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The Hillside Park Press



Dear Families,

We have gotten off to a great start to our school year! September was a busy month, and we are full swing into our routines. We had our Terry Fox Run, a fire drill, a lockdown drill, and a hold and secure drill. Hurricane Fiona certainly threw a wrench into last week, but we are so happy to be back to school! Students were engaged in lots of great learning this month, which ended with honouring Orange Shirt Day as part of our ongoing commitment to Truth & Reconciliation.

Communication between school and home is very important. Thank you for updating registration forms to ensure that we have the most up to date information in our PowerSchool database for our families. If your contact information changes throughout the year please make sure to inform the school.

Just a reminder to please pack a water bottle every day for your child. We are going through a lot of cups each day. Please also ensure you pack spoons as we do not have a supply on hand. It's also that time of year where the weather is all over the place. We like to get our students outside as much as possible, so layers are always a good idea. Thanks for all you do! We appreciate your support.

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

What's Happening at Hillside in October?



Important Dates

October 10	Thanksgiving Day (no school)
October 20	Picture Retakes
October 25	PTG Meeting in the Library
October 27	Hillside Halloween Howl! 6:00-7:00 PM in the Gym
October 28	Provincial Conference Day (no school)
October 31	Halloween

HALLOWEEN

Halloween is always a fun time! We will send out more information to families as we get closer to the end of the month. Stay tuned!

We are excited to host our families for a Hillside Halloween Howl from 6:00–7:00 pm on Thursday, October 27 in the gym. Mark your calendars... details to follow once we iron them out!

Mi'kmaq Heritage Month



Mi'kmaw Beadwork & the Art of Beading

The theme for Mi'kmaq Heritage Month is Mi'kmaw Beadwork and the Art of Beading. Perfected through process and vision, Mi'kmaw beadwork represents life and creation. Generations of hands, eyes, backs, and fingers have worked for balance in intricate designs and colour palettes. From *wampum* and bone beads to suspenders and peaked caps to contemporary medallions, beauty emerges from skill and love. Ceremonies have a special place to focus the intentions of artists' hearts and minds.

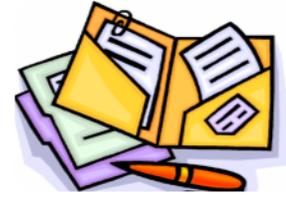
This month and throughout the year, students and teachers will be engaged in learning about the Mi'kmaq culture and way of life through storytelling, art, and research. Please ask your child what they are learning about as the month progresses.

A Message From SchoolsPlus

Hello! We want to introduce ourselves as your SchoolsPlus team at Hillside Park Elementary!

We have a few different roles in SchoolsPlus:

- Assistant Lead – Jen Fougere
- Community Outreach Worker – Michelle Boudreau
- Child and Youth Care Practitioner – Megan Shafi



What is SchoolsPlus?

SchoolsPlus is a free, confidential service that is now available in every school in HRCE. You may have heard of us but didn't really know what we do.

What can SchoolsPlus offer?

Some of what the SchoolsPlus Assistant Lead and Community Outreach Worker do focus on 3 main areas:

1. Help build and support good relationships with families, schools, and the community.
2. Connect parents, students, and families with programs, resources, and support. Some examples are: help find social or recreation programs for kids/youth (and the funding, if needed), help connect to/apply for supports that can provide other assistance (i.e., access to tutoring, support with eyeglasses), and navigate systems to get the services you need.
3. Programming for parents and students. Some examples are: Handle with Care, The Incredible Years, Rainbows, Voices, Roots of Empathy, social skills groups, and more.



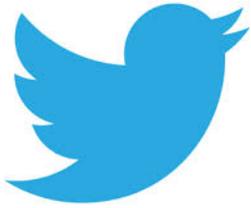
We can help support your student/family with connections to what they may need to succeed – from home, to school, and back again.



How do I get connected with SchoolsPlus?

You can get connected with SchoolsPlus by contacting Jen Fougere (Assistant Lead) at 902-483-8367 (call or text) or by emailing her: jfougere@hrce.ca

Wishing you all the best school year ever! ~ Your Hillside Park SchoolsPlus Team



Celebrating Learning

We look forward to sharing what our Hillside Park students are learning with families and the community. Please follow us on Twitter: @HillsidePark1

October 5th is World Teachers' Day!

World Teachers' Day started in 1994 and is now celebrated in over 100 countries around the world. We have a phenomenal team at Hillside Park! It takes a village, and this is truly a great one to be part of.



Bus Evacuation Drill

In the coming weeks, students will participate in a school bus evacuation drill.

Each year, our transportation service providers lead these safety drills with students during school hours to ensure they know what to do if they need to evacuate the bus in an emergency. School staff will be present during these drills to support students.



Fantastic Friday Phone Calls!

We love celebrating our students at Hillside Park. On Fridays, Mrs. Reid and Ms. Ripley-Davis will make calls home to share some of the fantastic things our students have done throughout the week (both inside the classroom and out!).

If you get a call from the school on a Friday, there is a good chance it is Mrs. Reid or Ms. Ripley-Davis calling to tell you your child has been recognized by one of our staff members for doing something "fantastic" that week. We will leave a message if the call goes to voicemail.

