

Shubenacadie District Elementary Newsletter

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Dear Families,

First, let me start by wishing you a belated Thanksgiving. I hope that you were able to enjoy some family time and hopefully a nice meal.

As we settle back into the school year, we have been lucky to have had some great weather. The students are enjoying being able to play outside in the area of the playground that they choose and be able to eat in the lunch rooms again. We are working hard at literacy. Any time you have at home to enjoy a good book together or have your child share some of their reading with you is appreciated by our staff.

We recognized Fire Safety month the first week of October and have been recognizing Mi'kmaw History month. As well, we were happy to have support from our School Advisory Council to help purchase Orange Shirts for all. We value this support to help with bringing attention to a very important cause.

Hopefully we will continue to have a nice fall. As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or issues.

Clinton Harvey

Double Vaccines

As per the Government of Nova Scotia policy, we are now needing to have proof of double vaccine to enter the building. Should you need to come in, please have photo identification and proof of both vaccinations ready to show us.

Otherwise, we would be happy to communicate via email, phone, video link or meet you at the front door.

LSK trip

We were honoured to have been invited to LSK for a day of Treaty Education and Reconciliation teachings. The staff and students of LSK did a great job in planning, hosting and teaching us about things like drumming, waltzes, animals, nature, sweat lodges, sacred fires, Ma'kit's doll and smudging. It was a fantastic experience with lots of great learning.



Mi'kmaw History Month

We work hard to do Treaty Education all year long, but October is special because it is Mi'kmaw History Month. We have been doing a Mi'kmaw History Fact of the Day each morning on the announcements and have learned about Ma'kit's doll. We have also learned the importance of the Orange Shirt, what it means and continue to do a Mi'kmaq word of the week. While the learning will not stop at the end of the month, it is important to recognize Mi'kmaw History Month.

SAC and Home and School

Our next School Advisory and Home and School meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 9 at 2:15. This will be in person, with proof of vaccine. Those who do not fit in that category can let us know and we can set up a Zoom link for people to join in and participate.

Drinking Water

Please ensure your child has a water bottle every day that can be filled at school.



Student Support Worker

We have a change in the Student Support Worker position. We are sad to share that Tammy Maloney is moving to Riverside Education Centre. Ms. Tammy has done great work at our school supporting our students, REC is lucky to get her!

In her place is Amanda Dugas. She is coming to us from Riverside Education Centre, and will share her time here between our school and South Colchester. She will be here on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Welcome Ms. Dugas!!

Adopt a School

Thanks to all of our community businesses and donors for their generous contributions to our Adopt a School Fundraising campaign, partnering with Chapters Indigo. In total, we raised \$3800. We are really looking forward to using that money for new books.

Kitchen News

Please refer to our Canteen letter and Menu available on our website. Students are asked to pass lunch forms to their teachers first thing in the morning. Due to COVID restrictions, Snacks and Hot meals will be delivered to students in their classroom on trays. Please label all forms with child's name clearly.

Halloween

Friday, October 29, is orange and black day. We ask that students not wear costumes on that day but they may dress in orange and black if they wish. Please do not wear masks or bring costume props. You can wear orange and black colors – if you want to! Also, please do not send candy treats to school with your child during Hallowe'en week. Thank you!

Picture Day

Retakes will be held on October 26. Please let your teacher or the school office if your child needs their picture taken again.

Important Dates

Oct 22 – No School for students
Oct 26 – Picture Retake Day
Oct 29 – Black and Orange Day



Seven Sacred Teachings: Courage –

The teaching of Courage is associated with the BEAR - The Bear provides many lessons in the way it lives, but courage is the most important teaching it offers. Though gentle by nature, the ferociousness of a mother Bear when one of her cubs is approached is the true definition of courage. To have the mental and moral strength to overcome fears that prevent us from living our true spirit as human beings is a great challenge that must be met with the same vigor and intensity as a mother Bear protecting her cub. Living of the heart and living of the spirit is difficult, but the Bear's example shows us how to face any danger to achieve these goals (Solomon, 2011).

