

# Beechville-Lakeside-Timberlea Senior Elementary School October News 2022

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## September Start Up

Our school year is off to a fantastic start! We greatly appreciate the support of our community as we all work toward the same goal; your child's academic, and social/behavioural success. **Your continued patience, flexibility, support and understanding are how we ask all of our families to approach our year.**

Completing all homework, completing all home reading, getting lots of physical activity, eating as healthy as possible, and lots of sleep will help student success immensely. Please remember to stay in touch with your child's teacher about their progress, and **ALL** communication starts with your child's teacher.

## October is Mi'kmaq History Month

Throughout the month we will be pausing to take notice of many aspects related to the Mi'kmaq culture. More information can be found at <http://mikmaqhistorymonth.ca/>

## Life Threatening Allergies

Please be reminded that we have members of our school who have a life-threatening allergy to tree nuts/peanuts. When planning snacks and lunches please be mindful to not send items with nuts, for the welfare of these students.

## Substitute Lunch Monitor

Our school is often in need of substitute lunch monitors. If you are interested in becoming a paid substitute lunch monitor please contact the school at 902-876-3230, we will walk you through the process.

## Substitute Educational Program Assistant (EPA)

Our school is often in need of substitute EPAs. If you are interested in working in a school with students who require additional support each day, we would like to help you make this possible. Please contact the school (902-876-3230) and we will walk you through this process.

## Electronic Information

Please remember that by going to our school's web page (<https://tjh.hrce.ca/>) you can find out anything you will need to know about our school and your child's education. You can also sign up for our HRCE or BLT Sr. Twitter information or the HRCE text alerts. You can sign up for Text Alerts from HRCE by going to <https://www.hrce.ca/about-our-schools/parents/subscribe-notifications>

## School Cancellation

For the latest information about a school cancellation please consult the local radio stations such as CBC Radio or Move100. The HRCE web site and signing up for the HRCE text alerts are also great options. Also if the buses are cancelled in the morning they will also be cancelled for the afternoon, similarly for school, although a 2 hour delayed start to school is possible. This means bus pick up and school would all be 2 hours later than usual but dismissal would still be at 2:30.

## Breakfast Program

Our breakfast program is up and running and a huge success again. We are pleased to offer students breakfast items EVERY day if a student is interested

## **Student Information and Emergency Contacts**

Please remember to always provide the school of any updates to your child's information as it relates to PowerSchool including phone number changes and emergency contact changes. Please know that if the school does need to contact an emergency person, from your Power School information, the school must still be in contact with a parent/guardian for consent to have the emergency person act on your behalf.

\*New registration forms will be coming home to families to update early next week.

## **School Picture & Re-takes**

Please see below from our photography service:

To view and order your photos:

Please visit: [www.nssp.ca](http://www.nssp.ca)

1. Click: **CLIENTS**.
2. Click: **FIND MY PHOTOS**.
3. Enter the password: **(Your 10-Digit Student Number)**. Found in the PowerSchool portal.
4. Log in, or create an account.

We will gladly print traditional proof envelopes for families with limited internet access.

Payments may be made online using: Credit, VISA debit, or eCheque.

If you choose to place your order online but wish to pay offline, you may call us and we can take the following payments over the phone: Credit, Debit, eTransfer.

If you have any questions, please do **not** call the school, unless you require personal information of a student. Our office is open Monday to Friday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm for any inquiries. Our number is (902) 423-8840. Our email is [studio@calnenphotography.com](mailto:studio@calnenphotography.com)

Our re-takes will be during the morning of October 25.

## **October is ADHD Awareness Month**

More information can be found on the Centre For ADHD Awareness, Canada's web site <https://caddac.ca/adhd/awareness-advocacy/adhd-awareness-month/>

## **Provincial Student Privacy Policy**

In the event someone from the school may ever need to have a conversation with you about an issue between your child and another, we are bound by the Provincial Student Privacy Policy, during that conversation. This means that we are not permitted to mention the other student by name or discuss consequences for another child. We would ask that you respectfully trust that the school will be working to ensure the situation and students are supported so that nothing further would transpire between the parties involved.

## **Outdoor Expectations**

With the cooler weather arriving soon, we wanted to remind all that our students should be dressing to be warm when they arrive at school. They can always take off a jacket if it ends up being warm later on that day.

As well when we do have snow come our way we wanted to remind all of our expectations for student conduct:

- 1) Behaviour - the snow is not to be kicked up, or kicked at anyone. The snow is not to be thrown at anyone. No student should be “snowed in.” That is buried in the snow, with consent or not. The students should enjoy the snow and their classmates but never at anyone else’s expense. Students get one warning about throwing snow. A second time may lead to a suspension. We are not in a position to be careless with another student’s health and well-being.
- 2) Clothing – all students are expected to have clothing appropriate to the weather. This means all students should have hats, gloves/mitts, coat, boots, and snow pants. If any family needs assistance please let your child’s teacher know, we are more than willing to help where possible.
- 3) Temperature – students will be outside before school, recess and lunch in temperatures as cold as -20C. The Environment Canada Weather Office will be our primary source for temperatures. With students coming to school appropriately dressed for outdoor conditions, -20C is not a problem. Please keep in mind that students will be outdoors for about 20 minutes during their longest period of time. We are anticipating that being outside will help us remain healthier during the cold, flu and COVID seasons.

## **Fantastic Moments Monthly Awards**

It is our pleasure to visit classes to present our monthly awards in recognition of the great things students do. We will also continue awarding our weekly prizes of Golden Bucket, Sneaker, Treble Clef and Tour Eiffel. As well Mrs. Smedley grants a weekly Sapphire Dragon Award from her library program.

## **Homework/Home Reading**

Please remember that every student in our school should be involved with reading on a nightly basis. It could range from being read to, to reading on their own. Depending on a student’s grade will dictate the type of homework and expectations for when it needs to be finished. As a rough guide a student in grade 3 might have reading and possibly a short math or writing activity lasting about 30 minutes for everything. A student in grade 5 might have reading and other work lasting about 50 minutes. Your child’s teacher can provide information on homework guidelines and expectations. Homework is meant to, in part, be a life skill and wholly beneficial to student achievement, it is not meant to be hours of torture. Your child’s homework is also meant to be an independent activity, please stay in contact with your child’s teacher if homework is proving to be otherwise.

## **Lost & Found Items**

If your child seems to be missing a water bottle, sweatshirt, jacket or possibly another item, they can always check the lost & found area. Our first donation of unclaimed lost & found items will be at the December Holiday Break. We will provide an opportunity for all students to take a look at the lost items in December. Labeling all items will help us return them to their owner, Parents are always welcome to come in to have a look.

### **Students Bringing Items From Home**

Please know that items such as cards and toys are currently allowed at our school, although we do not openly encourage the students to bring these things. We do not want anything to become damaged, lost or stolen as a family spends a tremendous amount of money for those possessions and they should be kept around for many years to use. Additionally we never allow “trading” of cards while on the bus or at school. Intentions can be misunderstood and each student should keep their own items.

### **Remembrance Day Ceremony**

Our school is pleased to once again offer to our students a Remembrance Day ceremony, under the direction of Mrs. Tremblay. The ceremony is November 10 but due to the very large size of our student population and our fire safety capacity in our gym, we are not able to invite our general community. We are honoured to have many military and retired military members joining us as invited guests. If you are such a person but have not received an invitation please contact [jtremblay@hrce.ca](mailto:jtremblay@hrce.ca) and we will make arrangements for you to join us.

### **Morning Drop Off**

Please remember that the orange area near our barriers is the student drop off area in the morning. Students should be ready to jump out as soon as your car is stopped. Please follow the bus loop direction when arriving as that ensures predictability and safety for all. Additionally, please remember that the parking lot is, generally, not a drop off area.

### **Islamic History Month**

During October we will celebrate the culture and many contributions of the Muslim people and communities in Canada.

### **Important Dates**

October 1	Treaty Day * the start of Mi'kmaq History Month
October 1	ADHD Awareness Month
October 1	Islamic History Month
October 3	School Photos Day (Retakes on Oct. 25)
October 5	Bus evacuation drill
October 7	Terry Fox Roll, Walk and Run
October 10	Thanksgiving Day-no school
October 28	Provincial PD Day-no classes for students
November 11	Remembrance Day-no school
November 21	Assessment & Evaluation Day-no classes for students
November 29	Report cards electronically sent home