

Basinview Drive Community School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

October was a busy month! We all learned a little more about Canadian Islamic Culture. We also took time to learn more about Mi'kmaq History and present-day culture; as well as continuing to build upon our understanding that we are all treaty people.

Now that it is November, and we all have our routines down pat, we will not only continue our focus on high quality learning experiences, but this is also a great time for students to build upon and demonstrate their understanding in all of the wonderful things they are learning in class. Our school continues to focus on quality instruction, and work toward our school goals in Literacy and Math.

Fall seems to have arrived fully and colder weather is happening more consistently, we want to remind everyone that we go outdoors as much as possible. So, be sure to bundle up for those cold mornings or pack an extra pair of mittens/gloves in case those warm days cool off!

I also think that this time of year is the perfect opportunity to remember, and be grateful for the peace and community that we enjoy. So, for all of those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice guarding our peace, for those who have served and those who continue to serve...we remember. Please find time this Remembrance Day to remember, honour and give thanks those who have given us these gifts of freedom, peace, and security.

Sincerely,

Tom Cleary, Christopher Dawson and Lynn Wyatt-Reichheld



November Dates

November 8

Indigenous Veterans Day
SAC/PTA Meetings-
6:00pm/7:15pm in Library

November 10

In-school Remembrance Day
assembly

November 11

Remembrance Day – No
School for Students

November 15

Diversity Committee Meeting
7:00pm

November 21

Assessment & Evaluation Day
– No School for Students

November 29

Report Cards go Home

Remembrance Day Ceremony

On Thursday, November 10th, Basinview Drive Community School will hold our In-School Remembrance Day Ceremonies. These ceremonies are way for our students to share and learn about peace, pay tribute, reflect, and understand the need for remembrance.

The ceremonies will be for students and staff members only. Students in Guides, Scouts, Brownies, Beavers, Cadets, etc... are invited to wear their uniforms.

Remembrance Day will be observed on November 11th, there will be no school that day.

PTP New

Thank you for all the support for our Read-a-Thon run annually by our Parent-Teacher Partnership. From this fundraiser we were able to raise almost \$13,000.00 to purchase books for our school.

We are also very excited to announce that we will be selling school clothing this year. Parents will be able to order online from a variety of options. The funds raised from these sales will go to support initiatives and activities to engage our students in variety of ways (Performances, Class Trips, etc....) There will be more information about this sale sent out via email later next week.

Diversity Committee

We want Basinview Drive Community School to be inclusive and reflective of all members of our community. To achieve this goal, we need to have many different voices included in the conversation and helping to ensure that our school represents us all. We are inviting Parents, Community Members, and Staff to work together to by forming at Diversity Committee. If you are interested in being part of this committee, please contact Mr. Cleary via email – tcleary@hrce.ca. Our first meeting will be held in the school cafeteria on Tuesday, November 15th at 7:00pm.



Safe Arrival: 1-833-582-6940

If your child will not be at school, please call the safe arrival line to report that they will be absent. Please do call this number before 9:00am

December Dates

December 1

PD Day / PT Conferences –
No School for Students

December 2

PD Day - No School for
Students

December 13

Winter Musical Showcase –
Morning and Afternoon

December 14

Winter musical Showcase –
Morning and Afternoon

December 21

Last day of School for 2022

Parent/Teacher Interviews

We will be sending home report cards via email on November 29th. On December 1st in the afternoon and evening, there are scheduled Professional Development sessions for teachers in the morning, and Parent/Teacher meetings in the afternoon.

To support our communities' schedules, we will be holding Parent/Teacher meetings through a combination of in-person and virtual meetings. We will be in contact with you in the middle of the month with how you can sign up for a time to meet with your child's teacher.

Lunch Monitors Needed

We very much in need of full-time lunch monitors and causal/on call lunch monitors. If you are looking for a way to become involved in the school and are available during 11:40am -12:40pm, please see Mrs. Scott, Mr. Cleary, Mr. Dawson, or Mrs. Wyatt-Reichheld for more information.

Cafeteria Workers Needed

Our school cafeteria remains a very busy place. If you are interested in joining the team, please email our school's name and your resume to meaghan.johnson@compass-canada.com

Plans for Inclement Weather

It is important to take the time now to review our policy on inclement weather. In the event of an early/emergency dismissal (i.e. bad weather or emergencies such as a power outage) we will contact families directly to review how/with whom students will go home at dismissal. please ensure that if there are any further changes to contact information/emergency contact people, you advise the school as soon as possible.

It is the decision of the HRCE as to whether school is closed. The school cannot make that decision. In cases when the weather is bad early in the morning, this will be communicated via the HRCE website (for school closures and/or delays. You can also sign up to receive notifications by email or text from this site as well. Decisions are made by 6:00am (for morning) and 11:00am (for mid-day) closures.



Reminders:

- Weather can be unpredictable. Please make sure to send appropriate outdoor clothing.
- Supervision starts at 8:20am each day. There is no supervision after school by staff.
- Please feel free to drop your child (Grades Primary to 5) off at the Kiss and Go in the back of the school each day after 8:15am.

SchoolsPlus staff are here to support Basinview families.

Did you know SchoolsPlus can:

Help you navigate getting Christmas support, such as toys and food, for your family?

All the information you need to find support for Christmas can be found at the following link: <https://www.feednovascotia.ca/find-food/find-christmas-support>.

- A family can apply online at the bottom of this webpage or directly with the Salvation Army or Parker Street Food & Furniture Bank.
 - **Salvation Army** registration begins on October 25 and families can register at <https://salvationarmy.ca/maritime/home/christmas/hrm/> or in person at 2038 Gottingen Street. If there are any questions, call 902-422-1598. They offer applications in 5 different languages. **The deadline to apply through the Salvation Army is December 5.**

Parker Street registration is open. A family can apply online at <https://parkerstreet.org/programs/christmas-programs/> or by visiting in person on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday between 8:30am and 12pm. A family can call 902-425-2125 for more information and select option one. **The deadline to apply through Parker Street is December**
REMEMBER: SchoolsPlus services are confidential.

Your Basinview SchoolsPlus Team is Sherry Batiste (Assistant Leader), April Parker (Community Outreach Worker), and Tarin Boucher (Child and Youth Care Practitioner)

Contact us at 902-832-8450 (call or text) or email sherry.battiste@hrce.ca