

South Woodside Elementary School

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Upcoming Events

October is Mi'kmaq History Month

October 10 – Thanksgiving Day (no classes)

October 10-14 – Fire Drill

October 17, 19, 24, 25– Gr. 6 Provincial Assessments

October 20 – P-2 Field trip

October 25 – Photo Retakes, Bus evacuation drill

October 28 – Provincial Conference Day (no classes)

November 11 – Remembrance Day (no classes)

Principal's Message

It has been a great month of students practicing daily school routines. As we visit classrooms, it is evident how much thought teachers put into planning engaging activities for students. It is wonderful seeing the level of Just a reminder, there is no school supervision for students before 8:30am and students should not be arriving on property before this time. Students can enter the building for a "soft start" from 8:30-8:45am. At this time, we have grab and go breakfast snacks available in each classroom. Announcements are at 8:45am and instruction begins at 8:50am. Thank you for your cooperation in helping students arrive on time each morning. This helps start their day smoothly.

Sincerely,
Divya Haase MacLeod (Principal) & Lisa Greenwood (Vice Principal)

Mi'kmaq History Month

October is Mi'kmaq history month. The 2022 focus is on Mi'kmaq beadwork and the art of beading.

To learn more you can go to <https://mikmaghistorymonth.ca/>



Head Lice

Head lice are tiny insects that live on the head. They lay eggs (nits) close to the scalp. Head lice do not spread disease and having them does not mean you are unclean. They are very common amongst children.

A student with head lice is able to return to school after being treated with the appropriate lice killing product. They will need a second treatment after 9-10 days.

[Head lice guidelines](#)

For more information, please click here to see the [Head Lice in Schools pamphlet](#).

Absences

If your child will be absent, please let us know by using one of the following SchoolMessenger Safe Arrival methods:

Toll free number

- 1-833-582-6940 – automated system

PowerSchool Parent Portal

- Log on to the website
<https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/>

SchoolMessenger app

- Download app for Android or iOS devices and sign up using your PowerSchool username (full email address)

For more information can be found at <https://www.hrce.ca/SafeArrival> .

Students arriving late (after 8:50am) need to report to the office so that we can update their attendance.

Bus Evacuation Drill

Each year, our transportation service providers lead safety drills with students to ensure they know what to do if the need to evacuate a school bus during an emergency. Our students are scheduled to participate in a school bus evacuation drill on October 25th. School staff will be present during these drills.



School Advisory Council (SAC)

Our next SAC meeting will be held on Nov. 23rd at 6pm. The SAC membership consists of parents/guardians, staff and community members. Some of the things the SAC does are:

- communicate with the groups they represent in order to articulate the diverse views that exist within their school community
- represent the best interests of students
- work in collaboration with the principal and participate in efforts to improve student achievement and student and community well-being

If you are interested in attending the SAC, please give the school a call or email at swes@hrce.ca.



Mad Science, HeART lunchtime programs

We are pleased to have Mad Science lunchtime programming for our Gr. 2 and 3 students for the next couple of weeks (groups on Mondays and Wednesdays). Students get to explore science as they engage in hands-on activities.

The HeART lunchtime program is for Gr. 5 & 6 students on Fridays. It is part of the Heartwood Center for Community Youth Development. Students get a chance to express themselves in a variety of creative forms, while learning and practicing mindfulness.