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IMPORTANT DATES

November 1st Diwali Culturally Significant Day

November 5th School Wide Assembly (For The Love Of Trees)

November 8th Remembrance Day Assembly for Staff and Students

November 8th Indigenous Veterans Day

November 11th Remembrance Day: School is closed

November 12th SAC/PTA

November 13th World Kindness Day

November 22nd Assessment and Evaluation Day: No classes for student

November 29th Popcorn Friday

November 30th Santa Social





Diwali, the Festival of Lights, is a major Hindu celebration symbolizing the victory of light over darkness. It features the lighting of oil lamps, fireworks, and the exchange of sweets, fostering joy, unity, and gratitude among families and communities.



Indigenous Remembrance Day, observed on November 8th in Canada, honors the contributions and sacrifices of Indigenous veterans. It's a time to reflect on their unique experiences and the resilience of their communities, while also committing to support Indigenous rights and reconciliation.



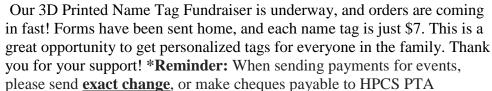
World Kindness Day, celebrated on November 13th, is a special opportunity to spread compassion and positivity. This year, Ms. Gaudet, our lovely librarian, has organized a kindness quilt activity for the entire student body. Together, we will create and display a beautiful tapestry that inspires and promotes a culture of kindness in our community!



November 13th – November 19th is Transgender Awareness Week in Canada. It is a time to raise visibility and support for transgender and gender-diverse individuals. Celebrated annually in the second week of November, it encourages conversations about challenges faced by the Trans community, promotes understanding, and advocates for their rights. This week reminds us of the importance of inclusivity and respect for all gender identities.



We want to extend our heartfelt thanks for the tremendous support you've shown this year. Your participation made Turkey Bingo a huge success, and the turnout for our annual Halloween dance was truly remarkable. It's your enthusiasm and involvement that help make our community so special. We're grateful to have such supportive staff members and families!





Saturday, November 30th - 4th Annual Santa Social. Join us for our annual Santa Social to welcome the holiday season! Keep an eye on the HPCS PTA page for more details in the coming weeks. If you, or your business, would like to make a donation to the raffle baskets, please contact us via the HPCS PTA Facebook page or pta.hpcs@gmail.com



Front Row Seat Raffle: Forms will be coming home in December where you can purchase tickets to enter to win a pair of front row seats at the Holiday Concerts!



We are incredibly proud of Jennifer Saulnier, one of our Educational Program Assistants, for her courage and resilience after losing her home in the wildfires that devastated Tantallon and Hammonds Plains on May 28, 2023. Speaking in front of Parliament alongside other climate disaster survivors, Jennifer shared her harrowing experience, calling for urgent action on climate change and better support for firefighters. Her message reminded us that these crises are here, affecting our community, and demanding real change. Thank you, Jennifer, for inspiring us all with your strength and advocacy. You can read more about her story here.



We're excited to announce a school-wide assembly titled "For the Love of Trees," thanks to Mrs. Jennifer Parsons, one of our dedicated Grade 2 teachers. Taking place on November 5th, this assembly will focus on reforestation—the vital process of replanting trees in areas impacted by natural events like wildfires and human activities. Given our community's experience with last year's wildfires, this topic holds special significance. Thank you, Mrs. Parsons, for bringing this meaningful initiative to our school!



We are pleased to announce that the Grade Five Leadership Program has completed its first leadership development session! We're already providing opportunities for our students to hone their wonderful leadership skills. A huge thank you to our community volunteer, Mrs. Holly Lapierre, for speaking to our grade fives about the importance of citizenship.



"The Jingle Bell Jukebox" Grade Primary - Five

Plans are currently underway regarding our December concert which will feature students in Grades Primary - 5. We are so excited to be able to perform for you and we hope to see everyone on **December 10th/11th, 2024.** We will have a dress rehearsal at 1:30 p.m. for grandparents, preschoolers, relatives etc. basically everyone is welcome, and tickets are not required! We will also have an evening performance at 6:30 p.m. which will be for two guests only. Two tickets will be sent home the week of the concert, we will be strictly monitoring this as our gym is very small and we must adhere to the fire regulations.

To help with your planning, the following is the list of classes, times and dates:

Tuesday, December 10th, 2024 1:15 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.	Wednesday, December 11th, 2024 1:15 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.	
Primary Myra, Primary Oakie,	Primary Oliver, Primary Redding 1 Boudreau,	
1 Leblanc/Hickey, 1 Boucher,	1 Leblanc/Harrison, 1/2 Geneau, 2 MacDonald,	
2 Pooler, 2/3 Monette, 3 Barkhouse, 3 Taneja	1/2 Parsons, 4/5 Bowers, 5 Fraser, 5 Nicolle, 5	
3 Dean Levy, 3/4 Nickerson, 4 Perry &	Markus & 4/5 Wilson	
4/5 Leblanc		



Schools Plus is a confidential, free service available in every school in Nova Scotia. Our goal is to build positive relationships between families, schools, and communities. We can help families navigate complicated situations when they are involved with many different services. This helps ensure everyone is communicating clearly and working on shared goals. Schools Plus can also help connect families to community resources and offers mental health support in schools. Contact the Schools Plus Facilitator for your school to make a referral. You can find additional information here.



Our **Breakfast Program** launched on September 12th and is in full swing. Each morning, we rely on volunteers to prepare food for delivery to classrooms. We still need more volunteers to help with this important program. If you are interested in lending a hand, please contact Tania McNamara at tmcnamara@hrce.ca A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who have stepped up to support our students! Your help makes a difference!



For the safety of our students and staff, we kindly ask that all visitors, including volunteers and guests, sign in at the office and obtain a visitor's tag from our administrative assistant. To maintain a focused learning environment, we request that parents refrain from entering the building during instructional hours.

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If your child arrives late or needs to be picked up early, please sign them in or out at the office. Additionally, if someone other than a parent or legal guardian will be picking up your child, please ensure they are listed in PowerSchool. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!



As the weather gets colder, we want to remind everyone to bundle up! Don't forget your hats, mitts, and warm jackets to stay cozy during the chilly season. It's also a great practice to label all garments to help your child to keep track of them. Let's stay warm and keep our belongings organized this winter!



Please be reminded that our Lost and Found is quickly growing! We strongly encourage parents to label all their children's belongings to help us return items to their owners. This is the third and final notice; items that have not been claimed since September will be donated soon. Thank you for your cooperation!



If your family is having trouble at home. We would like to provide additional support at school. We understand that you are not always able to share details and that's okay, If your child is coming to school after a difficult night, morning or weekend, please email the classroom teacher and /or the office "Handle With Care" this will let us know that your child may need extra time, patience or help during the day