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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

October was a busy month at SHES! Throughout the month, students had opportunities to deepen their understanding of Mi'kmaq culture and traditions and learn about the important role of the Mi'kmaq people in Nova Scotia. We also enjoyed a fun-filled evening at our PTO Halloween Dance. Thank you to our PTO and the many volunteers who helped make the dance a success! It was a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together!

As we move into November, it's hard to believe how quickly the school year is going! Our classrooms continue to be filled with learning and opportunities for students to grow. It has been wonderful to see students building connections, developing new skills, and becoming more confident in their learning.

This month, we encourage students to continue showing kindness and respect in their daily interactions. Small actions, such as offering a helping hand, using kind words, and being a thoughtful classmate, can make a big difference in our school community.

As the weather gets colder and the days get shorter, please ensure students are dressed appropriately for outdoor recess and lunch. We will continue to spend time outside whenever conditions allow.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to another month of learning and growth at SHES!

Sincerely,

Martha Walsh and Lisa Gray

November Dates

November 3

School Photo Re-Takes

November 8

Indigenous Veterans Day

November 10

Remembrance Day Assembly

November 11

Remembrance Day (No Classes for Students)

November 17

SAC & PTO Meetings

November 20

Assessment & Evaluation Day (No Classes for Students)

November 21

PTO Holiday Market

November 23-Dec 4

Scholastic Book Fair

November 30

Report Cards go Home

Remembrance Day Ceremony

We would like to invite parents and guardians who have served or are currently serving in the Canadian Armed Forces, police services, or other uniformed services to join us for our Remembrance Day Assembly on **Tuesday, November 10th at 12:30 p.m.**

This is a special opportunity for our school community to honour the courage, commitment, and sacrifices of those who have served and continue to serve our country and communities.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP by email to **Ms. Martha Walsh at walsh.martha@hrce.ca by Friday, November 6th**, so we can ensure seating is available.

Save the Date! Concerts in December

We know December is a busy time for families, so we wanted to share our winter concert dates in advance to help you plan!

Please mark your calendars for the following dates:

- **Monday, December 14:** Grades 4 and 5
- **Tuesday, December 15:** Grades 2 and 3
- **Wednesday, December 16:** Primary and Grade 1
- **Thursday, December 17:** Snow date, if needed

Additional details will be shared closer to the concert dates.

PTO News

SHES Holiday Market – Saturday, November 21

Get your holiday shopping started and come support local! Join us for our Annual Holiday Market featuring amazing local vendors, handmade treasures, baked goods, unique gifts, and more! Plus, enjoy a special visit from Santa and a letter-writing station with delivery straight to the North Pole!

Help us spread the word! This is a community event open to the public, so invite your friends, family, neighbours, and coworkers - and please share on your social networks! The more, the merrier!

Interested in being a vendor? Email sackvilleheightspto@gmail.com for an application.

See you November 21st!

December Dates

December 1-2

Holiday Gift Shop

December 3

Parent Teacher Conferences (Evening)

December 4

Professional Development (AM) – No Classes for students

Parent Teacher Conferences (Afternoon) – No Classes for students

December 14

Holiday Concert (Gr 4 & 5)

December 15

Holiday Concert (Gr 2 & 3)

December 16

Holiday Concert (Gr P & 1)

December 17

Holiday Concert Snow Date

December 18

Last Day of Class before Holiday Break

Winter Gift Shop - Dec 1st and 2nd

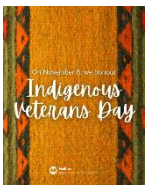


Our Winter Gift Shop is returning to SHES! This is a wonderful opportunity for students to choose special gifts for their loved ones and experience the joy of giving. A shopping schedule will be shared with classes closer to the event.

Donations will be accepted November 21–30. We rely on the generosity of our school community to make this event possible. Families are invited to donate gently used items that would make lovely gifts, such as games, toys, costume jewellery, home décor, holiday items, and other treasures suitable for ages 0–99. Please note that we will not be accepting adult books this year.

To ensure every child has the opportunity to participate, each student will be able to select **two special gifts**. A suggested donation of $2 is appreciated, but it is not required. Every child will have the chance to shop and take part in the fun! Thank you for helping us make this special tradition a success for our students!

November 8 is Indigenous Veterans Day

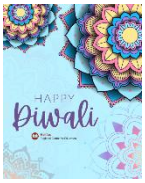


On November 8, we recognize Indigenous Veterans Day and honour the First Nations, Inuit and Métis people who have served and continue to serve in the Canadian Armed Forces. Indigenous veterans have made significant contributions to Canada's military history, serving with courage and dedication while often facing discrimination and barriers to recognition when they returned home.

This day is an opportunity to learn about their stories, recognize their sacrifices and reflect on the importance of ensuring their contributions are remembered and honoured.

We encourage families to take a moment to learn about Indigenous veterans and share their stories with the next generation. Learn more here.

Happy Diwali



Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is celebrated by millions of people around the world, including Hindus, Sikhs, Jains and some Buddhists. The celebration carries different meanings across traditions, but often centres on themes of light overcoming darkness, good overcoming evil, and hope, renewal and new beginnings.

Celebrations may include lighting diyas (small oil lamps), decorating homes, sharing special foods, exchanging gifts and gathering with family and friends. Diwali is an opportunity to learn about the diverse traditions and cultures represented in our school communities and to celebrate the many ways people find meaning, connection and joy.

We wish all those celebrating a happy Diwali!

Planning for 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
- Non-bussed 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 Instagram

It's important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation. Please remember: As a parent or guardian you always have the choice of whether or not to send your child to school.

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