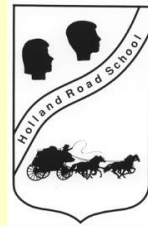


NOVEMBER 2018

Holland Road Elementary



Thank you to all who made our Halloween Howl Spooktacular and to all our volunteers who help every day in so many ways!

Our Remembrance Day Assembly will take place Nov 9 at 10:00am and families are welcome. Please continue to send in the Wall of Honour forms, we will post them next week. Thank you for sharing the stories of family members who have served.

Certificates will be given out at the end of each month to a couple of students in each class that focus on a specific aspect of character education. In November, our character education focus is Compassion. We have also started giving out Hawk Eye tickets to students when we see them demonstrating good citizenship throughout the school and we will have a small prize draw at the end of each month.

We have said goodbye to our caretaker Woody who had a quick transition to a new school and we wish him all the best. We welcome Amy Bosch who will be our caretaker for the interim period.

No Driving/Parking on School Property, please note there is also signage on Holland Road - Thank you for all your continued cooperation.

Bus Information

Stock Transportation will be adding buses to our school system to resolve a number of challenges related to busing. This process began on October 29.

Introducing the additional buses will take time: buses need to be purchased and safety inspected; and drivers must be hired and trained.

These changes will be phased in, allowing Stock to concentrate on a particular area or family of schools to ensure the changes are fully implemented before moving on to the next area or family. As changes are implemented, Stock will communicate with families through BusPlanner if there are any modifications to their child's routing. We will also be sharing information on our website if there are any route additions/alterations affecting our school. Please send a note if there are dismissal changes for your child (no play dates) and contact Excel separately if your child goes to Excel when there is a change to your child's regular dismissal routine.

School Lunch Time – We continue to look for lunch staff who will supervise students from 10:45-11:45 either daily, as a substitute or on specific days you may be available. Please call the office for more information.

Early Closure Procedures

In accordance with the HRSB School and Bus Cancellation Policy, parents should use their own discretion whether or not to send their children to school based on sidewalk, road or weather conditions in the community.

Weather conditions may also delay staff, do not drop off or send your children without ensuring that staff is available for direct supervision.

In the event of an early closure, parents/caregivers will be notified according to the information you provided on the School Cancellation Form that you returned to your child's teacher.

HRES Bell Times

Supervision Starts:

7:40

Students enter the building at 7:50

Instructional Classes start at 8:00

Lunch 11:00-11:40

P-6 Dismissal 1:45

Christmas Concert Class Schedule

It's that time of year again, and we are excited to be preparing for our yearly Christmas Concert. Our concerts will be offered in the daytime and this year both concerts will be on the same day.

Mon. Dec. 3rd 9:00 and 12:00 will be **rehearsals only**. Grandparents and community members are welcome to attend, with the understanding that we are rehearsing, and that there will be interruptions.

Tues. Dec. 4th 9:00 and 12:00 will be our **full dress concerts**. Children are welcome to come dressed in concert clothing. This year, we will NOT be offering a videotaped performance for sale. We are also looking for parents who could volunteer to decorate for Christmas.

CHOIR - will be performing at the beginning of both performances. They will be required to wear choir outfits for their performance, and then are able to get changed before their class performs. Looking forward to another wonderful celebration of Christmas with our Holland Road children.

| TUES. DEC. 4 TH , 9:00 | TUES. DEC. 4 TH , 12:00 |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. CHOIR | 1. CHOIR |
| 2. Pr. Barrett | 2. Pr. Milliard/Courtney |
| 3. 1 Gillis | 3. P/1 Sutherland |
| 4. 1/ 2 Chaban | 4. 2 Wagg |
| 5. 3 Stewart | 5. 2/ 3 James/Miller |
| 6. 3/ 4 Wisen | 6. 4 Sangster |
| 7. 5 MacDonald | 7. 5 LeGrow |
| 8. 6 Robertson | 8. 6 Bond |

Head Lice

Please see the following link for information on Head Lice

<https://www.novascotia.ca/dhw/publications/public-health-education/07135-head-lice-pamphlet-en.pdf>

Important Dates

- November 8 - SAC 5pm and PTA 6:30pm
- Nov 9 - Remembrance Day Assembly 10:00am in the gym
- November 12 - Remembrance Day Observed (No classes)
- November 16 - Special Authors Visit classes at Holland Road (Shauntay Grant and Daphne Greer)
- November 21 - Assessment & Evaluation Day - Elem/Jr High (No classes)
- November 29 - Report Cards Home
- Dec 3 - Christmas Concert Rehearsal (Concert 1 - Morning; Concert 2 - Afternoon) - Families Welcome
- Dec 4 - Christmas Concert Day (Concert 1 - Morning; Concert 2 - Afternoon) - Tickets Required
- Dec 5 - Parent Teacher Evening 6-8pm
- Dec 6 - AM - PD Day; PM - Parent-Teacher Interviews 1-3pm (No classes)
- December 19 - PTA Christmas Bazaar
- December 21 - Last Day of Classes before Christmas Break P-12
- January 3 - Schools Re-Open
- February 1-28 - Registration Month
- February 18 - Maud Lewis Heritage Day (No classes)
- February 27 - Maritime Dance Academy - African Heritage Month Student Presentation
- March 8 - Assessment & Evaluation Day - Elem/Jr High (No classes)
- March 18-22 - March Break (No classes)
- March 28 - Report Cards Home
- April 11 - AM - PD Day; PM/Evening- Parent-Teacher Interviews 1-3pm and 6-8pm (No classes)
- April 19 - Good Friday (No classes)
- April 22 - Easter Monday (No classes)
- May 17 - PD Day P-12 (No classes)
- May 20 - Victoria Day (No classes)