



October 2024

Ross Road School

Mi'kmaq History Month

Treaty Day, (October 1st) 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. Its purpose is to promote public awareness about the Mi'kmaq culture and heritage for all citizens of Nova Scotia. An annual poster is produced and numerous events are organized throughout the month in recognition of Mi'kmaq History Month. The Mi'kmaq History Month (MHM) Committee are pleased to announce Mi'kmaw Beadwork & the Art of Beading as the theme for this year's History Month poster. For more information visit the Mi'kmaq History Month website: <http://mikmaqhistorymonth.com/>

Curriculum Night

Curriculum Night is when parents/guardians are invited to come to school to meet the teachers and hear about what the children will be learning this year. It will be in person at the school Oct. 3 from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. We will meet in the gymnasium at 6:00 pm for about 10 minutes where the Principal will introduce the staff and talk a little bit about the HRCE priorities, ways parents can support the school, etc. The teachers will have information to share in their classrooms. An announcement will be made over the PA to indicate the half-way point in the evening to give parents the chance to visit more than one teacher during the evening. (more information to come in a separate memo to parents)

Gr. 6 Provincial Assessments

Gr. 6 students will participate in provincial assessments on Oct. 2 and 4 for Reading/Writing and Oct. 8 and 10 for Mathematics. Please remind your children to get a good night's rest and have a big breakfast to help them do their best to ace the test!

Life Threatening Allergies

The school asks that all parents continue to respect that we are a **Nut & Scent Aware School**. Please be aware that there are a number of students and staff who have allergies of various types- nuts, eggs, poultry and scent sensitivities. We appreciate your support, as it enables us to provide a safer environment for all.

School Bus Safety Week

October 21-25, 2024 is School Bus Safety Week in Nova Scotia! Did you know that more than 30,000 HRCE students 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.

You can find out more information about School Bus Safety Week, including more safety tips, [here](#).

What is SchoolsPlus?

SchoolsPlus is a confidential, free service available in every school in Nova Scotia. Our goal is to build positive relationships between families, schools, and communities. We can help families navigate complicated situations when they are involved with many different services. This helps ensure everyone is communicating clearly and working on shared goals. SchoolsPlus can also help connect families to community resources and offers mental health support in schools. Contact the SchoolsPlus Facilitator for your school to make a referral.

You can find additional information [here](#).

Reminder: No classes Oct. 11 & 25

Please note that there will be no classes for grades PP-12 on Friday, October 11 for professional development, Monday, October 14 for Thanksgiving and Friday, October 25 for NSTU Conference Day. These, and all important dates can be found in the [HRCE calendar](#).

Home and School

Thank you to who came out "Back" movie huge success attendance!

Home & School set up at with some order forms for Orders are due will also be used items for that happens at the school. are new to School, we students can for their members. wrap the items so that they are holiday season. bags, and can be brought night or school any time December.

On October having a bottle up day from 9-

sure to follow our Ross Road Home & School Association Facebook page for all of the updates. If you can stop by with your bottle donations or to lend a hand with clean up it would be

appreciated!

The Halloween Dance will be held on October 24th. Keep an eye out for details!

October Important Dates

- Oct. 1** Treaty Day
Gr. 7 Immunization Clinic
6:30 pm SAC Meeting in library
- Oct. 2** School Photo Day
- Oct. 2/4** Gr. 6 Provincial Literacy Assessment
- Oct. 3** 6:00 - 7 pm Curriculum Night
- Oct. 4** National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
- Oct. 7** 6:30 pm Home and School Meeting in library
- Oct. 8/10** Gr. 6 Provincial Math Assessment
- Oct. 11** PD day, no classes
- Oct. 14** Thanksgiving Day, no classes
- Oct. 19** Home and School Bottle Drive and Outdoor Cleanup
- Oct. 24** Family Halloween Dance
- Oct. 25** Provincial Conference Day, no classes
- Oct. 30** School Photo Retake Day
- Oct. 31** Orange and Black Theme Day
- Oct. 31** Diwali

all the families to our "Welcome night! It was a with over 250 in

will have a table curriculum night sizers and extra school clothing. October 8th. We accepting lightly our Santa Shop every December For those who Ross Road have a day where purchase items immediate family Volunteers help for the students ready for the Donations of gifts, wrapping items to curriculum dropped off at the between now and

19th we will be drive and clean 12! Please be

