

Beechville-Lakeside-Timberlea Senior Elementary School November News 2022

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Remembrance Day Ceremony

On November 10th our school will be conducting a Remembrance Day ceremony for students and invited military guests. If you are active duty and are available to attend, please RSVP jtremlay@hrce.ca. Thank you for your understanding.



Breakfast Program

A huge thank you to Loblaw (Atlantic Superstore) Lakeside Distribution Centre and David Keefe for their incredible support of our breakfast program. Our kids are well cared for by these amazing community partners.

Halloween Dance

Our school would like to thank our amazing PTC group and volunteers for a fantastic Halloween dance. The students had a great time and school spirit was very evident. **If you are looking to get involved with our incredible PTC please contact bltptcinfo@gmail.com to get started.**

Holiday Concert

Our Holiday Concert will take place on December 13 for our grade 2 and 3 classes. Our older classes, including both of our grade 3/4 classes will have a spring performance. We will have an afternoon performance on Dec. 13, which will not require a ticket, and encourage as many people as possible to attend this performance. For the evening event, each family will receive two tickets. Due to the large size of our school population and fire safety regulations we are not able to offer more tickets for each family.

School Twitter

For those who may have Twitter we would ask that you kindly follow our school's account for all kinds of information which may take place in Bear Country. Our Twitter is @bltsenior

Pick Up/Drop Off

While the morning routine is generally well executed but we have two areas for improvement:

- 1) Students not immediately exiting a car after stopping in the orange drop off area (please remember that all hugs/kisses/conversations should be completed before arriving at school.) Students should have their book bags in their lap, readying to hop out. There is no need for parents to get out of the car.
- 2) Students being dropped off in an area other than the orange drop off area, leading to students walking through the buses. Please be patient as each drop off should only take a few seconds and you will move into the drop off area quickly, if everyone is following #1.

As well we would like to remind families to not use the school's parking lot for drop offs or picks ups. Of course, if you have an Accessible Parking Permit you will be able to enter the parking area.

Paid Positions Available

Our school is looking for more people to add to our substitute list as a paid lunch monitor position. If interested please contact the school and we will help make this possible. As well our system (and school) require Education Program Assistant (EPA) substitutes. Please contact Mrs. Butler, 902-876-3230 or email jbutler@hrce.ca, if interested in either position.

School Cash Online

We would ask that all of our families take a minute to create a School Cash Online account for your child or children <https://hrce.schoolcashionline.com/>. For any future times in which a payment will need to be made to the school or PTC, this method will be used.

Outdoor Clothing

Although the weather has been reasonable, we undoubtedly will experience cold autumn and eventually winter weather. Children should be dressing appropriately for the weather when they come to school each day. Having a touque, mittens and extra pair of socks in their book bags is a great idea. Remember to stay up to date for any weather, which may affect the school being open or needing to close early. CBC Radio, and other radio stations are great for the latest information. In the event of significant weather please make sure the school has all of your latest contact information. You can also sign up for important texts from the HRCE by going to www.hrce.ca. **Remember to label all of your child's items.**

Homework Expectations

Please be reminded that as a result of the Nova Scotia Dept. of Education and Early Childhood Development's Homework Policy all schools and in turn all students will be expected to complete homework. The homework will look different depending upon the grade level. Your child's teacher is always more than willing to support in any way.

First Term Report Cards

Our first term report cards will be sent home electronically on November 29th.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Interviews will be taking on, or around December 1st. More information will be sent home in mid-November.

Morning Arrivals

Student supervision is not available until 8:05 each morning. Please do not drop your child off prior to that.

Safe Arrival

Parents/guardians of students who attend our school have the option to report their child's absence or late arrival in advance using a toll-free number, the PowerSchool Parent Portal or an app!

SchoolMessenger SafeArrival – an absence management system that improves student safety and makes it easy for families to inform their child's school if they will be away – powers all three of these options.

If your child will knowingly be late for school (typically due to an appointment) please indicate they will be absent for the full day, we then change their status once the student arrives at school.

If your child will be absent or late, please let us know by using one of the following methods:

1) Toll-Free Number

Call 1-833-582-6940 to report an absence using an automated system.

2) PowerSchool Parent Portal

Log into <https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/> and access the SchoolMessenger website to report an absence.

3) SchoolMessenger App

Download the SchoolMessenger app for Android and iOS devices and sign up using your PowerSchool username (full email address).

For more information about reporting your child's absence and a list of frequently asked questions, visit:

<https://www.hrce.ca/safearrival>

School Photos

Please visit: 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.

Calnen 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. Calnen office is open Monday to Friday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm for any inquiries. Calnen photo number is (902) 423-8840. Our email is studio@calnenphotography.com

Questions About Busing

If you have any questions about busing related to bus stops, routes or drivers please contact the HRCE Transportation Team at **902-431-4723 or 902-464-2000 (ext. 1) or transportation@hrce.ca for assistance.**

Halloween For Hunger

Thank you so much to Mme. Huczel, our students and our staff for another incredibly successful food drive to support Feed Ns. **We are so proud to have donated over 100 boxes to Feed NS.**

Birthday Invitations

We would like to remind families that using the school for distributing birthday invitations is not something which should be done. As birthday parties are an out of school, home activity the distribution of invitations should also be done outside of school. As you can imagine if invitations are distributed at a school there are a myriad of issues which can arise as a result.

Book Fair

BLT Senior will again be holding a virtual Scholastic Book Fair this year!

The dates will be November 21st to November 27th - all purchases will be made online and products will be distributed from the school. All purchasing done through the Scholastic book fair financially supports our school library. Further details will be shared as the date approaches.

Important Dates

November	Crohn's & Colitis Awareness Month
November 10	Remembrance Day Ceremony
November 11	Remembrance Day, no school
November 21	Assessment & Evaluation Day, no classes for students
November 21-27	Virtual Book Fair
November 29	Report cards electronically sent home
December 1	PD Day in the morning and P-T interviews during the afternoon-no classes for student
December 2	PD Day-no classes for students
December 13	Holiday Concert
December 20	Final day before Holiday Break
January 3	First day back after Holiday Break
February 20	Heritage Day-no school
March Break	March 13-17 inclusive-no school
March 20	Assessment & Evaluation Day, no classes for students
March 28	Report cards electronically sent home
March 30	PD Day in the morning and P-T interviews during the afternoon-no classes for student

The full school year's HRCE calendar can be found by going to

https://www.hrce.ca/sites/default/files/hrsb/Departments/BoardServices/Communications/hrce_calendar_2022-23.pdf