


# November 2025 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).

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23	24	25 Primary to Grade 6 Field Trip	26	27	28	29
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## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

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| November 8th   | - Indigenous Veterans Day  |
| November 10th  | - Remembrance Day Ceremony   |
| November 11th  | - Remembrance Day—No classes   |
| November 13-19 | - Transgender Awareness Week   |
| November 21st  | - Assessment & Evaluation Day—No classes                             |
| November 25th  | - School wide trip (except PP) —more details to follow               |
| December 4th   | - Professional Development for staff a.m.—no classes all day         |
| December 4th   | - Parent/Guardian/Teacher Conference (1pm—3pm) & (6pm—8pm)           |
| December 11th  | - Christmas Concert (morning and afternoon) - more details to follow |
| December 19th  | - Last day of classes for students before Holiday Break              |
| January 5th    | - Schools Re-Opens for students                                      |



## PARKING LOT SAFETY

Please do not drive or park in the parking lot when dropping off or picking 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, aunts, uncles, etc) that they should not enter the parking lot at any time during the day. We limit traffic as a way to promote safety for all our students.

## PARENT VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested in chaperoning or volunteering in the classroom or with the Home & School, etc., in accordance with HRCE's Student Protection Policy, all volunteers will provide:

1. A completed Child Abuse Register - Request for Search Form, which can be found <https://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-child-abuse-register-search>
2. A certified and true copy of a Criminal Records Check with Vulnerable Sector Check available from your local Police or RCMP detachment or through online organizations endorsed by Nova Scotia law enforcement agencies <https://www.halifax.ca/fire-police/police/criminal-record-check>

Please note: the Child Abuse Register Search and the Criminal Records Check must be issued in the six months preceding volunteering and updated every three years. For more detailed information, please follow this link: <https://www.hrce.ca/volunteer>

## REMEMBRANCE DAY OBSERVANCES

Students in grades PP to 6 will be attending a Remembrance Day Assembly in honor of our veterans and those presently serving in the Armed Forces. The assembly will be held outside at 10:30 (weather permitting) on Monday, November 10th. If necessary due to weather conditions, we will move the ceremony to the gymnasium. Students who belong to a service organization such as: any level of Scouts Canada or Girl Guides of Canada, Cadets, etc., are welcome to wear their uniform.



## NOVEMBER 13-19 TRANSGENDER AWARENESS WEEK

Transgender Awareness Week provides an important opportunity to strengthen understanding and respect for the transgender community, to encourage inclusivity in our schools and to promote safe environments where all students feel valued and supported. Learn more [here](#).

## NOVEMBER 8 IS INDIGENOUS VETERANS DAY

Indigenous Veterans Day is an important occasion to honour the sacrifices and contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples who have served in the Canadian Armed Forces. Recognizing this day in schools is especially significant, as it provides students with the opportunity to learn about the often-overlooked histories and experiences of Indigenous veterans. By commemorating Indigenous Veterans Day in our schools, we ensure that younger generations understand the vital role Indigenous peoples have played in defending Canada, while also promoting respect, reconciliation, and a more inclusive understanding of Canadian history. This recognition helps strengthen empathy, respect for diversity and a greater appreciation for the many ways in which Indigenous peoples have shaped our country.

## NUT FREE

Please note that Colby Village School continues to be a Nut-Free environment. We do have students and staff 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 very important matter.

## LOOKING FOR DONATIONS

The Colby Village Learning Centre is looking for donations of gently used toys that light up, play music, as well as cause and effect toys (you push a button or turn a dial and something happens). Also any dolls and/or barbies. Thank you for your continued support.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

Did you know? HRCE takes great care when making the decision to alter the regular operations of schools and school buses in the event of severe or inclement weather.

It is HRCE's goal to communicate any changes to the regular operations of schools and/or buses as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible.

**A 6:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

- All schools are delayed in opening by two hours and bus pickups are delayed by two hours; or
- All schools are open, but some or all busses are not operating for the day; or
- Some schools (either individually or by family) are closed for the day; or
- All schools are closed for the day.

If weather deteriorates, or is forecasted to worsen throughout the morning, **an 11:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

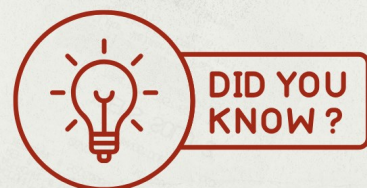
- Bussed students will be picked up two hours earlier than their regular dismissal time; and
- Walking students will be dismissed at their regularly scheduled lunch hour.

**How will I find out?**

- By email to the addresses in PowerSchool
- By text message, **if you have opted-in**. If you aren't sure if you have opted-in, text Y to the following number: **978338**
- [On the HRCE website](#)
- [On Instagram](#)

It's important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation. Please remember: As a parent or guardian you always have the choice of whether or not to send your child to school.

For more information on how HRCE manages during inclement weather, visit [hrce.ca/families/cancellations](https://hrce.ca/families/cancellations).



Ensuring regular attendance is a joint effort between students, families and schools.

**What can you do?**

- ✓ Monitor and encourage punctual, consistent attendance
- ✓ Maintain open communication with the school when absences or challenges arise
- ✓ Work with school staff to understand supports or accommodations for your child
- ✓ Be aware of the attendance thresholds and possible consequences