



Colby Village Elementary

September 2026 Newsletter

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BELL SCHEDULE



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

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).

Important Dates



September 2.....Curriculum Night 6-7pm
.....BBQ & Ice Cream Social
September 3.....First Day for Students
September 10.....Anti Bullying Day – wear pink
September 8.....NS Lunch Program starts
September 25.....PD – No classes for students
September 29.....Orange Shirt Day
September 29.....School Picture Day (Retake Nov 4th)
September 30th... Truth & Reconciliation Day – No classes

SNACK PROGRAM

Our snack program will start again Wednesday, September 9th. If you are unfamiliar with this program, all students can 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 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.

VOLUNTEERING AT SCHOOL

We recognize our responsibility to ensure that all students attending our schools are protected by taking reasonable precautions to screen volunteers who may be working with students without direct supervision of staff. 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:

- A completed Child Abuse Register search, which can be found [here](#). For more information, click [here](#).
- 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: Both the Child Abuse Register Search and Criminal Records Check must be issued in the three months preceding volunteering and updated every three years.



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!

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

On September 30, we honour the children who never returned home from residential schools, and the survivors, families and communities who continue to live with their lasting impacts.

Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led movement that reminds us that Every Child Matters and encourages all of us to learn, reflect and support truth and reconciliation.

As there are no classes on Wednesday, September 30, we invite students and staff to wear orange, if they're able, on Tuesday, September 29.



STAND UP AGAINST BULLYING DAY – SEPTEMBER 10

On Stand Up Against Bullying Day, we come together to promote kindness, inclusion and respect in our school communities.

Every student deserves to feel safe, supported and welcome at school. On Thursday, September 10, we invite students and staff to wear pink, if they're able, and help show that bullying has no place in our schools.

Together, we can help create school communities where everyone feels they belong.



NOVA SCOTIA SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

We're looking forward to the 2026-27 launch of the Nova Scotia School Lunch Program! Beginning this school year, the program will be available in all public schools across the province.

Start date

Lunches at your school will begin on Tuesday, September 8.

Key dates for the first ordering cycle:

- Ordering opens: Friday, August 28
- Ordering closes: Wednesday, September 2, at noon

Registering and ordering

All lunches must be ordered through the online ordering system. To get started, visit www.NSLunch.ca and click "Order Now." Returning users can sign in using their existing account.

More information, including instructions on how to create a diner account, is available at www.NSLunch.ca.