong. Listening with an open mind, learning about experiences different from our own and treating others with respect can make a meaningful difference. Together, we can help ensure every student feels welcome, valued and supported.

Planning for inclement weather

HRCE takes great care when deciding whether to alter the regular operations of schools and school buses during severe or inclement weather. The goal is to communicate changes as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible.

A 6:00 a.m. announcement may include:

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

If weather deteriorates or is forecast to worsen during the morning, an 11:00 a.m. announcement may include:

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

Families will be notified by email to the addresses in PowerSchool, by text message if opted in (text Y to 978338 if you are unsure), on the HRCE website (https://www.hrce.ca/) and on Instagram (https://www.instagram.com/hrce_ns/). Please have a childcare plan in place for cancellations. Parents and guardians always have the choice of whether or not to send their child to school. More information: https://hrce.ca/families/cancellations

Free documentary screening – December 3

Parents, caregivers and educators are invited to a free screening of “Your Attention Please,” hosted by Unplugged Canada’s Nova Scotia Chapter. The documentary explores the impact of technology on our attention, followed by an opportunity to discuss how we navigate these issues with youth in our community.

- Date: Thursday, December 3, 2026
- Time: 6:00–8:00 p.m.
- Location: White Spruce Room, Keshen Goodman Library
- Cost: Free
- Register in advance: https://yourattentionpleaseNS.eventbrite.ca

Important dates in November

Sunday, November 8	Indigenous Veterans Day
Tuesday, November 10	Bedford South Remembrance Day assembly
Wednesday, November 11	Remembrance Day – No classes PP–12
November 13–19	Transgender Awareness Week

Friday, November 20	Assessment & Evaluation Day – No classes for Elementary/Middle/Junior High students
November 24	P-3 Concert 6:30
November 25	P-3 Concert at 6:30
November 28	HSA Craft 2-330pm
November 30	Report Cards go Home

Thank you for being part of our Bedford South community!