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The Hillside Park Press



Dear Families,

It has been another exciting, jam-packed month at Hillside Park! Students were engaged in their learning about Mi'kmaq culture through music, art, storytelling, and the significance of the peace and friendship treaties. Our focus continues to be on strong literacy and numeracy practices, social-emotional learning and well-being through an equitable and responsive lens.

This month we will be preparing Term 1 Report Cards and you will have an opportunity to connect with teachers about your child's progress. We are piloting a new online platform for booking appointments, so no more back and forth papers trying to secure times. More information to follow!

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

Remembrance Day Ceremony

On November 10th at 1:00 pm we will hold our Remembrance Day service, led by Ms. Ripley-Davis and students. We invite those who have served and currently serve to attend the ceremony as our honoured guests. Please RSVP to Ms. Ripley-Davis (emily.ripley@hrce.ca) by November 6th 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 13th to observe Remembrance Day.



November 10	Remembrance Day ceremony 1:00 PM in the Gym
November 12	Happy Diwali!
November 13	Remembrance Day observed (no school)
November 14	SAC/PTG Meeting 6:00 PM in the Library
November 14	SuperNOVA CodeMakers Workshops for all students
November 17	Assessment & Evaluation Day (no school)
November 22	Report Cards sent home electronically
November 23	Professional Learning Day for staff (AM) Family/Teacher Conferences (Afternoon and Evening) <i>No school for students</i>
November 30	Dr. Chorney Presentation 6:00 PM in the Gym

Upcoming Dates

December 4	Professional Development Day (<i>No school for students</i>)
December 12	Holiday Concert
December 13	Holiday Concert Snow Date
December 20	Last Day of School for 2023

November is Hindu Heritage Month!

Today marks the beginning of Hindu Heritage Month, as we acknowledge and celebrate the many outstanding contributions that Canadians of Hindu heritage make to build a strong and prosperous country.

Happy Diwali to all families celebrating on November 12th!



2023 Veterans' Week Poster

In the service of peace

2023 marks the 75th anniversary of United Nations peacekeeping. Canada has a long history of helping defend and maintain peace around the world.

More than 125,000 Canadian Armed Forces members have served in international peacekeeping efforts in dozens of countries. We recognize and remember their courage, service and sacrifice.

On November 8, we honour Indigenous Veterans who have served in missions in times of war and peace. The military service of First Nations, Inuit and Métis in Canada has deep roots.

On November 11, we pause and reflect on the sacrifice of our veterans, past and present. Let us not forget.



Dal SuperNOVA CodeMakers Workshops

CodeMakers allows students to explore technologies, coding and artificial intelligence (AI) and their real world applications, fostering a meaningful connection to digital literacy. By providing youth with opportunities to develop digital literacy and analytical skills SuperNOVA is contributing to the Canadian economy by ensuring youth are prepared for the demands of the future workforce.



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 if you would like to join- it's never too late.



Dr. Daniel Chorney- Anxiety & Children

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Daniel Chorney to our school community for an evening talk about Anxiety in Children. Dr. Chorney is a Halifax-based registered psychologist. His sessions are designed to help increase and promote mental health awareness, and give families the ability to learn more about what evidence-based treatment is, especially relating to anxiety in children.



The session will be offered on **Thursday, November 30th at 6:00 PM** at Hillside Park School gym. Families from neighbouring schools (Cavalier Drive, Sycamore Lane, Caudle Park, and Smokey Drive) are all welcome to attend this session. The talk will be about 60 minutes, with 30 minutes for questions at the end.

Please fill out [the form](#) to confirm your attendance. *Dr. Chorney requests that this session is for adults only- there are a number of topics that come up that may not be appropriate with children in the audience.*

Healthy Hunger Lunch Program

We are pleased to be offering a hot lunch program this year at Hillside Park through [Healthy Hunger](#). You can conveniently sign up for as many days and weeks as you wish all at once. You decide which days, vendors, and menu choices for your child (ren).



- **Tuesdays from Subway**
- **Wednesdays from Pizza Town**
- **Thursdays from the Lunch Lady**

In order to reduce waste of single-use plastics, please send a fork and spoon in your child's lunch bag on the days you order. All ordering and payment is done online. Healthy Hunger cannot accommodate late orders so please check to see when each order closes *usually 5 days before the actual lunch date. *

A Message from SchoolsPlus



SchoolsPlus staff are here to support Hillside Park families.

**Did you know SchoolsPlus can:
Help you navigate getting Christmas support, such as gifts and food, for your family?**

We understand the rising costs of everything has had a big impact for many families, which may lead to Christmas being a financial difficulty. Please feel free to reach out to us if you require Christmas support. We can help you find the forms to apply for food/gift support, fill in the forms with you, and even pick up your Christmas hamper if needed.

NOTE: Registration for the main Christmas support programs is already open and there are deadlines so please reach out ASAP.

REMEMBER: SchoolsPlus services are confidential.

Just give us a call!

**Your Hillside Park SchoolsPlus Team is Lydia Ritcey (Facilitator), Michelle Boudreau (Community Outreach Worker), and Megan Shafi (Child & Youth Care Practitioner)
Contact us at 902-399-8320 (call or text) or michelle.boudreau@hrce.ca**



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.