

Upper Musquodoboit Consolidated School

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November Newsletter



Message from Administration:

November is upon us and we are well into the swing of things at UMCS. Students are secure in their regular routines both in and out of the classroom. Recently students were treated to an awesome playground surprise in the form of a NEW Gaga Pit. Thank you to the local fire department for the kindness and generosity, you certainly had a positive impact on many of the student's lives and brought newfound joy to the playground.



November will be bringing much cooler weather. Please ensure that students are dressed for the Fall season. You may want to think about ensuring that the sweaters, coats, hats and maybe mittens or gloves are at the ready and in the backpacks to wear if needed. If snow pants are a basic solid color, consider printing the students name on the inside tag for easy identification.

November is also a special time as we take time to stop and remember the past and current sacrifices of people in uniform and their families. This year, UMCS will be hosting a school Remembrance Day Ceremony on Friday, November 8 at 9:00 am. National Remembrance Day is Monday, November 11. There are no classes for students on this day.



Quick Notes:

- **Our Demographic Update continues to be significantly low.** Parents and Guardians are reminded that the HRCE has moved to an electronic update of the student registration form this year. An email was sent in late September to all parents and guardians regarding this. The email address to which you receive student report cards is the one that was used for this purpose. **Please update ASAP. If your require assistance, please reach out to Mrs. Fleck.**

November 8: Remembrance Day Assembly at 9:00

November 8: Indigenous Veterans Day

November 11: Remembrance Day (no classes)

November 20: Transgender Day of Remembrance

November 22: Assessment & Evaluation Day for elementary and junior high

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 X \(formerly Twitter\)](#)
- [On Instagram](#)

It's important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation.

For more information on how HRCE manages during

Will school be cancelled?

HRCE takes great care when making the decision to alter the normal operations of schools and school buses due to weather.

Learn more at hrce.ca



inclement weather, visit hrce.ca/weather.

Remembrance Day

Every year on November 11, we observe Remembrance Day to commemorate the sacrifices of the armed forces during World War I, World War II, and other conflicts. This solemn day is marked by ceremonies, moments of silence, and the wearing of poppies in honour of those who have served and fallen.

Together, these days remind us of the courage and resilience of all who have served.



Indigenous Veterans Day

Indigenous Veterans Day, observed on November 8, acknowledges the unique contributions and sacrifices made by Indigenous soldiers. This day highlights the bravery and commitment of Indigenous veterans, who have served with distinction despite facing historical and ongoing challenges.



Be an Ally

An ally is someone who actively and consistently supports, stands with and advocates for the 2SLGBTQIA+ communities. The best way to be an ally is to listen with an open mind. It is our responsibility to treat all people with dignity and kindness.





Safe Arrival

PowerSchool Parent/Student Portal - Parents/guardians can log in to <https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/> to access the SchoolMessenger website to report future absences.

SchoolMessenger App - Parents/guardians can download the SchoolMessenger app for Android and iOS devices and use their username and password for the PowerSchool Portal.

Toll-Free Number - Parents/guardians can call 1-833-582-6940 to report future absences using an automated system.

All three methods are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Absences can be reported at any time before the start of school on the day the student will be absent. Up to five consecutive absences can be recorded at once.

Thank you,

Troy Smith – Principal

Craig Ashley – Vice Principal

"Small School, Big Spirit!"
We Remember...