

Good afternoon Sunnyside Elementary families,

Pink Shirt Day: We have begun our second week of school this year and students and staff are focusing on building a positive and safe environment in the school. As part of this, our school will be participating in Stand Up Against Bullying Day (Pink T-shirt Day) with the rest of the province on Thursday of this week. This is an initiative that started in a Nova Scotia School in 2007. A student new to the school was made fun of for wearing a pink shirt to school. Two grade 12 students bought 50 pink shirts and encouraged their schoolmates to wear them to school the next day. Since then, schools in Nova Scotia have been wearing pink shirts on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in September. Your children are welcome to continue the tradition. If you do not have a pink shirt, or they do not wish to wear one, we will also be passing out Stand Up Against Bullying Pink Pencils to all students.

Parking Lot Safety: To help keep our students safe while at school, we ask families:

Fort Sackville

- Please do not drive into the parking lot during the school day.
- Respect “No Stopping” and “No Parking” signs on the streets surrounding the school when dropping your child off and picking them up.

Eaglewood

- Pull up as far as you can in the “Kiss and Go” lane to allow other vehicles to enter.
- Please do not park and get out of your car in the “Kiss and Go” lane to keep the flow of traffic going.
- Please do not drive into the parking lot when students are arriving, leaving and a lunch. (8:30-9:30, 12:15-12:45, 3:00-3:30)
- Park on the streets around the school at dismissal when picking your child up. The “Kiss and Go” lane is not open after school.

Early Closure Forms: Each year we collect contact information in case of an early closure at school. These forms will be going home this week and we ask that you return them by Sept. 22.

Safety Drills: Each year we do a number of safety drills at school. We are sending a separate email with this information today. This week will be a fire drill and next week we will practice a Lock Down Drill. Both of these drills will be announced before they happen.

School Advisory Council: Our first School Advisory Council meeting will be held at the Eaglewood site on Wednesday September 20 from 6-7 pm. The SAC is made up of 3 parents/guardians, 3 staff members and a community member. This year we have 2 returning parents and will be looking for a third parent from the Fort Sackville site. Although there are three parent/guardian voting members, all parents/guardians are welcome to attend our SAC meetings.

Home and School Association: The Sunnyside HSA is a group of parents/guardians and school staff who like to be involved with the Fort Sackville and Eaglewood sites. We do fundraising, planning fun school events, supporting school programming, classroom enhancements and have input in how fundraised money is spent at the school.

We typically meet one evening a month at the school for an hour and have some interaction back and forth in between meetings based on actions items.

We invite all parents/guardians to join our meetings and 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 students at the school. If you would like to contact the HSA, you can reach us at

[sunnysidehsa@gmail.com](mailto:sunnysidehsa@gmail.com)

Our first meeting of the year will be Wednesday September 20<sup>th</sup> from 7-8 pm at Eaglewood, directly following the SAC meeting.

Breakfast Program: Eaglewood and Fort Sackville both have a “Grab and Go” breakfast program that began this week. Each morning there are breakfast options set up in the main foyers of each site and students are free to choose a breakfast item upon arrival. Frequent options are granola bars, cheese strings and fresh fruit. If you would like to help out with the breakfast program, please contact Ms. Thompson at [cthompson@hrce.ca.ca](mailto:cthompson@hrce.ca.ca).

SchoolCash 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](https://hrce.schoolcashionline.com/Home/Support). We hope that **SchoolCash Online** makes paying school-related fees more convenient!

Thanks! Merci!: Over the past couple of weeks, some parents/guardians and students have contributed to the clean-up of school properties at both sites and the painting of playground games at Eaglewood. Thank you to all of you who helped organize and helped out.

Paving Fort Sackville: On Wednesday after students have been dismissed, the pavement pathway on the Camden side will be repaved after the water damage this summer.

Upcoming Dates:

Thursday September 14—Pink T-Shirt Day

Wednesday September 20—SAC meeting 6-7 pm

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Thursday September 28—Curriculum Night 6-7 pm Fort Sackville and 6:30-7:30 pm Eaglewood

Friday September 29—Orange Shirt Day at School

Saturday September 30—Truth and Reconciliation Day

Monday October 2—Schools Closed for Truth and Reconciliation Day

Wednesday October 4—School Picture Day

Monday October 9—Thanksgiving Day-no school