

Good afternoon Sunnyside Families,

This week at Sunnyside, we had some beautiful fall weather for playing and working outside. As the weather starts to turn colder, this is a great time to remind all families to ensure that students are dressed for the weather each day. We get outside to play at recess and lunch unless there is extreme weather. It is also a good idea to leave a change of clothes in your child's backpack. They can find mud and water on the playground and having a change of clothes means we don't need to call caregivers to bring clean clothes if needed.

Some other reminders:

Head lice are a fact of life in schools. We recommend checking your child's head periodically for lice. If needed, please treat them and they are allowed to return to school. The provincial guideline for lice in school is found [here](#).

School Pictures: School pictures are scheduled for this coming Monday (October 20th). Please see the attached information sheet from Adams Photography.

Pumpkin Fun Run: Order forms were sent home on Tuesday for the Pumpkin Fun Run. This is a free event, however, you have the option to choose to order pizza, water and pumpkins, as well as sponsor your runner. All orders must be received at the school by Monday (October 20th) morning. Our event will be held Thursday, October 23rd from 5:30-7:30 pm.

Drop-off and Pick-ups: Please remember to respect all "No Parking" and "No Stopping" signs when dropping off and picking up your students. The space on Perth St in front of Fort Sackville is "No Stopping" and this must be respected to allow our buses to safely drop off and pick up students. Thank you for helping to keep our students safe.

Bus Evacuation: The bus evacuations planned for today were postponed until Oct. 28th.

Lost and Found: There are many "found" items in the Lost and Found at Eaglewood. If you are around the school, including at the Fun Run, please check it out and claim any items that may have been lost from your household.

Sunnyside School Advisory Council (SAC)

A School Advisory Council (SAC) is an advisory body to the school principal and Regional Centre for Education on topics related to literacy, math, and wellbeing.

- **Members:**

Carolyn Thompson (Principal), Michelle Harley (Vice Principal), Hannah McDonald (Chair/Parent), Lindsay Bramwell (Teacher Member), Kelly Ingram (Teacher Member), Willow Anderson (Parent Member), Barbara Blays (Parent Member), Jessie Maddelena (Community Member)

- **What the SAC has been doing:**

Your SAC has some exciting news! Our application for the provincial Innovation Fund Grant was APPROVED! We were rewarded the funds to be used toward our project to supply a Book Vending Machine at our Eaglewood site.

The Book Vending Machine Project is a creative and engaging way to encourage reading and students to work toward their goals. The machine would be stocked with school-selected and approved literature (in both English and French) that would be curated for various age groups and reading levels within the school. The tokens needed to access books in the machine would be disbursed based on meeting individual, student-led goals and attainable for each student based on where they are (academic or social, so that everyone has success). The Book Vending Machine Project would only be the second of its kind in Atlantic Canada.

We will keep you up to date as we move forward with this exciting project!

October marked our first SAC meeting of the 2025/2026 school year, where we have approved funds to be allocated toward math and literacy tools and initiatives, such as decodable books, Handwriting Without Tears kits, and sub-release time to support math fact fluency assessments. Our meeting summaries can be found on the Sunnyside Elementary website. Please know that the SAC meetings are always open to any parent or guardian to attend, and all ideas are welcome.

Up-coming dates:

Oct. 20—Picture Day

Oct. 23—H&S Pumpkin Run (5:30-7:30 Eaglewood site)

Oct. 24—NSTU Conference Day--no school for students

Oct. 28—Bus Evacuation Drills

Oct. 31—Hallowe'en

Nov. 3—Home & School Association Meeting (6:30 Eaglewood site)

We wish you all a wonderful weekend.