



# Harrietsfield Elementary School

## Info for Families: October 7-11

### Important Dates:



**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 [menu](#) items! <https://nslunch.ca/> . You will notice that each day there will be two options: one vegetarian and one non-vegetarian.

This will be an optional program 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.

### New School Website

You may have already noticed that all schools have updated websites. Much of the information now is uploaded directly from the HRCE to ensure consistent messaging for some of the bigger topics. Please click [here](#) to view the website. Please note, it will take some time to update all of the content that we used to have on our previous website; we appreciate your patience!

### Terry Fox Run

Thanks so much, Mr. Holmes, for organising a great Terry Fox run! The students had lots of fun and it was definitely a great day for it. We are thrilled to announce that we raised

### October 7-10

Fire Drill #2

### October 11

Professional Learning Day (no classes)

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Thanksgiving (no classes)

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over \$1600.00 for cancer research!! Thank you for dreaming big and making a difference for families affected by cancer.

### **Remembrance Day Assembly (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.

### **Indigo Love of Reading**



Our school was selected to participate in the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation's annual Adopt a School fundraiser! Every dollar raised in-store at the **Chapters in Bayer's Lake** will go DIRECTLY to our school to help fill our shelves with new books. You can also click [here](#) to give online. We are excited to announce that we've received approval from our stores to **extend the fundraiser by one week**, until **October 13<sup>th</sup>**.

Thank you so much for supporting our school and for helping to inspire a love of reading in our students!

### **Snack Bags (PP-5)**



We are excited to share that Dylan's No Frills has prepared some beautiful snack bags for each of our students as part of our PC Children's Charity campaign. We will send these snack bags home with students next week!

### **★ Home and School News ★**

Our Home and School group had a great first meeting on October 2nd. We talked about all of the fun events and fundraisers that we have planned for the 2024-2025 school year!

This committee plays a vital role in organising events and activities for our students and the community, while also raising funds to benefit our school. We're always looking for new members to join us!

If you can't attend meetings, don't worry—there are plenty of ways to get involved! We'll share volunteer opportunities through our school social media page and in the Home and School flyers sent home.

Our next meeting will be in the school library at 6:15pm on Wednesday, November 6th. Please join us!