



## Sackville Heights Elementary School

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We've made it through our first month of school, and I'm thrilled to share how well it has been going. Each day, I'm reminded just how incredible our students are—they've shown such resilience and enthusiasm. It's impressive to see how well they've adjusted to their new classes and daily routines, embracing the opportunities that come with a fresh start.

Our teachers have been dedicated to building strong relationships with their students, taking the time to connect and understand their individual learning needs. This focus on fostering a supportive environment is making a real difference in our classrooms. It's heartwarming to witness the growth and confidence our students are showing as they engage in their learning.

With Thanksgiving around the corner, we're reflecting on all we have to be grateful for at Sackville Heights Elementary. Our students are enjoying fun and engaging learning experiences both inside and outside the classroom.

October is a special month as we honor Mi'kmaq History Month and Islamic Heritage Month, celebrating the rich cultures and contributions of both communities. We also look forward to Diwali, the Festival of Lights, which reminds us of hope and new beginnings. Let's take a moment to appreciate and learn from these diverse heritages.

### Important Dates

#### October 7

School Photos – Grades P, P/1B, 1/2S, 2, 4

#### October 8

School Photos – Grades 1, 3, 3/4G, 4/5M, 5

#### October 13

Thanksgiving – No School

#### October 20

Happy Diwali!

#### October 21

SAC Meeting - 5:30 pm

PTO Meeting 0 6:30pm

#### October 23

PTO Halloween Dance - 6:30pm-8:00pm

#### October 24

Provincial Conference Day  
– No School for Students

#### October 31

Halloween – Black and Orange Day

## More Important Information

### PTO Halloween Dance

SAVE THE DATE!!!! The PTO Halloween Dance will be held on Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. We invite all our families to put on their favorite costume (no weapons please) and come dance to some catchy (and maybe some spooky) tunes. All children attending must be supervised by a parent or guardian. More information will be sent out closer to the event. Admission will be by donation in support of PTO fundraising initiatives.

### October 31<sup>st</sup> – Black and Orange Day

This year, at Sackville Heights Elementary we are inviting all students to wear black and orange on October 31<sup>st</sup>. We will not be wearing costumes at school on this day, but many classrooms will choose how they will celebrate Halloween in other ways. We do invite everyone to attend our Halloween Dance on October 23<sup>rd</sup> wearing their costume if they choose.

### School Advisory Council

Our school community is rich with a variety of cultures, languages, and lived experiences — and we want our School Advisory Council (SAC) to reflect that same diversity.

We are currently looking for one or two parents, guardians, or community members who are part of our diverse cultural backgrounds to join our SAC. Your voice and perspective are valuable and can help shape decisions that support the success and well-being of all students.

The SAC works closely with the principal and the regional centre for education to support school improvement, student achievement, and inclusive school environments.

Meetings are usually held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 5:30-6:30pm. If you identify as a member of our culturally diverse community and are interested in joining, please contact Mr. Cleary – [tcleary@hrce.ca](mailto:tcleary@hrce.ca) to learn more or express interest. We are hoping that all cultures in our school community have the opportunity for their voices to be heard and represented on our Advisory Council.



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SchoolsPlus is a confidential, free service available in every school in Nova Scotia. Our goal is to build positive relationships between families, schools, and communities. We can help families navigate complicated situations when they are involved with many different services. This helps ensure everyone is communicating clearly and working on shared goals.

SchoolsPlus can also help connect families to community resources and offers mental health support in schools. Contact the SchoolsPlus Facilitator for your school to make a referral. You can find additional information [here](#).

SchoolsPlus Facilitator – Stacey Oliver, MSW, RSW, Millwood Family of Schools



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