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November 2025 News

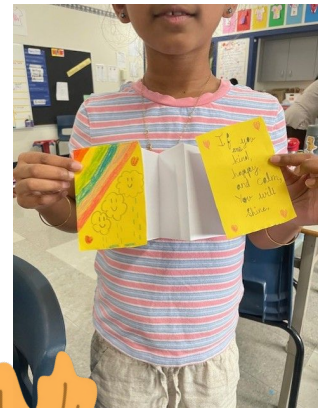
October was a wonderful month of learning and exploration! Our Grade Primaries enjoyed an apple-picking trip, and some of our Grade 2 and Grade 3 students had an exciting fossil-hunting adventure at Blue Beach. Thank you to everyone who supported our pizza kit fundraiser. It was a great success!

Our school clothing order link is now available for families who would like to purchase some school swag.

School Online Spirit Wear Store Fundraiser!

Looking ahead, our Remembrance Day Assembly will be held on **November 10th** for students and staff. There will be **no school on November 11th** in observance of Remembrance Day, and **no school on November 21st** for Assessment and Evaluation Day.

As we move into November, we look forward to continued learning, community spirit, and new opportunities to grow together.



Dates to Remember

- **Nov 10** - Remembrance Day Assembly (staff and students)
- **Nov. 11** - Remembrance Day -(no classes for students)
- **Nov. 21** - Assessment and Evaluation Day (no classes for students)
- **Dec. 4** - PD in the morning/ Parent-Teacher Interviews afternoon and evening (no classes for students)
- **Dec. 10** - Holiday Concert

School Bell Schedule

8:35 - Students start arriving

8:50 - Classes begin

11:50-12:45 - Lunch

2:50 - Dismissal



November Reminders



Birthday Celebrations

We love celebrating students' birthdays at school! Our teachers make sure each child feels special in meaningful, age-appropriate ways. To help keep everyone safe and included, we ask that families not send in cakes, cupcakes, treats, or gift bags for birthdays. This helps us maintain a safe, inclusive, and focused classroom environment. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Lunch Drop-Offs

A friendly reminder that DoorDash, SkipTheDishes, and fast food deliveries should not be sent to school. These drop-offs can disrupt learning and raise safety concerns. If your child forgets their lunch, please don't worry—extra food options are always available at the office, and no student will ever go hungry.

Dressing for the Weather

As the weather in Nova Scotia can be unpredictable, please make sure your child comes to school prepared for outdoor play each day. Warm coats, hats, mittens, and boots are essential for keeping everyone comfortable and ready for recess.

Lost & Found

Our collection is growing! Please remind your child to check for any missing items.

School Clothing Orders

Don't forget to place your order using the link provided to show your school spirit! [School Online Spirit Wear Store Fundraiser!](#)

Thank you for helping us keep our school safe, inclusive, and ready for a great month of learning!

"Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new" - Albert Einstein

November 8 is Indigenous Veterans Day

Indigenous Veterans Day is an important occasion to honour the sacrifices and contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples who have served in the Canadian Armed Forces. Recognizing this day in schools is especially significant, as it provides students with the opportunity to learn about the often-overlooked histories and experiences of Indigenous veterans. By commemorating Indigenous Veterans Day in our schools, we ensure that younger generations understand the vital role Indigenous peoples have played in defending Canada, while also promoting respect, reconciliation, and a more inclusive understanding of Canadian history. This recognition helps strengthen empathy, respect for diversity and a greater appreciation for the many ways in which Indigenous peoples have shaped our country.



November 11 is Remembrance Day



Remembrance Day holds an important place in our schools as it provides a meaningful opportunity for our students to learn about the sacrifices made by veterans and all those who have served in times of conflict. Through ceremonies, discussions and creative projects, we demonstrate respect and gratitude for the freedoms Canadians enjoy. Observing Remembrance Day also helps students connect with Canada's history and reinforces the values of peace, tolerance and community responsibility.

“In a world where you can be anything, be KIND”
- unknown

Learning more about the Student Attendance and Engagement Policy



Did you know? The Student Attendance and Engagement Policy guides our approach to attendance and is in place to support all students.

The policy states that regular, punctual attendance supports academic success, responsibility, and preparation for the future.

Ensuring regular attendance is a joint effort between students, families and schools. As a parent/guardian, you play an important role by monitoring attendance, communicating with the school when your child is absent, and supporting your child's regular attendance.

What Should You Know?

- Communication about absences
 - Schools will monitor attendance and lateness.
 - All absences must be communicated to the school, following the school's procedure.
 - If absenteeism or lateness reaches 10% of class time, the school will begin to engage more actively with the student and family.
 - If it goes beyond 15%, more targeted supports may be used (counselling, referrals, community supports).

What Can You Do?

- Monitor and encourage punctual, consistent attendance
- Maintain open communication with the school when absences or challenges arise
- Work with school staff to understand supports or accommodations for your child
- Be aware of the thresholds (10%, 15%) and possible consequences (intervention, loss of credit in high school)
- Remember: the policy allows flexibility. If your child has a legitimate reason for missing school (health, family issue, etc.), schools are encouraged to take a supportive approach.

"It takes a big heart to help shape little minds." – Unknown

Planning for 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?

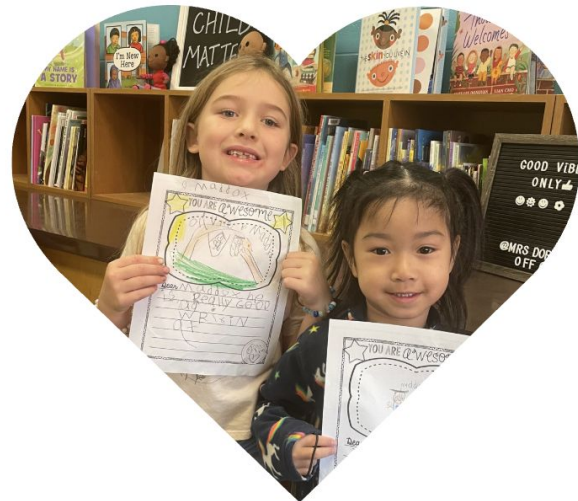
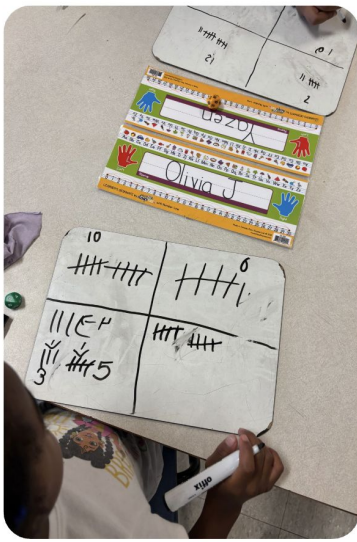
- By email to the addresses in PowerSchool
- By text message, if you have opted-in. If you aren't sure if you have opted-in, text Y to the following number: 978338
- [On the HRCE website](#)
- [On Instagram](#)

It's important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation. Please remember: As a parent or guardian you always have the choice of whether or not to send your child to school.

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

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