



COLBY VILLAGE ELEMENTARY NEWS

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OCTOBER 2023

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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.

Did you know.....

There are more than 1,000 kinds of bats in the world.



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

October 2..... Truth & Reconciliation Day—No Classes
 October 9..... Thanksgiving—No Classes
 October 12..... School Picture Day
 October 20..... Popcorn Day (for those who pre-ordered)
 October 26..... Family Bingo Night (more info to follow)
 October 27..... Provincial Conference Day—No Classes

BELL SCHEDULE

First Bell.....8:25
 Classes Start8:30
 Recess:..... 10:00—10:15
 Lunch:..... 11:30—12:30
 Dismissal Bell:2:35

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

*Please encourage your children to be here before the bell.
 Morning supervision starts at 8:15.*

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

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.

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://sishrs.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).

Picture Day

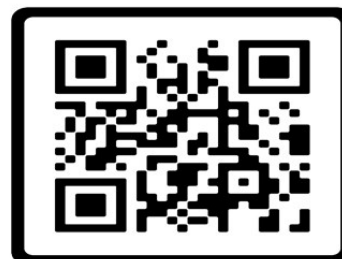
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SCHOOLCASH ONLINE

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.schoolcashonline.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 [schoolcashonline.com/Home/Support](https://hrce.schoolcashonline.com/Home/Support). We hope that **SchoolCash Online** makes paying school-related fees more convenient!

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

School Advisory Councils (SACs) play an important role in supporting student success at the community-level. They are volunteer organizations that receive their authority from the Nova Scotia Education Act. SACs are advisory bodies to individual school principals, regional centres for education (RCEs), and the Conseil Scolaire Acadien provincial (CSAP) on a range of issues related to their local schools and the overall school system. SAC membership can vary, but generally consists of the school principal, parents/guardians, teachers, other school staff, students, and community members. SAC membership should reflect the diversity of the school community.

Currently, we are looking for new members to join our School Advisory Council at Colby Village Elementary. If you are interested in serving on our SAC, please contact the school directly at 902-464-5152.

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.

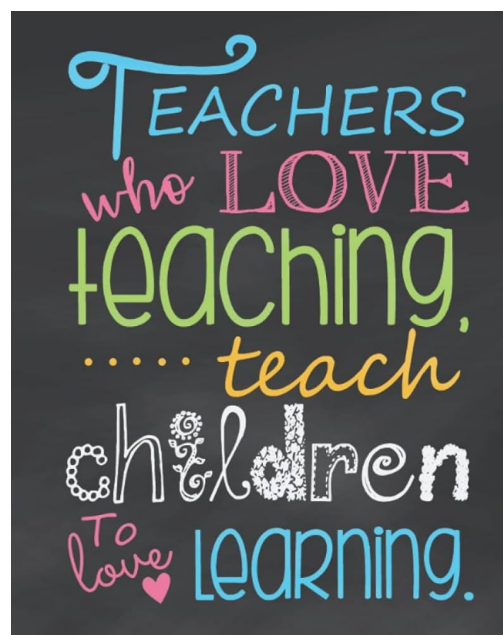
Once a child has been treated with the appropriate product to kill the lice, they are able to return to school. A second treatment is necessary after 9 to 10 days. Daily lice combing is required between the 1st and second treatment to ensure no new lice are able to hatch.

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.

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 the parking lot.



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.

NEWS FROM THE PTO

October is almost here and we're in the mood for Fall - we're talking produce and pumpkins!!

The Nourish Your Roots fundraiser was a success and we're so happy to raise funds again for our school garden. Pick-up will take place on Thursday, October 5th from 4-6 pm at the side door of the school.



The Halloween Howl has been changed this year to a Halloween-themed Bingo Night on Thursday, October 26th!! Wear your costumes (and compete in our costume contest) for a night of not-so-spooky fun. Bingo prizes consist of gift cards and chocolate bars and there'll be a canteen with lots of delicious treats - you'll even have a chance to win the 50/50 draw!! More information on pre-purchasing your Bingo cards to be sent out soon, along with donation and volunteer requests.

Excuse us for stepping out of Fall and into Christmas for a minute, but we're very excited to announce a new fundraiser taking place this year: personalized wooden ornaments from Kismet Designs! Keep an eye out for more information coming your way this month - we like to do our Christmas shopping early!!

The next PTO meeting will take place on Thursday, October 12th at 7 pm - it's never too late to join! If you can't make it but would like to be involved, send an email to kaela.goodman@gmail.com to be put on our email list.

****Please note there was an error in dates for the popcorn - October 27th is a PD Day - oops!! Popcorn will be provided on October 20th instead****

As always, if you have any suggestions or feedback, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Have a wonderful month!!

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**Come out for our Halloween Themed Bingo
Thursday, October 26th.
(More details to follow)**