

Sackville Heights Elementary

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Principal's Message

Time is flying by, and it's hard to believe we're already in November! We are incredibly proud of the work our students are putting in every day, and we're also embracing a few changes as a school.

With the new school hours this year, we've noticed that many families are still adjusting to the earlier start. To help students transition smoothly into their day, we ask that all students arrive by 8:15 a.m. so they're ready for instruction to begin at 8:20.

We're also excited to unveil our new school logo, which pairs perfectly with the updated websites introduced throughout HRM. Additionally, we launched the provincial school lunch program last month, and we're thrilled with the timing, quality, and dedication shown by our cafeteria staff and lunch monitors in making this a success for our students.

To keep up with the fast pace of school activities and communicate more effectively, we'll be moving from a monthly newsletter to a weekly or biweekly "What's Happening @ SHES" update. This will allow us to share important information and celebrate our students' achievements with you more frequently.

Thank you for your continued support as we navigate these changes and strive to create the best possible environment for our students.

Rachael and Lisa

Drop and Go/ Morning Arrival

We'd like to thank everyone for helping make our "Drop and Go" routine run smoothly! Our staff are outside and ready to assist students exiting vehicles each morning **from 8:00 to 8:15**. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring a safe and efficient start to the school day!

We remind families that there is no supervision before 8 am and that **students should not be arriving at school before this time.**

SAC (School Advisory Council)

The next SAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 19th at 5:30. We still have two openings on the committee for community members. For more information on the role of the SAC, our By-laws and Agreements please visit our website.

PTO (Parent/Teacher Association)

Save The Date! **SHES PTO Holiday Market**
Saturday, November 30th from 10am-2pm!

Come check out over 35 vendors for some locally made gifts and treats, all while enjoying some holiday music and feeling the Holiday Cheer! All funds raised from this event go directly back to supporting the school.

Please like and share our Facebook Event page and follow for Vendor Highlights: <https://www.facebook.com/share/S3cvLMtEtKtKQn4td/> If you or someone you know is interested in being a vendor, please email us directly at: sackvilleheights.pto@gmail.com Volunteer sign up: <https://signup.com/go/CWduEos> See you there!

Lunch Program

The next ordering window for the school lunch program is **now open and will close on Wednesday at noon**. This window covers lunches from November 12 to 22.

If your child is absent on a day when lunch was ordered, you can select the same or an alternate meal at no additional cost during the next ordering window. Simply choose "no payment" to apply the credit.

For families of students in P-2, if you'd like to order milk on a monthly basis, please send payment in an envelope with your child's name, the time period, and their teacher's name in their message bag. The cafeteria staff will ensure the milk is delivered to the classroom along with lunch.

- Reminders**
- Nov. 11 Remembrance Day, no school
 - Nov. 19 SAC Meeting at 5:30 pm
PSA Meeting at 6:30pm
 - Nov. 22 Assessment & Evaluation day, no school for students
 - Nov. 30 Holiday Market
 - Dec. 2-5 Book Fair
 - Dec. 3 Report cards are sent home
 - Dec. 5 PD/Progress Conferences, no school for students



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.

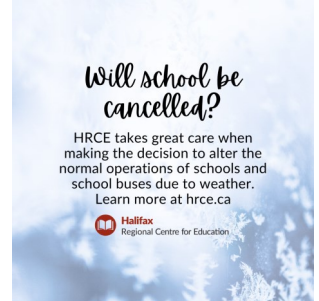
It is HRCE's goal to communicate any changes to the regular operations of schools and/or buses as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible. **A 6:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

- 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 X \(formerly Twitter\)](#)
- [On Instagram](#)

It's important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation.

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

Indigenous Veterans Day

Indigenous Veterans Day, observed on November 8, acknowledges the unique contributions and sacrifices made by Indigenous soldiers. This day highlights the bravery and commitment of Indigenous veterans, who have served with distinction despite facing historical and ongoing challenges.

Remembrance Day

Every year on November 11, we observe Remembrance Day to commemorate the sacrifices of the armed forces during World War I, World War II, and other conflicts. This solemn day is marked by ceremonies, moments of silence, and the wearing of poppies in honour of those who have served and fallen.

Together, these days remind us of the courage and resilience of all who have served.

We recognize and celebrate the diverse makeup of our school community, and in being responsive to our students, we warmly invite any service members who would like to attend. To maintain a welcoming environment for all, we kindly request that service members wear civilian clothing. Please reach out to the office to confirm attendance. We look forward to seeing you!



Dressing for the Weather

At SHES we try to get our students outside as much as possible. They are outside for a minimum of 45 minutes per day (recess and lunch). That means that students need to be dressed for fall, (chilly), winter (cold and snowy) and spring (wet and muddy). Having some spare socks or mittens in the bottom of their backpacks is also a good idea.

Scarecrow Contest



We would like to congratulate grade 5 MacDonald's class, as **one of their scarecrows has been awarded the second place prize in our contest!**

