



October 2023

Ross Road School

October Important Dates

- Oct. 2** Truth and Reconciliation Day, no classes
- Oct. 3** Gr. 7 Immunization Clinic, 6:30
Home and School Meeting in library
- Oct. 4 and 6** Gr. 6 Provincial Literacy Assessment
- Oct. 5** 6-7 PM Curriculum Night
- Oct. 9** Thanksgiving Day, no classes
- Oct. 10 and 12** Gr. 6 Provincial Math Assessment
- Oct. 17** School Picture Day
- Oct. 26** 6:30 – 8:00 Halloween Family Dance
- Oct. 27** Provincial Conference Day, no classes
- Oct. 31** Orange and Black Theme Day

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://mikmaghistorymonth.com/>

Gr. 6 Provincial Assessments

Gr. 6 students will participate in provincial assessments on Oct. 4 and 4 for Reading/Writing and Oct. 10 and 12 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!

Nourish Your Roots

Be sure to pick up your Nourish Boxes on Curriculum Night, October 5th from 5:30-7:30.

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. 5 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.

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.

Bottle Drive & Outdoor Cleanup

Drop by with any refundables, lend a hand with some cleanup, and enjoy an ice cream treat with other Ross Road Families! All are welcome! October 14th from 9-12.

Gr. 4, 5, and 6 Running Club

Grade 4,5 and 6 students have running club on Thursday, September 28 and Tuesday, October 3rd. On October 5th, any grade 4, 5 or 6 students that are interested in trying out for the Ross Road Cross Country team will race to see who will qualify for the team. The 4 fastest boys and girls from each grade level will participate in a cross country meet after school on Wednesday, October 11 at Cole Harbour Place. Permission slips will go home when the team is chosen.

Halloween Family Dance

Mark your calendars! This year's Halloween Dance will be October 26th from 6:30-8pm.

Santa Shop

Each year Home & School hosts a Santa Shop where the students have a chance to shop for those in their immediate family. We are looking for donations of any new or like new items that are good for Moms, Dads, brothers, sisters, and teens, along with wrapping paper, bags, and tissue paper. If you have any donations, please send them into the school at anytime with your child, or drop them by the school at your convenience.

Be sure to follow the Ross Road Home and School Facebook page for the latest updates on what's happening.

Glass and ceramic workshops

Glass and ceramic workshops have started at Cole Harbour District High School. Sessions are Monday evenings at 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. This session is for grades four to six ONLY. Evening Workshops are free to HRCE students. Students must have their own transportation to Cole Harbour District High School.

Cole Harbour District Hight School evening workshop form links

October 16th evening workshop, glass fusion,

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeBzSCfUNA1aMMjsv0BWg3ac3x5oUasu5faWYdXQyDXanD6Yg/viewform?usp=sharing>

October 23rd evening workshop, glass fusion,

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October 30th evening workshop, Ceramics.

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Emergency Management Plans

All HRCE schools have Emergency Management Plans, which are reviewed, updated and practiced every year. These plans have three responses to an emergency situation: *Shelter in Place*, *Evacuation*, and *Relocation*.

- *Shelter in Place* involves either a *Hold and Secure* (where no one enters or exits the building, but those inside may be able to move around) or a *Lockdown* (where no one enters or exits the building and all students and staff are concealed in a secure location, away from doors and windows).
- *Evacuation* involves all students and staff exiting the building but remaining on the property.
- *Relocation* involves all students and staff moving from the school property to another nearby site.
- It is also important to note that HRCE can respond to an emergency evacuation using our large network of school buses. There are more than 400 school buses on the road every day.

School Bus Safety Week

October 16-23, 2023 is School Bus Safety Week in Nova Scotia! Did you know that HRCE has more than 30,000 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.

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

Joint Accessibility Plan

HRCE, along with Nova Scotia's six other regional centres for education and Conseil scolaire provincial have been developing a multi-year plan to ensure accessibility in public education. This is part of a bigger goal for an accessible Nova Scotia by 2030. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Last February, Nova Scotian families and staff across the province were invited to review the draft plan and submit feedback. We sincerely appreciate everyone who contributed and shared their voice. Your thoughts, ideas and feedback during the consultation were invaluable.

HRCE is excited to let you know that with your input, the Joint Accessibility Plan has been finalized. [Click here](#) to see the plan.

Next, HRCE will start to develop an implementation plan for our region. You can expect more updates as we continue the important work of creating accessible public education in Nova Scotia.

Thank you to the RRS community member who donated the 3 microwave ovens for our Jr. High students to use at lunch. They are a hit! Students are loving them. A friendly reminder to parents to please send your child with the utensils they need for their lunch.