

# Harrietsfield Elementary School Info for Families: October 14-18

## **Important Dates:**



# **October 14** Thanksgiving (no

classes)

#### October 18 Ordering win

Ordering window opens for nslunch.ca

# October 25

Provincial Conference Day (no classes)

## October 28

First lunch delivery for nslunch.ca

We are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaw people. This territory is covered by the treaties of peace and friendship. We acknowledge that people of African descent have been in Nova Scotia for over 400 years .

## Important dates in October:

- October is Mi'kmaq History Month
  - October 11: Professional Learning Day (no classes for PP-12)
- October 14: Thanksgiving (no classes for PP-12)
- October 18: Ordering window opens for nslunch.ca
- October 25: NSTU Conference Day (no classes for PP-12)
- October 28: First lunch delivery for nslunch.ca
- October 31: Diwali

# Provincial Lunch Program (PP-5)



The provincial school lunch program will be starting soon! On October 18th, the ordering window will be opening for schools in the HRCE with a first lunch date of October 28th. Please feel free to visit the website for more information or to see the <u>menu</u> items! <u>https://nslunch.ca/</u>. You will notice that each day there will be two options: one vegetarian and one non-vegetarian.

This will be an <u>optional program</u> for families with a "pay what you can" model. Families will be able to choose to pay the full price, a partial amount or opt to not pay. Whatever you select will be completely confidential. There is no obligation to use this program; you are welcome to continue sending lunches with your child. Also, it can be used 5 days a week or as often as it works for your family.

# Freezie Friday

On Friday, October 18th, we will be selling Freezies for \$1.00. Money must be sent in on Friday morning with your child.

# Halloween Celebrations



On Thursday, October 31st, we will be having Halloween activities at school. Students are welcome to wear a costume to school that day. If they choose to wear a costume, it should be something that they are comfortable to wear all day. It should also be

bathroom friendly. Students may not bring props or weapons or wear a Halloween mask. If students choose to wear face paint, it must be applied before arriving at school in the morning. We will also be having a costume parade so that students will be able to see each others' costumes. It should be lots of fun! Individual classroom teachers will be in contact with families, if they are allowing snacks to be sent in.

### Christmas Concert

As you know, Ms. Tara is off for several months and we have a substitute teacher who is filling in for her. Ms. Polley is working extremely hard to learn a new job, while supporting music instruction at 3 schools; quite a big undertaking. We have made the difficult decision to not have a concert this year. We know this decision will be hard for some families, but we hope you can understand the situation that we are in. We are planning some fun Christmas activities, including a whole-school singalong, holiday activity centres, school bingo, etc. We also hope to plan some other opportunities to practise their performance skills throughout the year.

## <u>Remembrance Day Assembly</u> (PP-5)



We will be recognizing Remembrance Day on Tuesday, November 5th at 10:30am. Parents are welcome to attend our school assembly. Our HES choir will be performing a couple of songs. If you are a military parent and you'd like to join us, in uniform, please let Kathy know and we will set up a special seat for you.

## Staff Parking Lot

We would like to request that families do not use our staff parking lot in the mornings when you are dropping off your child. Our spaces are very limited; when staff are not able to find a parking space, this can cause issues. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

## Home & School Fundraiser - Mitchell's Soup

We are having a Mitchell's Soup Fundraiser! The fundraiser will start on October 15th. Orders and payments will be due November 5, 2024.

Payments can be made via School Cash after October 15th or by sending cash in your child's messenger bag along with their order form. We will send home order forms on Tuesday, October 15th; please look for them in your child's message bag/backpack. Thank you for your support!

Please check out the flyer below with more exciting Home and School info!!

