

# Central Spryfield Elementary School

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## NOVEMBER 2021

### Dates to Remember

- Nov 8:** Picture orders due
- Nov 11:** Remembrance Day (no school)
- Nov 12:** Picture Retakes
- Nov 19:** Assessment Day (no school for students)
- Nov 25:** Parent teacher Meetings (no school for students)
- Nov 30:** Report Cards go home
- Dec 22:** Christmas Break starts
- Jan 4:** Students return for 2022!



### Mask Reminder

Please make sure your child has a mask each day for school. We are going through a lot of masks each day. It is a mix of students arriving without a mask or losing multiple masks a day. Please remember to do daily Covid symptom checks- if you have Covid-19 symptoms please stay home and take advice from public health.

<https://backtoschool.ednet.ns.ca/>



### Principal's Message

Happy November Everyone!

We are settling well into our new routines, following public health protocols, and there is lots of learning happening our classrooms.

Ask your child about *Friday Shout Outs!* Teachers have been on the lookout for students trying their best. We celebrate things such as acts of kindness, academic perseverance and leadership on the announcements every Friday afternoon. Recipients will bring home a certificate on Fridays.

We are nearing the end of term one and teachers are busy collecting evidence for report cards and preparing their report card comments. Reports cards are just one way to communicate student achievement. If you ever have questions about how your child is doing, please do not hesitate to contact their teachers.

This year report cards will be sent to you electronically via email on November 30th.

Reminder to please call the safe arrival number if your child is going to be absent.

**Safe Arrival: 902-479-4292**

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Virtual Parent/Teacher interviews will take place on Thursday afternoon, November 25. Interviews will occur either by phone or video conference call this term due to public health protocols. Your teacher will provide you with more information as we get closer to the date.

Please remember there is NO SCHOOL that day as we are doing school based professional development with the teachers in the morning.

### Cars on School Grounds – A Safety Issue

We have students walking to and leaving from school in many directions. As well, at recess, lunch and outdoor time, there are students walking between our play areas and the school at different times during the day. We ask parents to respect the safety of our students by **not** driving onto school property. This includes our staff parking lot. Please park on the street and walk in to drop off or collect your child(ren). Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students safe.

### Pizza Lunch is Back!

Our first pizza lunch day was a big success! Pizzas are delivered to the school in time for lunch each Wednesday, comes in individual boxes and is handed out to students by their teacher or lunch monitor.



**School Advisory Council (SAC)**

We are still looking for parents who want to support CSES in a positive, collaborative way. The 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 a 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 Karen Doran [Kmuldowney-doran@hrce.ca](mailto:Kmuldowney-doran@hrce.ca)

**No Pokémon Cards please**

Unfortunately, Pokémon cards have become a problem at Central Spryfield, therefore we ask that your child leave them at home. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Early Dismissal/Storm Closure/Delayed Openings:**

Winter will be here before we know it and the following is important information for you to have:

**Guidelines for Complete School Closures:**

For full day closures for all or some schools, the decision will be announced as close to 6:00am as possible. Announcements will be:

- Posted on the HRCE's website ([www.hrce.ca](http://www.hrce.ca))
- Posted on the HRCE's twitter (HRCE-Official)
- Recorded on the HRCE phone line (902-464-4636)
- Shared with subscribers to the board email and text notification system
- Communicated to local media outlets

**Guidelines for Early School Closure:**

In the event of early school closure due to deteriorating weather conditions, the Director of School Administration will send an email to principals as close to 11:00am as possible regarding information about an early school closure. If there is to be an early closure, a parent/guardian for each student in grade pre-primary to five will be contacted directly before the student is released from school to confirm parent/guardian direction.

**No Holiday Concert This Year**

Due to Covid-19 and Public Health Restrictions, we are not able to have a holiday concert this year. Our Music teacher, Ms. Durnford, will still be doing some holiday themed programming leading up to the holiday break for each class.

**Nut Aware 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. **No Scents Makes Good Sense** - Our school has students and staff who experience symptoms such as headaches, asthma, and much worse, when they breathe even small amounts of fragrance chemicals. Please refrain from wearing strongly scented products at school.

**Substitute Lunch Monitors and EPA's**

We are in **DESPERATE** need of subs 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.

*Virtual October Teachers Conference*

