

October 2025 Newsletter



How to Report an Absence: If your child will be absent, please let us know by using one of the following methods:

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- **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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5	6 GRADE 6 ASSESSMENTS	7 PICTURE DAY	8 GRADE 6 ASSESSMENTS	9	10	11
12	13 HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY 	14 GRADE 6 ASSESSMENTS	15	16 GRADE 6 ASSESSMENTS	17	18
19	20 Picture Retake Day	21	22	23 Halloween Howl (details to follow from PTO)	24 Provincial Conference Day No Classes	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Black & Orange Day—More info to follow	

IMPORTANT DATES

October 6 & 8Grade 6 Assessments
October 14 & 16Grade 6 Assessments
October 7.....School Picture Day
October 13.....Thanksgiving—No Classes
October 20.....School Picture Retake Day
October 24.....Provincial Conference Day—No Classes
October 31.....Black & Orange Day—more info to follow



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 be leaving school property at lunch.

ADMINISTERING MEDICATION(S) AT SCHOOL

For any student who may require medication during the school day, whether it is prescription or over the counter, an Authorization and Directions for Administering Medication(s) at School form must be completed and sent in to the main office with the child's medication. This could be if a student requires a puffer during the day or even an antibiotic for a period of time. Some students may also occasionally need Ibuprofen or Acetaminophen. These medications must always be kept in the office and be administered in the office by staff. Should you need an Authorization and Directions for Administering Medication(s) at School form, you can find one on our website under the Students and Families Section under the Help heading.

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

CASUAL LUNCH MONITORS NEEDED

We are in need of casual lunch monitors. This is a paid position of \$16.50 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 to you by our HR department.

SCHOOLCASH ONLINE

Colby Village Elementary has moved toward having most items paid for through SchoolCash Online. This system allows 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. Once you are registered, 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!

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.

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.

PICTURE DAY

Tuesday, October 7th is picture day with the retake day on Monday, October 20th.



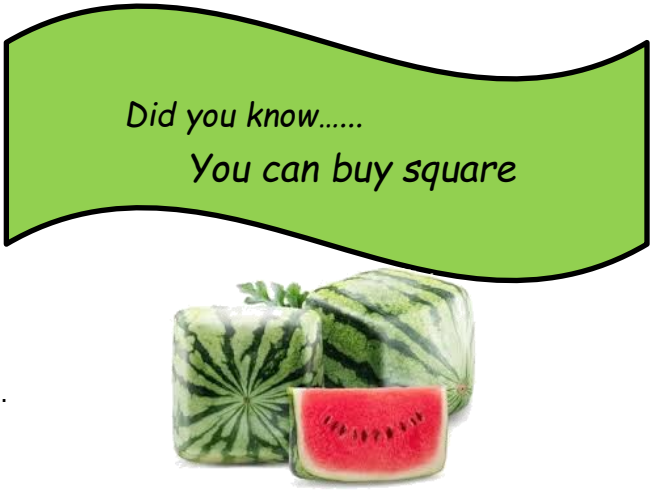
SAFEARRIVAL BY SCHOOLMESSENGER

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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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.

DOGS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

We ask that families do not bring their dogs on school property before, during or after school hours. This can be very unsettling for some students and their families who may have a fear of dogs. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you plan to walk with your child and your dog to school, you will need to remain on the sidewalk with your dog and not on school property.

