

Central Spryfield Elementary

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September 2023 News

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome new and returning students, and their families, to CSES for the 2023-2024 school year! Over the first couple of days students settled into their routines and there is lots of fantastic learning happening in classrooms!

Please join me in welcoming Marianne Wyllie, our new Vice Principal. Ms. Wyllie will be teaching one hour of Language Arts in Grade 1/2 Wyllie-Buckland every morning, in addition to her role as V.P..

We have several wonderful new staff members joining our team and many of our returning staff in new roles this year. Please visit our school website to view all of our CSES staff with their contact information included.

2023-2024 is going to be a great year at CSES!

Kind regards, Karen

Dates to Remember

- Sept. 14 Stand Up to Bullying Day Wear PINK!
- Sept. 21 Curriculum Night/Ice Cream Social 5:30-7:00pm
- Sept. 26 Terry Fox Walk/Run
- Sept. 28 Picture Day!
- Sept. 29 Orange Shirt Day in honour of Truth and Reconciliation Day
- Oct. 2 Truth and Reconciliation Day observed (no classes)



Arrival and Dismissal



<u>Arrival</u> – Students may arrive anytime between 8:35 am-8:45 am. Students enter the building upon arrival. A staff person will greet them at their designated entrance door and

additional support staff will ensure that students arrive at their classrooms safely once they enter the school. Classroom teachers greet their students in their classrooms between 8:35 – 8:50 when classes begin.

Dismissal - 2:50 pm students will dismiss from the doors they entered in the morning.

Being on Time for School - We ask that all students arrive no later than 8:45 am. All students should be in their classrooms and ready to start their day at 8:50 am. Students who arrive after this time miss important instructional time in all subject areas, including Physical Education and Music. Children cannot be dropped off or arrive at school before 8:35 am. This is when supervision begins.

Front Door - We kindly ask that you avoid dropping off your child at the front door in the morning or picking up your child at the front door at dismissal. The only reason students would be entering the school using the front door is if they arrive after 8:50 am. The start to the day and dismissal are very busy. Using their designated door ensures everyone's safety.

Parking Lot Safety

It is important that we work together to ensure student safety in the parking lot of our school. Please remember that the parking lot of the school is <u>strictly for staff</u> during the school day. Please take note of the many no parking signs, as parking this year will be closely monitored and tickets will be issued by police or from parking enforcement. Student safety is our number one priority.



School Bell Schedule

- 8:35 Students start arriving
- 8:50 Classes begin
- 11:50-12:45 Lunch
- 2:50 Dismissal

Stand Up to Bullying Day Sept 14. Don't forget to wear pink!

PEANUT SMART AND "SCENT"SITIVE SCHOOL



We have several students who have life threatening allergies to peanuts and nut products. Please respect their health and well-being by sending your child with snacks and lunches that are nut-free.

Additionally, many of our students have medical conditions that can be triggered by scented products. When visiting the school please refrain from wearing products containing perfumes.

Toys & Pokémon Cards

Toys from home and Pokémon cards are not allowed at school. This helps us keep the focus on learning and prevents special items from being damaged or lost. If these items do come to school, students will need to keep them in their backpacks for the day.

Lunch Monitors and EPA subs

We are in need of substitutes for our Educational Program Assistants and Lunch Monitors. If you or someone you know might be interested please contact us at the school for more information. 902- 479- 4286



School Advisory Council (SAC)

The School Advisory Council (SAC) is a provincially mandated group that acts in an advisory capacity to the school principal. Our SAC is made up of administration, teaching and support staff representatives, parents/guardians and community members. The SAC meets 6 times each year and discusses a variety of topics surrounding student success in our school. If you are interested in being part of our School Advisory Council, please give the main office a call or contact one of our co-chairs:

Karen Muldowney-Doran (principal) Kmuldowney-doran@hrce.ca

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Friday Shoutouts

Every Friday one or two students from each class receive a Friday Shoutout. Ms. Johnson and I announce the winners to the whole school and recipients come down to the office to receive their certificate and high fives from the admin team! Teachers choose the recipients from their classes for positive behaviours such as kindness, leadership, and perseverance.

"Friday Shout Outs"



