

November 2023 Newsletter



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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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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Remembrance Day Observation No School	14	15	16	17 Assessment & Evaluation Day No Classes	18
19	20 P—4 Field Trip More details to follow	21	22 Parent/Guardian/ Teacher Interviews 6-8pm	No Classes 23 PD a.m. & Parent/ Guardian/Teacher Interviews 1-3 p.m.	24	25
26	27	28 Report Cards Sent Home	29	30		

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

December 1st—Stuff a Bus (more details to follow)
December 4th—PD Day (No Classes)
December 6th—Grades 5 & 6 Field Trip—more details to follow
December 11th—Christmas Concert (morning and afternoon)
December 21st—First Day of Holiday Break
January 2nd—Schools Re-Open



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 paper-work can be sent home with your child.

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 in our gymnasium from approximately 10:40 am to 11:30 am on Thursday, November 9th. Students who belong to a service organization such as: Beavers, Cubs, Guides, Cadets, etc., are welcome to wear their uniform.

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>

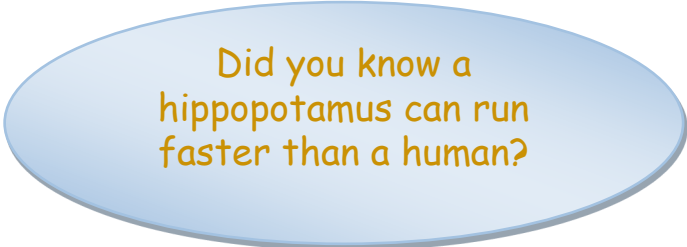
APPROPRIATE CLOTHING

As we settle in to colder temperatures this November, parents/guardians are reminded to ensure students dress appropriately for the weather. Sending in a change of clothes on wet days would be recommended.



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.



NEWS FROM PTO

Ahhhh November, that lovely month when you're still eating leftover Halloween candy but starting to think ahead to Christmas. We had an absolute blast at the Halloween Bingo Night and hope you did, too! We're so grateful to all the people who volunteered their time, by helping with the event or bringing in all those delicious goodies for the bake sale. Yum!!

We all know it's a drag making school lunches, so let us help you out! We're doing a trial run of two new locations this month - Pita Pit on Wednesday, November 8th and Dominoes on Wednesday, November 15th. Check out Healthy Hunger to place your orders (just make sure you do it by Nov. 3rd and 10th). We will continue with Little Caesar's pizza on Fridays.

Our Christmas ornament fundraiser is in full swing because who doesn't love to get a little shopping done early?!? There are four beautiful designs to choose from, including our very own custom CVES logo! Ornament orders are due by Tuesday, November 7th and can be placed online (<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd2qAiok4TogmXI4P1M7cLPXQ5IZ3Gs84OwYdZeNB2JbxD68Q/viewform>). Don't forget to send in your payment with your child's name and class included! Ornaments will be sent home the first week of December or picked up at the concert on December 11th.

Speaking of shopping...the Santa Shop will be taking place December 14th and 15th!! We'll be sending out more information closer to the event, but please start setting aside your new and gently used donations now so the kids have lots of great things to choose from. We'll also be looking for lots of volunteers to help with this incredibly fun event so don't forget to get all your paperwork in to volunteer at the school.

The next PTO meeting will be held on Thursday, November 9th at 7:00 pm. We hope to see you there, it's never too late to join!!

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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 head lice 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.