Holland Road Elementary
November 2026 Newsletter

Bell Schedule

Morning Supervision…..7:40
First Bell……7:55
Classes Start ……8:00
Recess:……9:30-9:45
Lunch:……11:00-11:40
Dismissal Bell: ……1:45

How to Report an Absence: If your child will be absent, please let us know by using one of the following methods:

- **Toll-Free Number—**Call 1-833-582-6940 to report an absence using an automated system.
- **PowerSchool Parent Portal —** Log into https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/ and access the SchoolMessenger website to report an absence.
- **SchoolMessenger App—**Download the SchoolMessenger app for Android and iOS devices and sign up using your PowerSchool username (full email address).

Important Dates

November 9……Remembrance Day Ceremony
November 11……Remembrance Day – No Classes
November 18……Picture Re-Takes
November 20……Assessment & Evaluation – No Classes
November 30……Report Cards sent home electronically
December 3……Parent/Guardian/Teacher 5-7 pm
December 4……Professional Development (am)
Parent/Guardian/Teacher 1-3
December 16……Christmas Concert
December 18……Last day for students before holidays
January 4th……First day back after holidays

At Holland Road Elementary, we are committed to creating a positive, safe, and supportive environment where every student can thrive. To help guide our students throughout the day, we are introducing students to **three school-wide rules** that align directly with our School Matrix. The rules are:

1. Listen to the adult.
2. Keep your body, hands, feet and objects to yourself.
3. Use language that is appropriate to the learning environment.

Classroom teachers review the rules with students, and they are displayed in each room and in our hallways. These simple, consistent expectations help set clear boundaries and build a strong school community. We encourage you to ask your child how they practiced being respectful, responsible, and safe at school today!

Remembrance Day Ceremony – November 9th

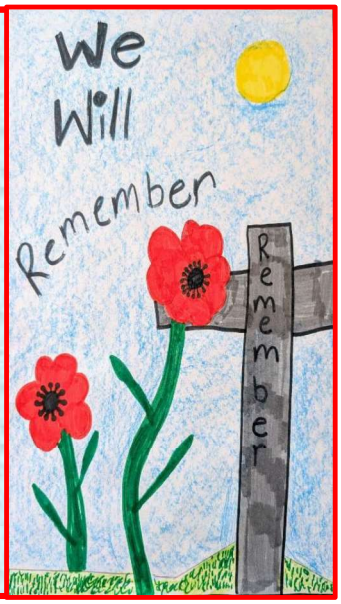
With Remembrance Day approaching, our school is preparing to honor and remember the servicemen and women who have served our country. We will be holding our school Remembrance Day Assembly for all students (Pre-Primary to Gr. 5) on Monday, November 9th at 10:00.

As part of the assembly, we would love to feature veterans and active service members from our own school community in a special tribute slideshow. If you have a family member or loved one you would like us to include, please email their details to dtrider@gnspes.ca by Thursday, November 5th.

Please include:

- A photo of the veteran or service member
- Their full name, rank, and branch of service
- Your child's name and grade (e.g., *"Grandfather of Maya Smith, Grade 3"*)

Thank you so much for helping us make this a meaningful event for our students. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions!



Educational Technology & AI

In HRCE, we support students in becoming thoughtful and responsible digital citizens — people who use technology safely, respectfully, and ethically. Our goal is to empower students to make smart choices online, understand privacy, and know who to ask for support if they encounter problems while online. We also emphasize critical thinking— helping students question what they see, share, and consume in digital spaces.

In HRCE classrooms, Chromebooks are the primary digital tool students use to support their learning. Chromebooks are used for research, writing, collaboration, and creativity. Technology is not used for the sake of adding more screen time — it is carefully integrated into lessons to enhance learning, build essential digital skills, and ensure all students can participate and succeed. Students are required to using their provincial school account (@gnspes accounts) when logging into devices when at school. Students will access digital content through the HRCE filtered Internet service.

https://www.hrce.ca/students/general-information/educational-technology-ai



Free Screening of "Your Attention Please"

Join Unplugged Canada's Nova Scotia Chapter for a FREE screening of the documentary "Your Attention Please" on December 3, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the White Spruce Room at Keshen Goodman Library.

Parents, caregivers and educators are invited to watch this thought-provoking documentary about the impact of technology on our attention and come together for a discussion on how we navigate this with youth in our own community. Please register in advance as tickets are limited.



- **Event:** FREE screening of Your Attention Please
- **Date:** December 3, 2026
- **Time:** 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Location:** White Spruce Room, Keshen Goodman Library
- **Cost:** FREE
- **Register:** https://yourattentionpleaseNS.eventbrite.ca



Looking for Lunch Monitors

We are looking for lunch monitors (including casual) to help supervisor students safely during their lunch hour (11:00-11:20 outside and 11:20-11:40 inside). If you or someone you know is interested, please reach out to the school at 902-860-4170 and speak with Ms. Carter or email us at hres@hrce.ca.

Friendly Health Reminder: Head Lice Awareness

As we move through the school year, we kindly ask all families to perform regular head lice checks at home. Head lice are common in school-aged children and spread easily through direct head-to-head contact.

Planning for Inclement Weather

Did you know? HRCE takes great care when making the decision to alter the regular operations of schools and school buses in the event of severe or inclement weather.

It is HRCE's goal to communicate any changes to the regular operations of schools and/or buses as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible. **A 6:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

- All schools are delayed in opening by two hours and bus pickups are delayed by two hours; or
- All schools are open, but some or all busses are not operating for the day; or
- Some schools (either individually or by family) are closed for the day; or
- All schools are closed for the day.

If weather deteriorates, or is forecasted to worsen throughout the morning, **an 11:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

- Bussed students will be picked up two hours earlier than their regular dismissal time; and
- Non-bussed students will be dismissed at their regularly scheduled lunch hour.

How will I find out?

- By email to the addresses in PowerSchool
- By text message, **if you have opted-in**. If you aren't sure if you have opted-in, text Y to the following number: **978338**
- On the HRCE website
- On Instagram

It's important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation. Please remember: As a parent or guardian you always have the choice of whether or not to send your child to school.

For more information on how HRCE manages during inclement weather, visit hrce.ca/families/cancellations.