

October Newsletter 2025



Upper Musquodoboit Consolidated Elementary

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Principal: Troy Smith **Vice Principal:** Andrea MacAulay **Administrative Assistant:** Cindy Fleck

Administration's Message



Important Dates:

Dear Families,

October is a busy and exciting month at our school! Students are settling into routines, and classrooms are buzzing with learning and exploration. We are proud of the strong start to the year and the positive energy throughout our building.

This month brings many opportunities to celebrate and connect as a community. We look forward to fall celebrations, and continued learning experiences that highlight creativity, collaboration, and growth.

As the weather gets cooler, we kindly remind families to ensure children are dressed appropriately for outdoor play each day. We also ask for your continued support in keeping communication lines open, so we can work together in supporting your child's success.

Thank you for your partnership and commitment to our school community. We look forward to a wonderful month ahead!

Warm regards,
Troy Smith and Andrea MacAulay

- October is Mi'kmaq History Month
- October is Canadian Library Month
- October 1st-Treaty Day
- October 1st- Fluoride Application.
- October 3rd- Bus Evacuation Drill.
- October 6th - Demographic update in PowerSchool due.
- October 7th, 8th, 15th and 16th- Grade 6 Provincial Assessment.
- October 13th- Thanksgiving - No classes.
- October 16th- Picture Day
- October 20th- Diwali begins.
- October 24th- NSTU Conference Day - No classes.
- October 20-24: School Bus Safety Week

Meet the UMCS Team



Principal: Troy Smith



Vice-Principal: Andrea MacAulay

Administrative Assistant: Cindy Fleck

Grade Primary, 1, 2 & 3 Teacher: Ellen Thomas

Grade 4, 5 & 6 Teacher: Kaycee Webb

Resource & ELST Teacher: Melissa Reid

Physical Education Teacher: Amy Harnish

Core French Teacher: Danette Hickey

Music Teacher: Tori O'Brien

Pre-Primary Teacher: Krista Oickle

Marking & Prep Relief Teacher- Karen MacKay

EPA- Emilie Holman

EPA- Kathy Watson

School Speech Language Pathologist- Shona MacDonald

School Psychologist- Emma Carter

Librarian- Laureena Leadbeater



October 1 is Treaty Day

Celebrating and recognizing Treaty Day is an important way we can strengthen understanding and respect for Indigenous cultures and histories. It highlights the significance of treaties as living agreements that shape relationships between Indigenous peoples and the government. By educating students about Treaty Day, we promote awareness of Indigenous rights and contributions and encourage reconciliation. This celebration helps build a more inclusive and respectful society, where students learn the importance of honouring commitments and working together for a better future.



OCTOBER 1

Today we honour
Treaty Day



Halifax
Regional Centre for Education



"Small School, Big Spirit!"

O Canada in Schools

In September, the Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Development shared a new provincial policy about the playing of our national anthem in schools. You can read it [here](#).

In keeping with this policy, we play O Canada at the beginning of each school day in our school.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the school office.



October is Mi'kmaq History Month

October is Mi'kmaq History Month, a time to celebrate and recognize the rich culture, history, and contributions of the Mi'kmaq people.

In our schools, we can honour this month by incorporating Mi'kmaq stories, traditions and teachings into our curriculum. Activities such as guest speakers, art projects and cultural events can help students appreciate and understand the significance of Mi'kmaq heritage.

Please join us in offering our respect, awareness and appreciation for the Mi'kmaq community and their enduring legacy. Learn more [here](#).

