



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2017

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IMPORTANT DATES

October 2 nd	Turkey Trot Cross Country Race
October 3 rd	Picture retakes
October 4 th	HPCS night at Chapters Bayer's Lake
October 9 th	Thanksgiving Holiday, No School
October 10 th	SAC 6:00 pm/ PTA 7:00 pm
October 27 th	No School/Provincial Conference
October 31 st	Hallowe'en

Mi'kmaq History Month 2017

October is Mi'kmaq History Month in Nova Scotia. The goal of the month is to help Nova Scotians build awareness of Mi'kmaq history and heritage, and to increase understanding of the province's rich Mi'kmaq culture. Treaty Day marks the beginning of Mi'kmaq History Month in Nova Scotia as proclaimed in 1993 by then Premier John Savage and Mi'kmaq Grand Chief Ben Sylliboy. Several events are planned throughout the month, including the 5th Annual Mi'kmaq History Month Educators Conference (Oct. 2-3), Mi'kmaq artist Alan Sylliboy's Thundermaker exhibition (touring Oct. 7-24), and the Dalhousie Native Student Association Mawiomi on October 16.

The complete list of events can be found on the Mi'kmaq History Month events calendar (<http://mikmaqhistorymonth.com/events/>).

Adopt a School

We have been very fortunate to have been adopted by Chapters Bayer's Lake. From September 16th to October 8th they will be raising money in store and online to help us refresh our library. We are all very excited! Over the next few weeks you can make a donation in store or online at the Adopt A School link. We will also be hosting an **HPCS night on Wednesday Oct 4th at Chapters Bayers Lake from 5pm-8pm.**

Turkey Trot Cross Country Race

On October 2nd HPCS will be hosting the **Hammonds Plains Consolidated School Turkey Trot Thanksgiving X Country Meet** for students in Grades 3-6. The meet will take place on Monday October 2nd at 3:15pm with a rain date of October 4th. The event will wrap up at about 4:30pm. The distance is roughly a 1km loop for grades 3, 4 and 5 and a 1.5 km loop for the grade 6 students. There will be 1st-10th place ribbons with participant ribbons for all other runners, along with a turkey draw for each category (gr.4 girls, gr.4 boys, gr.5 girls, gr.5 boys, gr.6 girls, gr.6 boys). Permission forms have gone home with students. All runners must have a parent or guardian present at the race.

HALLOWEEN

Once again we will be celebrating Halloween here at school on October 31st. Students can wear their costumes. Please remember that the children should be able to move easily and safely, they should not be bringing any accessories which could be considered weapons (guns, swords, etc.) and they should avoid masks which obstruct their vision. It is important that we follow the Food and Nutrition policy. While we want our children to have the usual party fare, it is important that the portions be in moderation.



CONFERENCE DAY:

Please remember that there is **no school** on Friday, October 27th, as it is Professional Development Day for staff and they will be attending conferences and workshops for the day.

Year One Student Success Planning:

Our staff is developing goals in the area of literacy and math. We will also be developing and implementing strategies this fall to report on how our students are doing in the areas of Literacy and Math and what interventions we can implement so that each student can be successful.

Holiday Concert Dates 2017:

Below is the lineup for our 2017 concerts

Monday, December 4 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.	Tuesday, December 5 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.	Wednesday, December 6 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
1/2 Oakie	P/1 Leblanc	Primary Martell
2 Caron	2 Russell	Primary Oliver
2 Currie	3 Bowers	Primary Kendall
2 Zawidski	3 Taneja	Primary Parsons
3 Dean Levy	3/4 Spidell	1 Frith/Warnica
3/4 Monette	4 Perry	1 Collinson/Gagne
4 Bowers	4 White	1/2 Lord
5 Gallant	4/5 Shanahan	1 McNamara
5 Hasey	4/5 Steele	
	5 Fraser	

Choir Carol Sing

The choir will be divided between Monday and Tuesday night. Only choir members who are performing with their class that night will be singing carols for the waiting lineup of parents before the concert begins.

Choir Members in Monday's Concert:

4M, 4B, 5G & 5H

Choir Members in Tuesday's Concert:

4P, 4SP, 4/5Sh, 4W, 4/5St & 5F

PLAYDATES

Due to several bus mishaps, wrong stops, wrong bus information etc., we kindly ask that such transportation arrangements be coordinated at home between the families. Much time is spent by teaching staff discovering correct bus numbers, location drop offs etc. Although such opportunities for social play is important it would be most helpful if the children could go home on their regular bus and be transported from the home.

We thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If it is an emergency situation and a student needs to travel with another student please provide one note for the teacher and one note for the bus driver with the stop location and bus number clearly indicated.

“We Scare Hunger!”

HPCS is going to scare hunger away this month. We will be running our annual food drive from Tuesday, October 10th until Friday, October 27th. Donations could include, non-perishable food items, toiletries or cash/check. Let's join together and help hunger in Nova Scotia! Thanks in advance for your support ☺

