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The Hillside Park Press



Dear Families,

It has been another exciting, jam-packed month at Hillside Park! Our students explored Mi'kmaq culture through music, art, and storytelling. This journey included understanding the concept of Netukulimk—a guiding principle of sustainability and respect for nature—and its core values of Reciprocity, Respect, Relationships, and Responsibility. These values have become part of our daily conversations at school, helping students reflect on how our collective actions and words shape our school community.

A visit to Willowbank Farms offered our lower elementary students a wonderful chance to pick apples and explore the farm. The fresh air, excitement of the apple orchard, and seeing the animals brought nature into their hands! Upper elementary students enjoyed an unforgettable experience watching the Skate Canada performance at the Scotiabank Centre. Seeing world-class athletes perform was inspiring and showcased the dedication, discipline, and artistry of the sport.

These experiences bring our curriculum to life, deepen students' understanding, and help them connect to the world around them in meaningful ways. We're grateful for the support of our community in making these enriching events possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. Here's to a wonderful month ahead!

Yours in Education,
Mrs. Reid, Ms. Ripley-Davis and the Hillside Park Team

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November 8	Remembrance Day Ceremony 1:00 PM in the Gym
November 11	Remembrance Day Observed (no school)
November 13	School Picture Retakes
November 19	SAC/PTG Meeting 6:00 PM in the Library
November 22	Assessment & Evaluation Day (no school)

Upcoming Dates

December 2	Report Cards sent home electronically
December 5	Professional Learning Day for staff (AM) Family/Teacher Conferences (afternoon and evening) <i>No school for students</i>
December 11	Holiday Concert (afternoon and evening performance)
December 12	Holiday Concert Snow Date
December 20	Last Day of School for 2024

Remembrance Day Ceremony

Our Remembrance Day service will take place on Friday, November 8th at 1:00 PM in the Gym. We invite those who have served and are currently serving to attend the ceremony as our honoured guests. Please RSVP to Ms. Ripley-Davis (emily.ripley@hrce.ca) by November 5th if you can join us. If you have family members who have served or are currently serving, please consider sending their photo for our Wall of Heroes. You can either email the photo to Ms. Ripley-Davis or send the picture in and we will scan it for you.



To all members of the Canadian Armed Forces in our Hillside community, a heartfelt thank you for your service and sacrifice to our country. Students who partake in Girl Guides or Scouting may wear their uniforms. Please note that schools are closed on Monday, November 11th to observe Remembrance Day.

2024 Veterans' Week Poster

Canadian Armed Forces Around the World

Generations of brave Canadians have served in uniform to help defend peace and freedom. Our military personnel perform many important duties here at home. They have also deployed to dozens of countries to take part in wars, conflicts, peacekeeping missions, humanitarian operations and other military efforts.

2024 marks the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF). This commemorative poster features two crew members of a RCAF CH-148 Cyclone helicopter looking down on HMCS Montréal in April 2022. The Canadian warship and helicopter air detachment were serving in the Mediterranean Sea as part of Operation Reassurance. This long standing military effort supports our North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies in Central and Eastern Europe.



Term 1 Report Cards

This month we will be preparing Term 1 Report Cards and in early December you will have an opportunity to connect with teachers about your child's progress. We are once again using the online platform for booking appointments, with the option of a phone call or in-person meeting. More information to follow!

November is Hindu Heritage Month!

November marks Hindu Heritage Month, a time to celebrate the rich culture, traditions, and contributions of Hindu communities. Throughout the month, students will explore aspects of Hindu heritage—from art and music to festivals like Diwali—fostering respect and appreciation for diversity in our school.



Halloween Howl

A huge shout-out to our staff and families for making our Halloween Howl a great success! It was a blast and the kids really enjoyed it.

We are always looking to welcome new families to our Parent Teacher Group. It's a nice way to get involved and connected. Please reach out to Mrs. Reid or Ms. Ripley-Davis if you would like to join- it's never too late.



Provincial Student Attendance and Engagement Policy

Regular school attendance plays a key role in setting students up for success. We understand that sometimes special circumstances arise and we work collaboratively with our families to navigate these challenges. We have started reaching out to families of students who have over 10% absenteeism. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to support regular, consistent attendance for your child. We also have a number of students arriving late each day. It is important that students start the day ready to learn by 8:00 AM. You can read more about the provincial policy [here](#).



Nova Scotia Lunch Program

The provincial Lunch Program is now underway. You can register your child by going to www.nslunch.ca. Should you need any help, please connect with Mrs. Reid.



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 buses 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.



Visit hrce.ca/weather for everything you need to know about how weather could impact the operation of our school.

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If weather deteriorates, or is forecasted to worsen throughout the morning, an 11:00 a.m. announcement could be:

- Bused 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 our website www.hrce.ca
- On X (formerly Twitter) at [Twitter.com/HRCE_NS](https://twitter.com/HRCE_NS)
- On Instagram at www.instagram.com/hrce_ns/

It's important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation.

For more information on how HRCE manages during inclement weather, visit hrce.ca/weather.