

October is Mi 'kmaq heritage month



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SAFE ARRIVAL/STUDENT ABSENCE 832-5800

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Oct 1 Treaty Day
- Oct 4 First day cafeteria
- Oct 6 Photo retakes
- Oct 10 World Mental Health Day
- Oct 11 Thanksgiving
No school
- Oct 12 SAC 6pm
HSA 7pm
- Oct 15 Dussehra
- Oct 22 Conference Day

- Oct 31 Hallowe'en



Early Storm Closure:

Winter will be here before you know it and we still do not have emergency closure forms for all of our students. Please send your form in as soon as possible. For your information our school is Bus Cluster 1, Unit 1 and part of the C.P. Allen family of schools. A great idea for parents, is to sign up for a text from the HRCE to let you know of early dismissals or school closures. You can do this by visiting the HRCE website at www.hrce.ca.

Safe Arrival:

We have a safe arrival program at our school to help ensure the safety of our children as they travel to school each day and to identify, as quickly as possible, those children who did leave home for school but did not arrive at their destination. To be certain this program is effective we would ask parents to please do the following:
Phone the Safe Arrival Line at 902-832-5800 ext. 1 whenever your child will be absent or late, (even if you have informed the classroom teacher).

1. To leave a message, state your child's name, grade, teacher's name, length of absence or approximate time of arrival, and the reason for being absent.
2. If your child is late, they will be met at the front door and they will receive a late slip at this time. Please do not enter the building.
3. To inform the school office of changes in contact information.

Should you have any questions call Jennifer Ashton/Stephanie Haines at 902-832-5800.

Driveway

As you have noticed our driveway is closed to traffic during certain hours in the morning and in the afternoon. This closure was implemented two years ago due to the high volume of traffic using the loop and the danger it caused for children during drop off and pick up. We have had a reminder sign at the bottom of the driveway since last August. We will be removing this sign at the end of October; however, the driveway will still remain closed during the following times:

8:15 to 9:15am

2:15 to 3:15pm

We would ask drivers to respect the gate/driveway closure to ensure the safety of our children.

Medication:

Administration of Medication

In general, school personnel will not be involved in the administration of medication and/or medical procedures to students. Parents or guardians are responsible for making arrangements to eliminate the need for staff to be involved in the administration of medication and medical procedures to students.

Students who use puffers may, with the parents' written permission and having completed the appropriate form in the office, self-administer.

Children who have any life threatening allergies must contact the office to receive the appropriate forms and guidelines regarding parent/student and school responsibilities.

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Thanksgiving:

Thanksgiving Day in Canada

Thanksgiving Day in Canada has been a holiday on the second Monday of October since 1957. It is a chance for people to give thanks for a good harvest and other fortunes in the past.

Truth and Reconciliation Day:

What a wonderful day students had on this day. The Equity Team did a great deal of work leading up to this day. If you follow us on Twitter you would have seen some of the great results of the work classroom teachers did with students to help them understand the importance of this day. We have a lot more work to do in terms of helping educate our little ones on the truth and reconciliation.



Registration form verification:

By now families would have received home **green registration sheets** to verify student information for our school records. Please note any changes, i.e. address, email, etc. **as soon as possible** and return the form to your child's classroom teacher.

It is imperative that your email address is correct and you fill out the technology section completely.

If, hopefully not, the Province of NS determines we are closing schools and we begin remote learning it is important we have this information.

Communication with parents is always important. Your email needs to be accurate for a variety of reasons.

All parents/guardians are encouraged to register on the PowerSchool Parent Portal to facilitate another way for us to be able to communicate with families. (i.e. report cards or other secure information).

International Walk to School Month – October 2021

October 4 - October 8, 2021 is International Walk to School Week

This year is unique to say the least, but the Ecology Action Centre is pleased to announce that we will be celebrating International Walk to School Month 2020! IWALK gives children, parents, teachers and community leaders an opportunity to get outside and discover their neighbourhoods or schoolgrounds. During these challenging times, we know that getting children and youth outside is a priority – IWALK is a wonderful way to make this happen. So, get outside and enjoy the fresh air.

Water Bottles and Masks:

Thank you to everyone for bringing water bottles each day and wearing your mask. Please remember all students and bus students are to wear a mask, not a buff. <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/mask/s/>

Parents, when you are picking up your children please remember to stay back from the exits. Wearing a mask is advisable as well.

Thanks for your support!

Mi 'kmaq History Month

October is Mi kmaq History Month in Nova Scotia. The goal of the month is to help Nova Scotians build awareness of Mi 'kmaq history and heritage, and to increase understanding of the province's rich Mi 'kmaq culture. Treaty Day marks the beginning of Mi 'kmaq History Month in Nova Scotia as proclaimed by Premier John Savage and Mi 'kmaq Grand Chief Ben Sylliboy. A poster is produced and numerous events are organized throughout the month in recognition of Mi'kmaq History Month.

For more information visit the [Mi'kmaq History Month Committee's website](#)

Nut free and Scent free:

Remember no nuts or nut products; ie. Nutella, are to be brought to school. Also, our school is scent free. Do not wear perfumed or scented products to school as staff and students are severely affected by these products.