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Our month of September was busy in our classrooms with getting to know learners, establishing routines and reestablishing expectations.

Students participated in the Terry Fox walk on Oct 3rd as it was too rainy last Friday.

To open Mi'kmaw History Month our Indigenous Support Worker, Cat, did a presentation for all classes on Orange Shirt day and residential schools. Classes had the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about these important topics.

Upcoming Dates- Oct

1 - Beginning of Mi'kmaw History Month

Oct 7, 9, 14, 16 - Grade 6 Provincial Assessment

Oct 13 - Thanksgiving- no school

Oct 23 - PTO Halloween Howl

Oct 23 - Picture Day Nov 5 - Retake day

Reminders

Phys Ed - For safety sneakers ONLY are to be worn. NO crocs, flip flops,etc.

TOYS - stay home please!

Thank you for your support with this.



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Important Info

Accountability. Community. Empathy. Together, We Shine

Creating a positive school culture is a team effort and students, staff, and families all play a part. We're proud of the community we've built and want to keep it growing. We invite parents to review our 5 statements with their children at home, helping strengthen the connection between school and family and building a place where everyone feels they belong.

OUR VISION AND VALUES STATEMENT

At our school,

we care for one another, work as a team,
and help each other do our best.

We believe in kindness, respect,
and doing what's right - together!



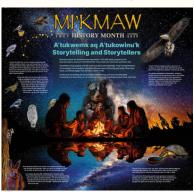


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Mi'kmaw History Month.

Storytelling and Storytellers at the Heart of Mi'kmaw History Month 2025

This year's theme, A'tukwemk aq A'tukowinu'k Storytelling and Storytellers, celebrates the power of Mi'kmaw storiesshaped by the land, passed through generations, and alive with laughter, teaching, and truth. The 2025 poster, created by Mi'kmawey Debert Cultural Centre, highlights storytelling as central to Mi'kmaw knowledge, connection, and community.



Other Topics

Leftover Lunches

We are looking for a couple of volunteers to take any left over lunches from the lunch program over to the Cole Harbour Fridge. If you are able to do a day or two, please email cres@hrce.ca

Library Books

Some of our library books are still playing hide-and-seek in students' homes. If you spot one under a bed, in a backpack, or on a bookshelf, please send it back to school so it can go on new adventures with other readers!





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Demographic Update

If you haven't already, please log into your Powerschool Parent Portal to update your demographics. This includes:

- 1. The Consent for
 Publication of Student
 Personal Information
 and Student Work form
 that is required to be
 updated yearly
- 2. The HRCE Technology Acceptable Use Policy
- 3. The Google Additional Services Consent

Once this demographic form closes on Monday Oct 6th it won't be accessible until next year.

Thank you for your support with this.

Did you know?

In September, classroom teachers spend time getting to know their students and who they are as learners.

Schools will be using Universal Screening in Reading for Grade 1 and 2 students. This is one of the many ways teachers will assess learning.

What is Universal Screening in Reading?

It's a short (1–5 minute) activity that helps us see how your child is developing key reading skills. Think of it as a quick check-in on their reading journey, like looking at a map to see where they are and what might help them move forward.

Why do we do it?

The screening helps teachers understand children's strengths and where they may need extra support. This allows us to plan instruction, so students get what they need to succeed in reading. Important to know:

This is not a test. There's no "pass" or "fail." It's a way for teachers to ensure students are supported in their learning.