

October News



Morning Arrival- Thank you!!

Thank you in supporting the safety of our students during morning arrival. The bus loop is closed to all non-designated vehicles during morning arrival. There are approximately 1000 students arriving daily from both buildings, this measure is essential to ensuring a safe and orderly process for everyone.

School Bell Schedule

- 8:15 AM: outdoor supervision begins
- 8:30 AM: Students enter building
- 8:35 AM: Morning Attendance
- 10:05 - 10:20 AM: Recess
- 12:05-1:05 PM: Lunch (ALL CLASSES)
- 2:35 PM: Dismissal



Picture Day

School photos will be taken over two days, October 7th and 8^h

Terry Fox walk

In recognition of the Terry Fox Run students will be participating in a walk around the neighbourhood. Please sign and return permission forms to your child's teacher.

Toys from Home

- As a friendly reminder, toys, stuffies, and trading cards should be left at home, as they can be distracting and may sometimes lead to conflicts between students.
- If a student benefits from a fidget item, please connect with their classroom teacher to discuss appropriate use and expectations.
- If there is a special day when students may bring these items to school, teachers will let families know in advance.
- Thank you for helping us maintain a focused and positive learning environment!



October 1

Treaty Day

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Terry Fox Walk

October 7 and 8

School photos

October 7

Bus Evacuation

October 4-10

Fire Prevention Week

October 12

Thanksgiving

October 19-23

School Bus Safety Week

October 23

Provincial Conference Day
(no school)

Halloween Activities

- Students can wear their costumes (no masks or weapons) to school Friday, October 30th
- Alternatively, students can wear orange and black.
- Each classroom will have their own activities, and you'll receive more details from the teachers closer to Halloween.

What is School Messenger's Safe Arrival? Please report that your child will be Absent or Late

- School Messenger's Safe Arrival is an absence-management system that improves student safety and makes it easy for you to let the school know about your child's absence.
- You are asked to report your child's absence in advance whenever possible using one of the 3 convenient methods: The link is on HRCE as well as our school website
- If you know your child will be **LATE** please indicate that your child will be absent for the full day. When your child arrives and goes to the office for a late slip, their attendance will be changed.

October 1 is Treaty Day

Treaty Day is an opportunity to learn, reflect and deepen our understanding of the historic and ongoing relationships between Mi'kmaq and non-Mi'kmaq people in Nova Scotia.

Treaties are not simply part of our past. They are living agreements that continue to shape our shared responsibilities today. In schools, Treaty Day provides an important opportunity to help students understand Mi'kmaq history, culture, rights and perspectives, while exploring what it means to live together in a spirit of respect, partnership and reciprocity.

By continuing to learn about the Treaties and our responsibilities within them, we help build stronger relationships and contribute to the ongoing work of reconciliation.



October is Mi'kmaq History Month

Each October, Mi'kmaq History Month provides an opportunity to deepen our understanding of Mi'kmaq culture, history, language and traditions, while recognizing the important contributions of Mi'kmaq people past and present.

- Across our schools, students and staff may mark the month through learning, storytelling, art, community connections and cultural experiences that bring Mi'kmaq perspectives into the classroom and school community.
- As we learn together, Mi'kmaq History Month reminds us of the importance of listening, building relationships and continuing our shared commitment to truth and reconciliation.
- Learn more about Mi'kmaq History Month [here](#).

SAC

School Advisory Council (SAC)
BLT JR & BLT SR

Together we make a difference!

A **School Advisory Council** is an advisory body to the school principal, Regional Centre for Education, and the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial on a range of issues related to the school and the school system.

Membership can vary, but generally consists of the school principal, parents, teachers, and other community members.

October 5th, 2026
at 6pm
in the BLT SR Cafeteria

How to Prevent, Find and Treat Head Lice:

- Head lice spread through direct contact among children (head-to-head), or indirectly on items such as hats, combs, hairbrushes, headbands, helmets, and toques.
- They can live off the head for up to 3 days.
- Check your child's head regularly: – once a week as part of your routine
- For more information on Headlice and how to prevent headlice please go to: <https://www.ednet.ns.ca/docs/headliceinschoolsguidelinesforparentsandguardiansen.pdf>

Power Outage Information for Families

As we move into the winter months, we want to share how decisions are made when a school experiences a power outage.

Our priority is always to keep schools open safely when possible. A power outage does not automatically mean classes are cancelled – if it happens during the school day. The decision depends on when power is expected to be restored.



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Here's what happens

When a school loses power, HRCE's Operations Team contacts Nova Scotia Power to gather available details on the cause and an estimated restoration time.

Once we have this information, we consider:

- Before school starts: Have buses begun their routes? If so, we wait until students arrive before making a decision. If classes are cancelled, elementary families will be contacted before dismissal.
- During the school day: How close is dismissal? What is the temperature in the building? Does the school rely on power for water or septic systems? These factors, among others, help us decide whether to stay open or close. Often, power returns faster than we could safely send students home.

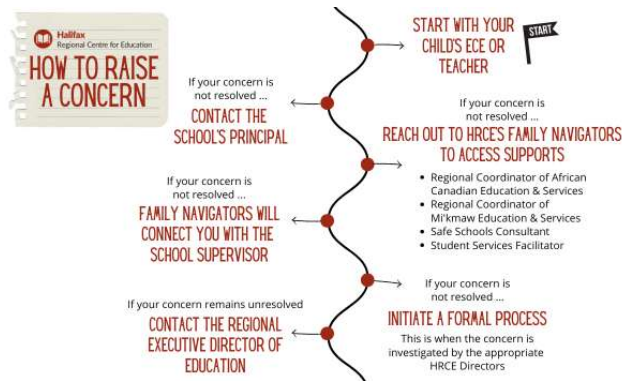
If classes are cancelled:

- HRCE will notify families by email and text.
- Families of elementary students will also receive a phone call before dismissal.
- Deciding to close schools during a power outage is never simple, but safety is always our top priority. We understand that cancellations can be inconvenient, and our goal is to keep students learning in class whenever possible.

More information about school cancellations for any reason can be found [here](#).

Do you know how to raise a concern?

Did you know that there's a protocol in place to help families contact schools or the HRCE office when you have concerns about your student's education or well-being?



- All concerns should first be shared with your child's teacher.
- If your concern is not resolved, you should then contact the principal.
- If your concern remains unresolved, you can reach out to HRCE's [Family Navigators](#) who can provide information about a wide range of supports and resources.
- If your matter continues to be unresolved, you can then initiate a formal review process in which the matter will be investigated by the appropriate HRCE Directors.
- The final step is for your concern to be passed on to the Regional Executive Director. [Click here](#) to learn more.