

Good afternoon Sunnyside Families,

This has been an exciting week with the lead-up to Hallowe'en. This afternoon, both sites were able to hold costume parades and Ms. Sutherland's class delighted our Eaglewood students with a flash dance to celebrate the season.

Next week, we are going to continue the dress-up fun with a theme day on Monday November 3rd. We welcome all students and staff who wish to do so to wear a sports jersey or blue in support of the Blue Jays in the World Series. Hopefully on Monday we will be celebrating their win.

This week we also held our Bus Evacuation Drills at both sites. This is an opportunity for students to learn about school bus safety and they practice exiting the bus from the back door in case it is ever needed in an emergency. All students participate in Bus Evacuation Drills, even those who do not travel to and from school on the school bus to help them stay safe on field trips.

As we move into November, there is a lot of information to be shared in this email, including our Remembrance Day Ceremony and what happens when we have inclement weather. In addition, we are including some information that the HRCE has asked us to share with families.

School Pictures

Proofs from school pictures were sent home yesterday and orders are done online at www.adamsphotography.ca and are due by Nov. 7th. Retake day is scheduled for November 24th for students who missed picture day or those who want retakes. If your child is getting retakes to replace the proofs sent home, please send the proof back with them on retake day.

Remembrance Day

November 11 is Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day holds an important place in our schools as it provides a meaningful opportunity for our students to learn about the sacrifices made by veterans and all those who have served in times of conflict. Through ceremonies, discussions and creative projects, we demonstrate respect and gratitude for the freedoms Canadians enjoy. Observing Remembrance Day also helps students connect with Canada's history and reinforces the values of peace, tolerance and community responsibility.

We will be holding our Sunnyside **Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 10th** after recess—beginning at 11:15 am. Students from Fort Sackville will be bused to Eaglewood to participate in our ceremony. As part of the ceremony, we are creating a slideshow to honor and recognize the service of our loved ones.

We invite families who have loved ones who are currently serving or have served to submit the following to Ms. Tanya (TMacLennanscott@hrce.ca):

- A **photo** of your loved one
- Their **relationship** to the Sunnyside student(s) (e.g., uncle, friend, grandmother)
- The **name(s)** of the Sunnyside student(s) they are connected to

- The **dates** of their service

Please note that students who are members of **Girl Guides** or **Scouts** are welcome to wear their uniforms for the ceremony.

Additionally, if you are currently serving, have served, or are a first responder and would like to attend the ceremony, we would be honored to have you join us. Please let us know if you plan to attend so we have enough seating for everyone.

November 8 is Indigenous Veterans Day

Indigenous Veterans Day is an important occasion to honour the sacrifices and contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples who have served in the Canadian Armed Forces. Recognizing this day in schools is especially significant, as it provides students with the opportunity to learn about the often-overlooked histories and experiences of Indigenous veterans. By commemorating Indigenous Veterans Day in our schools, we ensure that younger generations understand the vital role Indigenous peoples have played in defending Canada, while also promoting respect, reconciliation, and a more inclusive understanding of Canadian history. This recognition helps strengthen empathy, respect for diversity and a greater appreciation for the many ways in which Indigenous peoples have shaped our country.

Home & School Association

Just a quick reminder that our next HSA meeting will be held Monday November 3rd at 6:30pm at Eaglewood — we'd love to see you there! Please try to arrive between 6:20 and 6:30 as the doors are locked and not monitored in the evening.

We also want to take a moment to thank you all for the incredible support and participation in this year's Pumpkin Fun Run. It was amazing to see our community come together for such a fun and spirited event.

A huge thank you to our generous sponsors, dedicated volunteers, and enthusiastic runners — you made the day a true success. We can't wait to do it again next year!

Eaglewood Kiss and Go Lane

Please remember that the "Kiss and Go" Lane at Eaglewood is only for dropping students off in the morning. Drivers are asked to stay in their vehicle to facilitate the smooth running of traffic. Once the "Kiss and Go" lane gets backed up, it can cause traffic disruptions on Eaglewood Drive. If you need to get out of your vehicle to help your child, please park on the street and walk your child to the school.

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
- Walking 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.

Supporting Students and Families: Unplugged Canada Resources!

Unplugged Canada is a parent-led, national movement advocating for healthier childhoods by delaying smartphones and social media until kids are developmentally ready. Parents and caregivers are invited to explore resources, take the [pledge](#) to delay, and join upcoming parent events at unpluggedcanada.com.

The local Nova Scotia chapter is hosting a free community event for parents, caregivers and educators.

Unplugged Together: Raising Connected Kids in a Digital World

Learn about the latest research on how smartphones are impacting kids, safer alternatives to consider and tools to navigate the digital world with your family.

Hammonds Plains Community Centre (virtual/zoom option available)

Sunday, November 2, 2025

6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Register: <https://UnpluggedTogether.eventbrite.ca>

Upcoming Dates

Monday November 3—Jersey/Wear Blue Day (to support the Blue Jays) & Home and School Meeting (6:30 pm Eaglewood)

Friday November 7—Picture orders due (on-line)

Monday November 10—Remembrance Day Ceremony at Sunnyside

Tuesday November 11—Remembrance Day—no school

Tuesday November 18—School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting (6:30 pm Eaglewood)

Friday November 21—Assessment and Evaluation Day—no school

Monday November 24—Picture Retake Day

We wish you all a wonderful weekend. Don't forget to change your clocks back an hour on Saturday evening and for all our students and families who will be Trick or Treating, stay safe!