

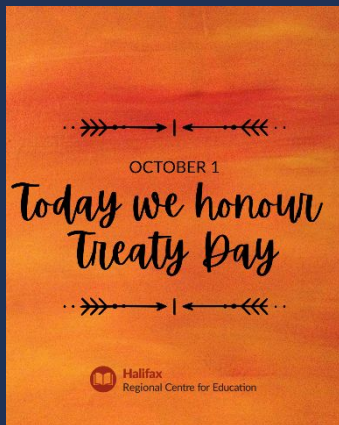
October 2025

SYCAMORE LANE

NEWSLETTER



Sycamore Lane Elementary



October 1 is Treaty Day

Celebrating and recognizing Treaty Day is an important way we can strengthen understanding and respect for Indigenous cultures and histories. It highlights the significance of treaties as living agreements that shape relationships between Indigenous peoples and the government. By educating students about Treaty Day, we promote awareness of Indigenous rights and contributions and encourage reconciliation. This celebration helps build a more inclusive and respectful society, where students learn the importance of honoring commitments and working together for a better future.



October is Mi'kmaq History Month

October is Mi'kmaq History Month, a time to celebrate and recognize the rich culture, history, and contributions of the Mi'kmaq people. In our schools, we can honour this month by incorporating Mi'kmaq stories, traditions and teachings into our curriculum. Activities such as guest speakers, art projects and cultural events can help students appreciate and understand the significance of Mi'kmaq heritage. Please join us in offering our respect, awareness and appreciation for the Mi'kmaq community and their enduring legacy. Learn more [here](#).



Demographics

Please update your demographic no later than October 6th. To help you complete the demographics please click on this link.

https://sis.hrce.ca/powerschool_for_parents_and_students/index.html#/



October 20-24 is School Bus Safety Week

Student safety is a shared responsibility! During School Bus Safety Week, everyone can work together to ensure the safety of students on and around the school bus.

Did you know that HRCE has more than 33,000 students who ride the school bus every day?

School Bus Safety Week is a great time to remind students, families and schools, of a few daily safety tips that everyone can follow to ensure all students get to school safely.

Bus Stop Safety

- Be on time for the bus and please don't run to/from the bus.
- Stand back off the road and don't push or shove when waiting at a stop.
- Always cross in front of the bus. Walk three metres (10 feet) in front of the bus to a point where you can see the driver and wait for the driver's signal to cross. Proceed to the centre of the road, STOP, LOOK & LISTEN and cross the road when it is safe.
- Never crawl under a school bus or cross the road behind the bus.
- Know the danger zones around the bus.

School Bus Safety

- Please respect and listen to the driver and avoid distracting them.
- Please keep noise levels to a minimum.
- Do not stand or move seats while the bus is in motion.
- Never put your hands, arms, feet or head out of the bus window.
- Ask the driver for permission before you open the bus windows.
- Do not throw anything inside the bus or out of the windows.
- Keep the aisle clear at all times when the bus is in motion.

Remember: In Nova Scotia, it's illegal to pass a school bus when its red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended.

You can find out more information about riding the school bus in HRCE [here](#).



October is Canadian Library Month

October is Canadian Library Month, a time to celebrate our wonderful libraries and the Library Support Specialists who support our students. The third Friday of the month is Canadian Library Workers Day and the fourth Monday is Canadian School Library Day. Please join us in thanking our school library workers for all they do every day in creating safe and welcoming spaces, encouraging a love of reading and helping students succeed in school and beyond. Learn more [here](#).

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Thank you to our Teachers and Staff who are volunteering their lunch time to provide great clubs for our students.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
		1 Treaty Day Lunch Colouring Club- Primaries, Wind Down Wed. Club: 4/5 Carew and 4/5 Barnes	2 Bee Responsible Assembly Lunch Basketball Club Grade 4	3 Terry Fox Run Recess – Open Library Lunch Intramural: Grade 2
6 Recess – Open Library Lunch Games Club - Grade 3	7 Open gym @ Recess 2/3 DeWolfe & 3 Pellegrino 1 Lovett & ½ Blakeney Lunch Intramurals – Grade 4	8 PICTURE DAY Open Gym @ Recess – Grade 2 Lunch Colouring Club- Primaries, Wind Down Wed. Club 4 MacKintosh Lego Club – Grade 2	9 Lunch Basketball Club Grade 5 & Multicultural Club	10 Recess – Open Library Open gym @ Recess Grade 3 Grade 2 Intramurals- Grade 5
13 Thanksgiving Monday - No School	14 Open Gym @ Recess 2/3 DeWolfe & 3 Pellegrino 1 Lovett & ½ Blakeney Snack & Chat- Grade 5 Lunch Intramurals- Grade 3	15 Lunch Colouring Club- Primaries, Wind Down Wed. Club: 4/5 Carew and 4/5 Barnes, & Lego Club – Grade 3	16 Recess Snack & Chat- recess, grade 4 Lunch Basketball Club Grade 4 & Multicultural Club	17 Recess – Open Library & Open gym -Grade 2 & 3 Intramurals- Grade 5
20 Recess – Open Library Lunch Games Club - Grade 5	21 SuperNova science visit Open Gym @ Recess 2/3 DeWolfe & 3 Pellegrino 1 Lovett & ½ Blakeney Snack & Chat- Grade 3 Lunch Intramurals- Grade 4	22 SuperNova science visit Open Gym @ Recess – Grade 3 Lunch Colouring Club- Primaries, Wind Down Wed. Club: 4 MacKintosh & Lego Club – Grade 2	23 SuperNova science visit Recess Snack & Chat- recess, grade 2 Lunch Basketball Club Grade 3 & Multicultural Club	24 Provincial Conference Day - No School
27 Recess – Open Library Lunch Games Club - Grade 4	28 Open Gym @ Recess Snack & Chat- Grade 1 Lunch Intramurals- Grade 5	29 Lunch Colouring Club- Primaries, Wind Down Wed. Club: 4/5 Carew and 4/5 Barnes & Lego Club – Grade 1	30 PICTURE RETAKES Recess Snack & Chat- recess, Primary Lunch Basketball Club Grade 3 & Multicultural Club Halloween Bingo Event – more info to follow	31 Halloween - Orange and Black Day Recess – Open Library & Open gym -Grade 2 & 3 Intramurals- Grade 3 Popcorn Day

IMPORTANT DATES IN OCTOBER

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Oct. 1: Treaty Day

Oct. 3: Terry Fox Run

Oct. 8: Picture Day

Oct. 13: Thanksgiving - No classes PP-12

Oct. 20: Diwali begins

October 20-24: School Bus Safety Week

Oct. 24: NSTU Conference Day - No classes PP-12

Oct. 30: Picture Retakes, Home and School Halloween Bingo

October 31: Black and Orange Day & Popcorn Day

Halloween and popcorn will be sold online on Schoolcash



Mi'kmaq History Month art, "We are all Treaty People,"

by Mi'kmaw artist Chelsea Brooks

September Snap Shots



Bee Responsible
Assembly by
Ms. Blakeney's
1/2 class



Recess and Lunch Clubs!



Outdoor Games

