



Upcoming Dates- Oct

Oct 20 - Diwali Begins

Oct 23 - PTO Halloween
Howl

Oct 23 - Picture Day

Oct 20-24: School Bus
Safety Week

Nov 5 - Retake day

Bus Stop Safety

- Be on time for the bus and please don't run to/from the bus.
- Stand back off the road and don't push or shove when waiting at a stop.
- Always cross in front of the bus. Walk three metres (10 feet) in front of the bus to a point where you can see the driver and wait for the driver's signal to cross. Proceed to the centre of the road, STOP, LOOK & LISTEN and cross the road when it is safe.
- Never crawl under a school bus or cross the road behind the bus.
- Know the danger zones around the bus.

 Halifax
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*School bus safety
is important!*

More than 33,000 HRCE students are transported by bus each school day and we all have a role to play in ensuring students are getting to and from school safely.

Learn more:
hrce.ca/families/student-transportation





School Bus Safety

- Please respect and listen to the driver and avoid distracting them.
- Please keep noise levels to a minimum.
- Do not stand or move seats while the bus is in motion.
- Never put your hands, arms, feet or head out of the bus window.
- Ask the driver for permission before you open the bus windows.
- Do not throw anything inside the bus or out of the windows.
- Keep the aisle clear at all times when the bus is in motion.

Remember..

In Nova Scotia, it's illegal to pass a school bus when its red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended.

You can find out more information about riding the school bus in HRCE [here](#).





Library Month

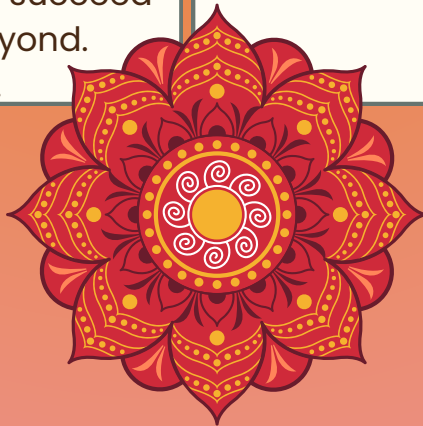
October is Canadian Library Month, a time to celebrate our wonderful libraries and the Library Support Specialists who support our students. The third Friday of the month is Canadian Library Workers Day and the fourth Monday is Canadian School Library Day. Please join us in thanking our school library workers for all they do every day in creating safe and welcoming spaces, encouraging a love of reading and helping students succeed in school and beyond. [Learn more here.](#)

Diwali Did You know?>

The word Diwali (or Deepavali as it's sometimes called) means "row of lights" in an Ancient language of India, called Sanskrit. During this festival, people decorate their homes with lights and oil lamps, called diyas.

Rangoli is a popular Diwali tradition -- beautiful patterns made using colourful powders and flowers. People draw rangoli on the floor by the entrance of their homes to welcome the gods and bring good luck!

For many people, Diwali honours the Hindu goddess of wealth, Lakshmi. The lights and lamps are said to help Lakshmi find her way into peoples' homes, bringing prosperity in the year to come!





Halloween

Halloween The Do's and Boo's



On October 31st, some classes may be celebrating Halloween in the pm. To keep the fun safe (and the day manageable for teachers!), here are a few friendly reminders:



No masks, please—we love seeing your child's wonderful face! Face paint is welcome, but students need to apply it themselves.



Costume independence matters. Students should be able to put their costumes on and off all by themselves—because superheroes don't usually need backup.



Absolutely no weapons.

This includes swords, knives, and yes—even scythes.



Teachers will share if they are inviting students to bring in food.

However, please remember, we are not aware (including sesame) to keep all of our students safe.



Thanks for helping us keep the day festive, safe, and just the right amount of spooky!





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Halloween HOWL

Our recipe for a great time:



Our Halloween Howl is creeping closer, and we want it to be all treats and no tricks! Here are a few reminders to keep the night enjoyable for everyone:

Bring your big ghouls — all children must be accompanied by a **supervising adult (18+)**.

Witches, wizards, and superheroes alike still **follow school rules**. Students are expected to use manners, stay in designated areas, and respect expectations.



Oct 23rd

No line-haunting — **be patient** and wait your turn at games so everyone gets a chance to play.

Cost is by donation.

The money raised helps cover field trips and art supplies (because even mummies love masterpieces).

Come ready to laugh, play, and howl the night away!

