

Good afternoon Sunnyside Families,

November has been a positive and busy time at Sunnyside Elementary and this will continue for the next few weeks as we approach report cards and the holiday season.

Our Fort Sackville students, including our pre-primary students, were very excited for their first bus trip to Eaglewood this year for our Remembrance Day Ceremony. The ceremony itself was amazing, with the contributions of a number of classes who created art to decorate the gym and/or shared a presentation during the ceremony. We commend all our students for their attention and respect during the ceremony as they learned more about Remembrance Day and what it means to us.

We also hosted a parent/guardian evening with a Halifax psychologist talking about child anxiety. It was both informative and engaging. Thanks to all the parents/guardians who attended.

Home and School Association News

Our Home and School Association is busy planning the annual Jingle Bell Breakfast. You have already received notification via School Cash to buy tickets to this event. If you are not yet signed up for School Cash, contact Ms. Tricia in the main office and she can assist you. Please make sure that you buy your tickets by the deadline of December 3 as we need accurate information to ensure that we have appropriate amounts of food. There will be games, music, vendors, a silent auction and lots of fun. This event raises money to support our school.

The HSA is integral in funding different initiatives at Sunnyside Elementary as well as planning great community events so we can share in the positive culture at our school. Some ways monies raised are spent are: classroom budgets for teachers to get special items for their classes, providing school supplies to all students, contributing to field day and field trips, special technology purchases such as Lego Robotics and many other ways.

School Advisory Council News

Our School Advisory Council met this month and are planning to send a survey out to our families in the next few weeks. With this survey, we are hoping to build partnerships between the school and our families, looking for ways that we can welcome our community in to support our students.

Demographic Update

If you have not yet completed your demographic update in PowerSchool, please make time to do it before the portal closes on November 20 (Wednesday). It is essential that we have accurate contact information for all our students, and the media release form, done during the update is required each year. We thank you for your attention to this matter.

Chess Club & Request for Games

Our Chess Club has started up again this year, open to any interested students. We desperately need chess boards to accommodate all the interest. If you have a chess set languishing at home, please consider donating it to our Sunnyside students. We equally are looking for board games our students can play at lunch times. If your family has grown out of any of your games, please send them in to us.

Report Cards and Progress Interviews

This Thursday marks the end of first term and Friday is our first Assessment and Evaluation Day. There is no school for students on Friday. Report Cards will be sent home on December 4th via EduPost. If you need a paper copy of the report card printed for you, please let your child's teacher know. Progress interviews (Parent/Guardian-Teacher interviews) will be held on December 5th from 1-3 and 5-7 pm. More information will be coming home in the next weeks to sign up for an interview time. The Parent/Guardian-Teacher interview is a great opportunity to communicate with the school about your child's progress. Please remember that if you have questions or concerns, you do not need to wait until report card time to reach out to your child's teacher.

December Concert Dates/Times

Performing is part of the music learning curriculum from P-5 and we are pleased to invite our parents and guardians to our student concerts in December. We will be performing for parents/guardians and special guests at 10:45 and 1:30 on the days of the concert. There will not be evening concerts. Note that all Strings students will be performing on Tuesday December 10th as well as with their classes.

Date: Monday December 9 Classes: Primary MacDonald, 1 Chisholm, 2 Tracy, 2 Kelly Levasseur, 3/4 Bramwell/Graham, 2/3 MacFarlane/Shields, 3/4 Kelly and 4/5 Boudreau

Date: Tuesday December 10 Classes: Primary Heather, 1 Fraser, P/1 Isenor/Graham, 2 Bembridge, 3 Richardson, 4/5 Ebbett, 4/5 Caldwell, Strings

Ticket request forms will be sent home with students at the beginning of December.

Weather Considerations

Getting outside to play is an important part of a student's day. At Sunnyside, students go outside at recess, lunch and sometimes with their classes each day, barring extreme weather. All teachers on supervision at these times are outside with the students so students are not able to stay inside. Please make sure that students are dressed appropriately for all weather conditions when they come to school. Students can get wet while they are outside playing so we recommend that you send a change of clothes with your child, or at the minimum, an extra pair of dry mittens and socks.

Please refer to our [November Newsletter](#) on our school website for information about school closures due to inclement weather.

Nova Scotia School Lunch Program

The ordering portal for the next 2 weeks of school lunches is open until noon on Wednesday. It is important that all orders are done on-line and on time. When ordering, please make sure that your child's class is correctly identified so the lunches are delivered to the correct class in a timely manner. We do order some extra meals to be available in cases of glitches in ordering. If you need any support in making your orders, please reach out to Ms. Thompson (cthompson@hrce.ca).

Up-coming Dates

Nov. 22—Assessment & Evaluation Day—no school for students

Dec. 5—PD in the morning and Parent/Guardian-Teacher meetings afternoon/evening. No school for students

Dec. 7—Jingle Bell Breakfast

Dec. 9 & 10—Holiday Concerts

Dec. 20—Last day of school before Holiday Break

Jan. 3—First day back to school for students