November News

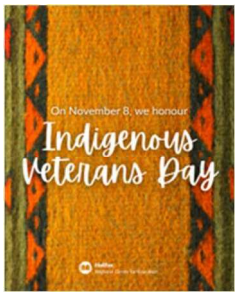
Dear Families,



Each year on November 11, people across Canada pause at the 11th hour to remember. The poppy we wear, the silence we observe and the stories we share are ways of keeping the memory of those who served, those who never returned home, and the lasting impact of war alive for future generations.
In our schools, Remembrance Day offers students an opportunity to explore the meaning behind these traditions and consider what remembrance looks like today. As we honour the past, we also reflect on the importance of peace, kindness and understanding in our own communities.
We invite families to join Canadians across the country in taking a moment to remember.

Remembrance Day Ceremony
Our Remembrance Day Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, November 10th, for students and invited military guests. Please continue to submit your Wall of Honour sheets, ensuring you include the student's name and grade so we can return them to families.

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.

PUT THIS on YOUR CALENDAR!

November 10
Remembrance Day Ceremony

November 11
Remembrance Day
(no school for students)

November 20
Evaluation Day
(no school for students)

November 30
Report Cards sent home

December 3
Evening Progress Conferences

December 4
Progress Conferences/Teacher PD
(no school for students)

December 7, 8 9
Music Concerts

December 18
Last day for students before Holiday Break

December 21
Professional Development Day for staff
(no school for students)

January 4
First Day Back After Break

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!

Concert Dates

Our concert dates for this year are December 7, 8 and 9. More information about times and tickets will be sent home closer to the concert dates.

Mon. Dec 7	Tues. Dec 8	Wed. Dec 9
2Webb	2Taryn	2 Sargent
3Rhyno	2/3 Shillington	2/3 Ball
3/4Honey	3Doxtater	2 Ogilvie
3/4Stokes	3Morse	2 Gong
4Andrade	4Hankins	2 Blandford
4Webb	4Terri	
4/5 McKearney	4Tobin	
5Fucsek	5Ferguson	
5C-A	5McP	
5Urquhart	5Smith	

Parent/Teacher Interviews Learning Conferences

Parent teacher interviews will take place on the evening of **Thursday, December 3rd and on December 4th during the afternoon**. We will be using an online platform to book parent teachers interviews. More information about scheduling an appointment will be sent later in the month.

Report Card Information

- Report cards will be sent home electronically on November 30.

Sections on the Report Card

1. Demographics: Information identifying the student.
2. Attendance Report: Overview of attendance for the year.
3. Learner Profile: A checklist of work habits and social skills.

Developmental Scale: • Well Developed • Developing as Expected • Needs Development • Insufficient Evidence	**Letter Grades (Level of Understanding):** A — Thorough B — Good C — Basic D — Limited
Grade 2 & 3 Report Cards: • All three terms use the Developmental Scale for grading. • Integrated English/French Language Arts and Mathematics are reported on in all three terms. • Music and Physical Education are reported only in Terms 2 and 3.	**Grade 4 & 5 Report Cards:** • Term 1: Grades are recorded using the Developmental Scale. • Terms 2 and 3: Grades are recorded using Letter Grades. • Integrated English/French Language Arts and Mathematics are reported on in all three terms. • Music, Core French, and Physical Education are reported in Terms 2 and 3 using the Developmental Scale

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
- 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 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.

November 13-19 is Transgender Awareness Week



Transgender Awareness Week is an opportunity to reflect on how kindness, inclusivity and understanding help create welcoming school communities where everyone feels they belong. Taking time to learn about experiences different from our own, listening with an open mind and treating others with respect can make a meaningful difference in someone's day and sense of belonging.

Families can help reinforce these values by encouraging children to lead with kindness, embrace differences and recognize that everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and compassion. Together, we can help create school communities where every student feels welcome, valued and supported.

Free screening of “Your Attention Please”



Join Unplugged Canada’s Nova Scotia Chapter for a FREE screening of the documentary "Your Attention Please" on December 3, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the White Spruce Room at Keshen Goodman Library.

Parents, caregivers and educators are invited to watch this thought-provoking documentary about the impact of technology on our attention, and come together for a discussion on how we navigate this with youth in our own community. Please register in advance as tickets are limited.

Event: FREE screening of Your Attention Please
Date: December 3, 2026
Time: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Location: White Spruce Room, Keshen Goodman Library
Cost: FREE
Register: https://yourattentionpleaseNS.eventbrite.ca