

Sunnyside Elementary School September Mid-Month Newsletter



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Principal's Message

September has begun with fabulous weather and enthusiastic students and staff at both of Sunnyside Elementary's sites. Classes have been working hard to develop relationships with each other to ensure that we are feeling secure and ready to learn.

Out on the playground, students are busy playing and building. This year, we are allowing students to play in areas of their choice each day, with the playground equipment designated for particular days to avoid too much congestion there. Students are able to see and play with friends in other grades and classes. Staff are actively supervising to help ensure safety.

We have a few special dates coming up in September that are listed on the next page of this newsletter. We are very much looking forward to an in-person curriculum night event to meet the parents/guardians of our students and present our programming for the year. More details will be sent out next week about the format of this evening.

Educating our students takes teamwork and we are looking forward to working with all of you this year.

~Ms. Thompson & Mrs. MacDonald

Significant Dates

Mon. Sept. 19	Holiday Commemorating Queen Elizabeth II -no school
Thurs. Sept. 22	Home & School Meeting 6:30 pm in the library
Wed. Sept. 28	Curriculum Night--more details to follow
Thurs. Sept. 29	Orange T-shirt day
Fri. Sept 30	Truth & Reconciliation Day--no school
Sat. Oct. 1	Treaty Day in Nova Scotia
Mon. Oct. 10	Thanksgiving Monday--no school
Wed. Oct. 12	SAC meeting 6:10 pm
Fri. Oct. 28	NSTU Conference Day--no school for students



Playground Update

The HRM is replacing the playground equipment at the Eaglewood site. The old structures have been removed and we will be gaining two new structures for the children to play on. During construction, the playground area is fenced off for safety. Students are enjoying watching the work being done. We are hoping for a quick installation of the new equipment, although we think some students may be disappointed when the big trucks are gone.



Safety Reminders

The drop-off and pick-up of students at both sites is going very smoothly. We have procedures in place to ensure that students arrive safely to school. We appreciate the cooperation we get from caregivers at drop-off and pick-up. We would like to remind everyone to respect all “No Parking” and “No Stopping” zones and to obey all traffic laws. This will make our arrivals and departures a safe experience for all.



SAC (School Advisory Council)

The SAC is a group of parents, staff and community members who act in an advisory capacity to the school principal and Regional Centre of Education on a range of issues related to the school and school system. SACs play an important role in supporting student success at the school community level. Our next meeting will be Oct. 12. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

Home & School News

We are a group of parents and school staff that like to be involved with Fort Sackville and Eaglewood sites. We are involved with: fundraising, planning fun school events, supporting school programming, classroom enhancements and having input on how fundraising money is used at the school.

We typically meet one evening per month, at the school (or virtually depending on Covid-19) for an hour and have some interaction back and forth in between based on action items. We communicate upcoming monthly HSA meetings and activities through our Facebook group linked here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/126359060803854> and in school newsletters.

We are here to help and make the schools an even better place. We invite parents to join our meetings and to get involved with anything you are able to assist with. No effort is too big or small and the more help we have, the easier it is which in turn benefits all the children at the schools. If you aren't interested in joining, or are on the fence, that is okay and we welcome you to join our next meeting if interested. Also, if you have any ideas how the association can be of benefit to the classrooms and students, or suggestions where we should focus our efforts, please let us know on Facebook or via email at sunnysidehsa@gmail.com

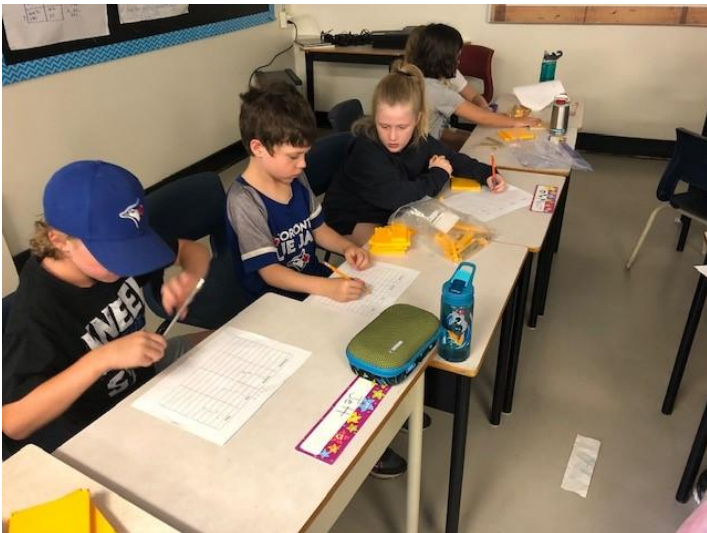
Look at us learn!



Mme Boudreau's students are taking advantage of flexible seating options while writing a letter to their future selves. They will read their letters at the end of grade 6.



Pre-Primaries having fun exploring water-play.



Learning math is always better when it's hands-on and we use games.



Fantastic Friday Phone Calls

Each week, Mme Thompson and Mme MacDonald get to make Fantastic Friday Phone Calls. These are positive calls home about the great things students in our school are doing. We always look forward to making this contact with families.



Orange Shirt Day

September 30 has been known as Orange Shirt Day, a day to honour the Indigenous children who were sent to residential schools in Canada. The federal and provincial governments are now recognizing September 30 as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. There will be no school on this day. As a school, we will be commemorating Orange Shirt Day on Sept. 29. Staff and students are encouraged to wear an orange t-shirt on this day as well, and classes will be learning about the significance of the day. October 1st is Treaty Day in Nova Scotia and it kicks off Mi'kmaq History Month.



School Closure and Media Release Forms

Last week, we sent home Media Release forms and School Closure forms. We use the Media Release forms to use pictures of students in school and class tweets and newsletters as well as in presentations for the school (Powerpoints for assemblies). Teachers may also use platforms like SeeSaw to send you pictures of your child and their work to help you see what's happening at school. If you have concerns about any of this, you do not have to consent to the Media Release form, or you can contact the teacher to discuss your concerns. Please return the form whether or not you consent.

The School Closure form is a quick way for us to contact you or your designate in the event that school is closed during the school day (for example, due to inclement weather). Please put the names of who we should contact in order. No students will be dismissed before we make contact via email or phone with you or one of your designates.

Lunch Monitors Needed

Lunch Monitors are needed to support our students. This is a paid position from 12:10-1:10 daily. If you are interested, or know someone who is interested, please call the main office at 902-832-8983 or email the school at sunnyside@hrce.ca.

We are willing to consider part-time as well as full-time candidates.

This is a great way to get involved at the school level, spend time with our fabulous students and be part of the amazing team at Sunnyside Elementary.

School Cash Online

Paying school-related fees has gotten easier! We're excited to let you know that HRCE has a system that will allow you to make payments electronically, with the click of a button. Any payments typically made to the school can be made safely, securely and quickly through **SchoolCash Online**.

Our school will post items for purchase and assign school fees relevant to your child. You can make all purchases and payments from your phone, tablet or computer.

We would like families to register as soon as possible, if you have not already done so. If you registered last year, you will not need to register again.

To get started, please register for **SchoolCash Online**. It's free and takes less than two minutes. You will receive an email once items are posted for purchase. Visit <https://hrce.schoolcashionline.com/> and click **Register** to get started.

Need support? Connect with SchoolCash Online help desk at schoolcashionline.com/Home/Support. We hope that **SchoolCash Online** makes paying school-related fees more convenient!

School Insurance Program

If you are interested in the School Insurance Program, you can learn more at the website sip.ca.



Student Accident Insurance

Available Sept. 1

Basic Plan covers ALL public-school students at **NO** charge.

Expanded **Gold Plan** coverage for only **\$14/year**.

Coverage summary and **Gold Plan** details at sip.ca

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School Insurance Program

Not for Profit

Register your kids in the **Gold Plan** at sip.ca