

Sackville Heights Elementary School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

October was a busy month! In classrooms we took the opportunity to deepen our understanding of Mi'Kmaq history and contemporary culture, reinforcing the idea that we are all treaty people.

Now that November is here and routines are well-established, we will not only continue to prioritize high-quality learning experiences but also encourage students to build upon and showcase their knowledge across the various topics they are exploring in class. Our school remains committed to excellence in instruction and is dedicated to achieving our goals in literacy and math.

As fall has fully set in and colder weather becomes more frequent, we remind everyone that we go outdoors as much as possible. Be sure to dress warmly for chilly mornings and consider packing an extra pair of mittens or gloves for unexpected cooler temperatures.

This time of year also presents a wonderful opportunity to reflect and be thankful for the peace and sense of community we share. We remember and honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our peace, as well as those who have served and continue to serve.

On Remembrance Day, please take a moment to reflect, honor, and give thanks to those who have given us the gifts of freedom, peace, and security.

Sincerely,

Tom Cleary and Lisa Gray



November Dates

November 4

School Photo Re-Takes

November 8

Indigenous Veterans Day

November 10

In-school Remembrance Day
assembly – 10:20am

November 11

Remembrance Day – No
School for Students

November 12

Flu Shot Clinic 3:45-6:00pm

November 18

SAC/PTO

November 21

Assessment & Evaluation Day –
No School for Students

November 22

PTO Holiday Market

Remembrance Day Ceremony

We would like to invite all service members, past and present, to attend our Remembrance Day Assembly on Monday, November 10th at 10:20am. This is a special occasion to honor the courage and sacrifices of those who have served, or currently work in service of our country. We will share tributes, reflections, and moments of silence to commemorate the bravery of our veterans and active-duty service members.

The presence of those who have/do serve our country will add great meaning to our assembly and we would like to take this time to show our appreciation in person.

Kindly RSVP by Friday, November 7th to Mr. Cleary – tcleary@hrce.ca. Thank you for your service; we look forward to coming together to honor our heroes.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

We will be sending home report cards via email on December 2nd. On December 4th there are scheduled Professional Development sessions for teachers in the morning, and Parent/Teacher meetings in the afternoon and evening. More information on how/when to sign up for Parent/Teacher meetings will be sent out later in the month.

Winter Concerts in December

We are excited to let everyone know that people can plan early, we wanted everyone to know the details of our Winter Concerts which will showcase what students are learning in Music class.

Our holiday concerts will be on Tuesday, December 15th, 16th and 17th. We will have evening concerts (doors open at 6:45pm) and afternoon concerts (12:30pm). There is limited seating at the evening concerts. We suggest 2 family members/student.



December Dates

December 1

Holiday Gift Shop runs today and tomorrow.

December 2

Report Cards Go Home

December 4

PD Day / PT Conferences – No School for Students

December 15

Grades 4's, 4/5M & 5's Concert

December 16

Grades 2's, 3's & 3/4G Concert

December 17

Grades Pr's, 1's & 1/2S's Concert

December 19

Last day of School for students.

PTA News

SHES Holiday Market – Saturday, November 22

Join us for our **Annual Holiday Market** - a fun community event featuring dozens of local vendors, entrepreneurs, makers, crafters, bakers, and more! It's the perfect chance to shop local and support our talented community. We will have a special appearance from Santa, and a letter writing station with delivery directly to the North Pole!

Vendor spots are still available! If you're interested in joining us, please contact the PTO for an application.

sackvilleheights.pto@gmail.com

Winter Gift Shop - Dec 2nd & 3rd

One of our favourite traditions returns this season! Students will shop for gently used treasures to surprise their loved ones. A schedule will follow for classes.

Send in items November 17–28 — We depend on families to donate a few gently used items for this event, think games, giftable items, costume jewelry, books, décor, holiday cheer, toys, and other giftable goodies for ages 0-99!

With our growing school community, each student will choose two special gifts so every child can enjoy the experience. Suggested donation of \$2 - no money is required; all children will shop and enjoy the spirit of giving!

Plans for Inclement Weather

It is important to take the time now to review our policy on inclement weather. In the event of an early/emergency dismissal (i.e. bad weather or emergencies such as a power outage) we will contact families directly to review how/with whom students will go home at dismissal. please ensure that if there are any further changes to contact information/emergency contact people, you advise the school as soon as possible.

It is the decision of the HRCE as to whether school is closed. The school cannot make that decision. In cases when the weather is bad early in the morning, this will be communicated via the HRCE website (for school closures and/or delays. You can also sign up to receive notifications by email or text from this site as well. Decisions are made by 6:00am (for morning) and 11:00am (for mid-day) closures.



Reminders:

Weather can be unpredictable. Please make sure to send appropriate outdoor clothing.

Supervision starts at 8:00am each day. There is no supervision after school by staff.

Safe Arrival: 1-833-582-6940

If your child will not be at school, please call the safe arrival line to report that they will be absent. Please call this number before 9:00am