

Harrietsfield Elementary School

Info for Families: September 30-Oct 4

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 1: Treaty Day
- October 4: National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
- 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

September 30
Truth &
Reconciliation Day
(No Classes)

October 1
Treaty Day
(Schools Open)

October 2
SAC Meeting at
5:30 pm (virtual)
Home and School
Meeting 6:15 pm
(school library)

October 4
Terry Fox Run

October 11
Professional
Learning Day (no
classes)

October 14
Thanksgiving (no
classes)

Terry Fox Run

Due to weather this past Friday, our Terry Fox run has been rescheduled to this Friday, October 4th.

Provincial Lunch Program

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.

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** between September 13 - October 6, 2024 will go DIRECTLY to our school to help fill our shelves with new books. You can also click [here](#) to give online.

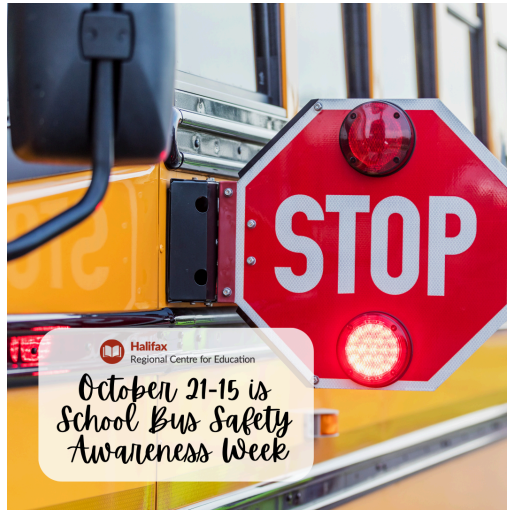
October 25

Provincial
Conference Day
(no classes)

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

Changes to End of Day Plans

A reminder to please avoid making last minute changes to your child's end of day plans, unless necessary. This can cause confusion for our students and staff.



School Bus Safety Week

October 21-25, 2024 is School Bus Safety Week in Nova Scotia!

Did you know that more than 30,000 HRCE students ride the school bus every day?

School Bus Safety Week is a great time to remind students, families and schools of a few daily safety tips that everyone can follow to ensure all students get to school safely.

Bus Stop Safety

- Be on time for the bus and please don't run to/from the bus.
- Stand back off the road and don't push or shove when waiting at a stop.
- Always cross in front of the bus. Walk three metres (10 feet) in front of the bus to a point where you can see the driver and wait for the driver's signal to cross. Proceed to the centre of the road, STOP, LOOK & LISTEN and cross the road when it is safe.
- Never crawl under a school bus or cross the road behind the bus.
- Know the danger zones around the bus.

School Bus Safety

- Please respect and listen to the driver and avoid distracting them.
- Please keep noise levels to a minimum.
- Do not stand or move seats while the bus is in motion.
- Never put your hands, arms, feet or head out of the bus window.
- Ask the driver for permission before you open the bus windows.
- Do not throw anything inside the bus or out of the windows.
- Keep the aisle clear at all times when the bus is in motion.

You can find out more information about School Bus Safety Week, including more safety tips, [here](#).

What is SchoolsPlus?

SchoolsPlus is a confidential, free service available in every school in Nova Scotia. Our goal is to build positive relationships between families, schools, and communities. We can help families navigate complicated situations when they are involved with many different services. This helps ensure everyone is communicating clearly and working on shared goals. SchoolsPlus can also help connect families to community resources and offers mental health support in schools. Contact the SchoolsPlus Facilitator for your school to make a referral. You can find additional information [here](#).



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★ **Home and School News** ★

We're excited to announce that the Home and School Committee will be hosting its first meeting on October 2nd at 6:15 PM in the school library!

This committee plays a vital role in organizing 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.

Home and School would like to thank everyone involved in our 2023-24 school year events, which were tremendously successful. We are looking forward to hosting some fun events again this year!

We hope to see you there!