

September 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 username (full email address).

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | ICE CREAM SOCIAL 12 & STAND UP TO BULLING DAY WEAR PINK | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 CURRICULUM NIGHT | 26 TERRY FOX WALK | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 TRUTH & RECONCILIATION DAY—NO CLASSES | | | | | |

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- September 12 Anti Bullying Day—wear pink
- September 12 Ice Cream Social 6:30
- September 25 Curriculum Night (more info to follow)
- September 26 Terry Fox Walk
- September 27 Orange Shirt Day
- September 30 Truth & Reconciliation Day—No Classes
- October 10 School Picture Day
- October 11 PD Day—No Classes for students
- October 14 Thanksgiving—No Classes
- October 24 School Picture Retake Day
- October 25 Provincial Conference Day—No Classes

BELL SCHEDULE

- First Bell8:25
- Classes Start.....8:30
- Recess:..... 10:00—10:15
- Lunch:..... 11:30—12:30
- Dismissal Bell:2:35

SNACK PROGRAM

Our snack program will start again next week. If you are unfamiliar with this program, all students have the opportunity to come to the office during recess or lunch if they are still hungry after eating their food from home. Please have discussions with your child whether you wish for them to come to the office to get snacks and also to encourage them to only come once all other food has been eaten. We do our best to ensure all food from home has been eaten but we are not always able to monitor closely and we do not want any food being wasted from home.

ARRIVING TO SCHOOL ONTIME

We ask that students arrive to school on-time for the first bell at **8:25 am**. When students arrive late to class, it is not only disruptive to the late student, but also the rest of the class.

VOLUNTEERING AT SCHOOL

The end of the school year will be here before we know it and along with that comes yearend field trips. If you are hoping to chaperone for any field trip, you are required to follow the HRCE policy as shown below.

In accordance with Nova Scotia's Provincial Volunteer Background Check Policy, prior to volunteering with the Halifax Regional Centre for Education, all volunteers will provide:

1. A completed Child Abuse Register search, which can be found here
2. A certified and true copy of a Criminal Records Check with Vulnerable Sector Check available here, from your local Police or RCMP detachment or through online organizations endorsed by Nova Scotia law enforcement agencies.

Please note: the Child Abuse Register Search and Criminal Records Check must be issued in the three months preceding volunteering and updated every three years.

Interested in helping out? We would love to have you!

SCHOOLCASH ONLINE

Paying school-related fees is about to get easier! Colby Village Elementary will once again be paying most school related expenses 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](https://hrce.schoolcashionline.com/Home/Support). We hope that **SchoolCash Online** makes paying school-related fees more convenient!



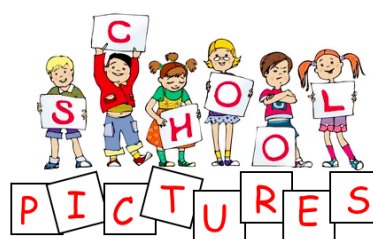
LUNCH MONITORS NEEDED—PAID POSITION

We are in need of both regular lunch monitors as well as casual lunch monitors. This is a paid position of \$15.00 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. 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.

TIDBITS

Please send a note to teachers if your child is not staying for lunch.

Please remember to send in utensils in lunch boxes as we do not provide these items.



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.

PARKING LOT SAFETY

Please do not drive or park in parking lot to drop or pick up students. 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 parking lot.

PROVINCIAL DIRECTIVE ON CELL PHONE USE IN SCHOOLS

As part of the Nova Scotia's School Cell Phone Directive, we kindly remind everyone that cell phones must be turned off and stored away during the school day. This policy helps minimize distractions and ensures that students remain focused on their learning and school activities. This also includes **Apple Watches**. If your child needs to contact you during the school day, they are advised to come to the office to use the office phone with permission. Please talk to your child about this directive.

