

October 2024 Newsletter



HOW TO REPORT AN ABSENCE: If your child will be absent, please let us know by using one of the following methods:

- **Toll-Free Number**—Call 1-833-582-6940 to report an absence using an automated system.
- **PowerSchool Parent Portal** — Log into <https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/> and access the SchoolMessenger website to report an absence.
- **SchoolMessenger App**—Download the SchoolMessenger app for Android and iOS devices and sign up using your PowerSchool

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IMPORTANT DATES

October 2 ----- Terry Fox Walk
 October 10 ----- School Picture Day
 October 11 ----- PD Day—No Classes for students
 October 14 ----- Thanksgiving—No Classes
 Oct 21—Oct 24---- Scholastic Book Fair
 October 24 ----- School Picture Retake Day
 October 25 ----- Provincial Conference Day—No Classes

BELL SCHEDULE

First Bell 8:25
 Classes Start 8:30
 Recess: 10:00—10:15
 Lunch:..... 11:30—12:30
 Dismissal Bell: 2:35

Please send a note with your child or call the school if they will not be staying at school for lunch.

REMEMBER to pack utensils in lunch boxes as we do not provide these items.

SCHOOLCASH ONLINE

Paying school-related fees is about to get easier! Colby Village Elementary will be moving toward having more items paid for through SchoolCash Online. This system will allow you to make payments electronically with the click of a button. You will be able to make all payments 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. If you have not already done so, we would like families to register as soon as possible.

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. You can also go to our school's website and click the link on our home page.

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

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way again (YAY!). Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them on their journey to becoming lifelong readers. AND—as always—every purchase at the Fair benefits our school.

Here's what you need to know about the Fair, which will take place from Oct 21st – Oct 24th.

Visit the Scholastic Book Fair website to look through the digital flyers:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.ca/bf/colbyvillageelemschool>

The countdown to more Bookjoy is on! Catch you at the Fair!

SAFEARRIVAL BY SCHOOLMESSENGER

One of our greatest priorities is ensuring all students arrive to school safely each day. Parents/guardians of students who attend our school now have the option to report their child's absence in advance using a toll-free number, the PowerSchool Parent Portal or the SchoolMessenger app!

SchoolMessenger SafeArrival – an absence management system that improves student safety and makes it easy for families to inform their child's school if they will be away – powers all three of these options.

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PICTURE DAY

Thursday, October 10th is picture day with the retake day on Thursday, October 24th. Further information will be sent home via email in the near future.



CASUAL LUNCH MONITORS NEEDED

We are in need of casual lunch monitors. This is a paid position of \$15.45 per hour plus 4% vacation pay with a time requirement of 1 hour per day from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. when needed. If this is something that interests you or if you know someone who may be interested, please contact the school and the appropriate paperwork can be sent home with your child.

NUT FREE

Please note that Colby Village continues to be a Nut-Free environment. We do have students with severe peanut/nut allergies and it is crucial that you do not send your child with any peanut or nut products such as hazelnuts, walnuts, Nutella, cashews, brazil nuts, pine nuts, tree nuts, etc. Thank you for your cooperation with this important matter.

PARKING LOT SAFETY

Please do not drive or park in parking lot to drop off or pick up students for school or Excel. Our driveway and parking areas are for the use of busses and staff only. Please let any caregivers know (grandparents, aunt and uncles, etc) that they should not enter the parking lot.

We limit traffic as a way to promote safety as students line up to enter the school in the parking lot.



HEAD LICE POLICY

Head lice are tiny insects that live on the head. They lay eggs (called nits) close to the scalp. Head lice do not spread disease, and having head lice does not mean that you are not clean. Head lice are very common among children. Scratching the head can be a sign of head lice, but you can have headlice without any itching.

Once a child has been treated with the appropriate product to kill the lice, they are able to return to school. A second treatment is necessary after 9 to 10 days. Daily lice combing is required between the 1st and second treatment to ensure no new lice are able to hatch.

For more information, please refer to the Head Lice Pamphlet which can be found on our school's website on the "Our School" page under the "For Parent" section.

